

Countries challenge!

WORKSHEET A

Exercise 1

Can you match the countries in the box with the twelve descriptions below? (Note that four of the countries in the box are not described.)

- 1. This country covers most of an island that is close to the larger island of Great Britain. The national sports teams from this country usually wear green shirts.
- 2. This country has an unusual shape more than 4,000 kilometres long but in most parts less than 200 kilometres wide. The colours on its flag are red, white and blue, and the language here is Spanish.
- 3. This is a small country situated between two huge ones. It is very mountainous, its religion is Buddhism, and its national sport is archery.
- 4. This Asian country consists of hundreds of islands, although most of the population live on only four of them. Its capital, whose name begins with 'T', is part of the world's most populous urban area.
- 5. Although it has a population of less than 4 million, this country has won the football World Cup twice. One of its neighbours has Portuguese as its national language.
- 6. The great composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) was born in a city that is now part of this country. Some of the world's best skiers have also come from here.
- 7. From some of its many beaches you can swim in the Caribbean, from others you can swim in the Pacific. The Aztec people lived in a region that is now part of this country.
- 8. This country is in east Africa and its official language is English.
- 9. In this country in the Middle East you can find the remains of many ancient civilizations. Israel and Saudi Arabia are two of the countries it has borders with.
- 10. This is the world's biggest country, with a population of around 140 million.
- 11. This country in south-east Asia has borders with China, Cambodia and Laos. Its official name includes the words 'Socialist Republic'.
- 12. This country in central Europe used to be part of a larger country that peacefully split into two in 1993.

Slovakia	Thailand	Bhutan	Iran
Mexico	Austria	Poland	Uruguay
Russia	Chile	Uganda	Jordan
Nigeria	Vietnam	Japan	Ireland



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WORKSHEET ${f B}$

Exercise 2

Complete the crossword below. If all the words are correct, two countries will read from top to bottom: the first has a border with country 2 on Worksheet A, the second has a border with country 8.

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1. Mexico's	coast is on the eas	t side of the country an	d its Pacific coast
is on the west.			
2. Vietnam's northern	is with (China.	
3. The city of Tokyo form	s part of an urban a	area that has a	population.
4. Unlike Uganda, Nigeria	is in	_ Africa.	
5. The shape of Chile is lo	ng and	·	
6. Czechoslovakia	into two in	1993, forming the Czec	ch Republic and
Slovakia.			
7. Uruguay's Portuguese-s	peaking	is Brazil.	
8. Russia, the world's bigg	gest country, has th	e world's	_ biggest
population.			
9. Like Mozart, Franz Sch	ubert (1797-1828)	was a great	composer.
10. Franz Klammer is a fa	mous Austrian	who won an	Olympic gold
medal in 1976.			
11. Bhutan has an	national spo	ort.	
12. Jordan is in the	East.		
13. At Petra in Jordan ther	e are	of the ancient Nabata	ean civilization.
14. The Irish national foot	ball and rugby tear	ns usually play in	shirts.



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WORKSHEET C

Exercise 3

The descriptions below are based on those on Worksheet A, but now each of them contains two mistakes. Can you find and correct them?

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