



Geography Quiz - Questions and Answers

Questions

Category I - Germany

1. Which two German state capitals are so close together that you can drive over a bridge from one to the other?

- a) Berlin and Potsdam
- b) Bremen and Hannover
- c) Hamburg and Kiel
- d) Mainz and Wiesbaden

2. Which of these rivers does not flow into the Danube?

- a) Iller
- b) Inn
- c) Ilm
- d) Isar

3. In which low mountain range is the Brocken, where, according to popular belief, the witches' sabbath takes place on Walpurgis night?

- a) Ore gebirge
- b) Harz Mountains
- c) Fichtel Mountains
- d) Thuringian Forest



Category II - Germany's Neighbouring Countries

4. Germany has 9 neighbouring countries. In how many of them is German one of the official languages?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

5. What is the name of the highest mountain in Austria?

- a) Großvenediger
- b) Großglockner
- c) Glocknerwand
- c) Wildspitze

6. Which capital of a neighbouring country is closest to the German capital Berlin?

- a) Amsterdam
- b) Kopenhagen
- c) Warschau
- d) Prag

Category III - Islands

From what size onwards is a land mass no longer called an island but a continent? This definition is, of course, purely arbitrary. But in general geography, the Australian mainland is considered the smallest continent and all smaller land masses in the sea are considered islands.

7. Which is then the largest island on earth?

- a) Great Britain
- b) Madagascar
- c) New Guinea
- d) Greenland



8. The state of Japan consists of no less than 6,852 islands. However, 98% of the population live on one of the major main islands - how many are there?

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5

9. Groups of islands sometimes have funny names: there are the Easter Islands, the Christmas Islands and the Farewell Islands. The ABC Islands are off the coast of which country? (They do not belong to it!)

- a) Venezuela
- b) New Zealand
- c) India
- d) Netherlands

Category IV - Africa, the black continent

The fact that Africa is often called the black continent originally has nothing to do with the skin colour of the people living there. Africa was simply largely unexplored for a long time and world maps were accordingly left black at this point. Even though this has long been a thing of the past, there is still a yawning void in many people's minds when it comes to the geography of Africa. How does it look to you?

10. What is the name of the capital of South Africa?

- a) Pretoria
- b) Johannesburg
- c) Lesotho
- d) Harare

11. Which of the following African states is not located by the sea?

- a) Ghana
- b) Somalia
- c) Namibia
- d) Chad



12. The Victoria Falls are one of the largest and most impressive waterfalls in the world. Which river plunges 108 m into the depths over a width of 1.7 km?

- a) Nile
- b) Okavango
- c) Zambezi
- d) Niger

Category V - You should really know, but... not so easy!

13. What is the name of the largest lake in Europe?

- a) Lake Ladoga
- b) Lake Onega
- c) Lake Vänern
- d) Saimaa

14. What is the smallest country on earth?

- a) Vatican
- b) Nauru
- c) Monaco
- d) Liechtenstein

15. Which is the highest capital of a country above sea level?

- a) Quito, Ecuador
- b) Thimphu, Bhutan
- c) Addis Abeba, Ethiopia
- d) Bogota, Colombia



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d) Prag - As the crow flies, about 290 km from Berlin



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c) 4 - From top to bottom: Hokkaido, Honshu, Shikoku and Kyushu

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a) Quito, Ecuador - The city is 2,850 m above sea level. Until the occupation of Tibet by China in 1949-51, Lhasa was the highest capital in the world at 3,650 m above sea level.