

36 Countries, languages and people

All the nouns and adjectives in this unit always begin with a capital letter, for example Africa [NOT *africa*].

A The Continents



B Countries



It is not possible to show all the countries of the world on a small page. If your country is not included, check its English name with your teacher.

C People

notes

Most country adjectives end in *(i)an*.

Many country adjectives end in *ish*.

A few country adjectives end in *ese*.

adjective

German, Mexican, Jamaican, Russian, Canadian, Australian, Brazilian, Egyptian, Peruvian, Korean, Argentinian

British, English, Irish, Scottish, Polish, Swedish, Finnish, Spanish, Turkish

Chinese, Portuguese, Japanese, Vietnamese, Nepalese

Exceptions: French (from France), Dutch (from Holland), Swiss (from Switzerland), Greek, Iraqi, Thai, Icelandic, Arab, Israeli

D Languages and people

Words for languages are usually the same as the 'people' adjective: English, French, Japanese, Thai, Spanish, Chinese, Norwegian (from Norway), etc. There is one exception: Arabic.

Exercises

You may need to ask a teacher or to use a dictionary to help you with some of these exercises – it is not possible to include every country and nationality on the left-hand page.

36.1 In which continents are these places?

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| 1 Mount Everest | Asia | 4 Wogga Wogga | 7 The Mississippi |
| 2 The Sahara | | 5 The Volga | 8 Mount Fuji |
| 3 The Amazon | | 6 Mount Kilimanjaro | 9 Lake Titicaca |

36.2 Which countries are these ? Write their names on them.

Brazil	Spain	Russia	China	Sweden	Thailand
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36.3 Where are these capital cities? Write sentences.

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| 1 Tokyo | <i>Tokyo is the capital of Japan.</i> | 6 Vienna |
| 2 Rome | | 7 Edinburgh |
| 3 Canberra | | 8 Ankara |
| 4 Bogota | | 9 Buenos Aires |
| 5 Cairo | | 10 Madrid |

36.4 Write down in English:

- the name of your country.
- the names of the countries next to your country.
- the names of any other countries which are important for your country in some way.
- the word for your language.
- the name for people from your country.

36.5 Which country is different? (Think of the languages they speak there.) Write sentences.

- England, Canada, Iceland, Australia *In England, Canada and Australia they speak English but in Iceland they speak Icelandic.*
- Mexico, Brazil, Spain, Chile
- Italy, Austria, Germany, Switzerland
- Morocco, Egypt, China, Saudi Arabia
- Switzerland, Canada, Scotland, France

36.6 What is the adjective for these countries?

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| 1 Cuba | <i>Cuban</i> | 6 Germany | 10 Spain | 14 Greece |
| 2 Vietnam | | 7 Egypt | 11 Peru | 15 Australia |
| 3 Korea | | 8 Argentina | 12 China | 16 Poland |
| 4 Thailand | | 9 Holland | 13 Britain | 17 India |