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World quiz



TEAM A

**Q:** The Pacific Ocean is bigger than the continent of Asia. **True or false?**

**A: True.** The Pacific is three times bigger than Asia.

**Q:** A Jumbo jet flies higher than Concorde. **True or false?**

**A: False.** A Jumbo jet flies up to 12 km high and Concorde flies up to 18 km high.

**Q:** Which mountain is higher: Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa or Mont Blanc in France?

**A: Mount Kilimanjaro** is 5895 m high, Mont Blanc is 4810 m high.

**Q:** Which is the largest desert in the world: is it the Sahara of North Africa, the desert of Patagonia in South America or the Gobi desert of Central Asia?

**A: The Sahara** covers 8 400 000 sq km, the desert of Patagonia covers 670 000 sq km and the Gobi desert, 1 040 000 sq km.

**Q:** There are more sheep in Australia than people. **True or false?**

**A: True.**

**Q:** Which mountain range is older: the Urals in Russia or the Highlands of Scotland?

**A: The Highlands** are 400 million years old, the Urals are 250 million years old.

**Q:** The most expensive land in the world is in the centre of Hong Kong. **True or false?**

**A: True.** It costs \$180 000 per sq metre to rent.

**Q:** The shortest scheduled flight in the world lasts nine and a half minutes. **True or false?**

**A: False.** The shortest scheduled flight (in Scotland) lasts two minutes.

**Q:** Death Valley in North America is the driest place in the world. **True or false?**

**A: False.** Death Valley is the driest place in North America, but the Atacama in northern Chile is the driest place on Earth.

**Q:** The tallest iceberg above water was as tall as the Eiffel Tower, Paris. **True or false?**

**A: False.** It was half as tall as the Eiffel Tower.

**Q:** The largest active volcano on earth is in Hawaii. **True or false?**

**A: True.** Mauna Loa, in Hawaii, is 4168 m high.

**Q:** The oldest country in the world is Egypt. **True or false?**

**A: False.** Iran has been an independent country since the 6th century BC.

**Q:** The highest capital city in the world is La Paz in Bolivia. **True or false?**

**A: True.** It is 3625 m high in the Andes.

**Q:** The largest wheatfield in the world is as big as 2000 football pitches. **True or false?**

**A: False.** The largest wheatfield is in Canada and is as big as 20 000 football pitches.

**Q:** Greenland is the largest island in the world. **True or false?**

**A: True.** It is nearly 10 times larger than Britain.

**Q:** The tallest tree on earth is taller than the Statue of Liberty in New York. **True or false?**

**A: True.** The tallest tree, the giant redwood, is 112 m high and the Statue of Liberty is 93 m high.

**Q:** Which city has the longest underground: New York, Tokyo or London?

**A: London** has 400 km of underground.

**Q:** Where is the largest hotel in the world: is it in New York, Moscow or Sydney?

**A: It's in Moscow.** The Hotel Rossiya has 3200 rooms.

**Q:** Toe nails grow faster than finger nails. **True or false?**

**A: False.** Finger nails grow faster than toe nails.

**Q:** The wettest place in the world is Liverpool, England. **True or false?**

**A: False.** Mount Wai-'ale-'ale in Hawaii is the wettest place – it rains 335 days a year.

TEAM B



**Q:** Concorde flies faster than the speed of light. **True or false?**

**A:** **False.** Concorde flies faster than the speed of sound.

**Q:** Which is harder: quartz or diamond?

**A:** **Diamond** is the hardest mineral on Earth.

**Q:** Which is the longest mountain range: the Himalayas of Asia or the Andes of South America?

**A:** **The Andes** are 7243 km long, the Himalayas are 3860 km long.

**Q:** Which waterfall is higher: the Angel Falls in Venezuela or the Tugela Falls in South Africa?

**A:** **The Angel Falls** are 979 m high. The Tugela Falls are 948 m high.

**Q:** The worst place for earthquakes is Japan. **True or false?**

**A:** **False.** China has the worst record for earthquake deaths. In 1976, an earthquake killed 750 000 people.

**Q:** The smallest country in the world is Monaco. **True or false?**

**A:** **False.** The smallest country is the Vatican City.

**Q:** Which city has the longest full name: Beijing, Cardiff or Bangkok?

**A:** **Bangkok.** Its full name has 167 letters.

**Q:** The widest road in the world is in Brazil. **True or false?**

**A:** **True.** It is the Monumental Axis in Brasilia and it is 250 m wide.

**Q:** Where is the largest art gallery in the world: is it in Italy, Spain or Russia?

**A:** **Russia** (the Winter Palace in St Petersburg).

**Q:** Where is the smallest professional theatre in the world: is it in Lisbon, Hamburg or Reykjavik?

**A:** **Hamburg.** The Piccolo holds only 30 people.

**Q:** There are more cattle in New Zealand than people. **True or false?**

**A:** **True.**

**Q:** There are more cats in the USA than sheep in Australia. **True or false?**

**A:** **False,** but there are more cats in the USA than people in Australia.

**Q:** Penguins can swim faster than humans. **True or false?**

**A:** **True.** They can swim four times faster than humans.

**Q:** Sunflowers can grow as tall as giraffes. **True or false?**

**A:** **True.**

**Q:** The tallest statue in the world is the Statue of Liberty in New York. **True or false?**

**A:** **False.** The tallest statue is the Buddha in Tokyo, Japan, and it is 120 m high. The Statue of Liberty is 93 m high.

**Q:** The largest animal is the African elephant. **True or false?**

**A:** **False.** The largest animal is the blue whale.

**Q:** The biggest bird is the ostrich. **True or false?**

**A:** **True.**

**Q:** The largest lived-in palace in the world is Buckingham Palace in London. **True or false?**

**A:** **False.** The palace of the Sultan of Brunei has 1788 rooms and 257 toilets.

**Q:** Bombay in India is wetter than Rome in Italy. **True or false?**

**A:** **True.** In an average year, more rain falls in Bombay than in Rome.

**Q:** The longest alphabet in the world has 74 letters. **True or false?**

**A:** **True.** It is used in Cambodia.

*World quiz* Worksheets **29a** and **29b**

NOTE: Use Worksheets 29a and 29b for this activity.

**ACTIVITY**

Groupwork: speaking

**AIM**

To play a game of noughts and crosses by choosing the correct answers to questions about world facts.

**GRAMMAR AND FUNCTIONS**

Comparative and superlative forms of short adjectives

**VOCABULARY**

World facts

**PREPARATION**

Make one copy of Worksheets 29a and 29b for each group of four to six students in the class.

**TIME**

30 minutes

**PROCEDURE**

- 1 Draw a noughts and crosses grid on the board and ask a student to come to the board to play a game with you.
- 2 When one of you has got a line of noughts or crosses, explain to the students that they are going to play the same game, but that they can only put a nought or cross on the grid if they answer a question correctly.
- 3 Ask the students to work in groups of four or six and to divide their groups into two teams, Team A and Team B.
- 4 Give one copy of Team A questions to each Team A and a copy of Team B questions to each Team B.
- 5 Each group draws a noughts and crosses grid on a piece of paper and then decides which team is going to be noughts and which is going to be crosses.
- 6 A member of Team A reads out a question from their question sheet to Team B. If Team B give the correct answer, they choose a square on the grid and put a nought or a cross in it. It is now Team B's turn to read out a question from their question sheet for Team A to answer.
- 7 Continue like this, with teams taking it in turns to ask and answer questions, until one team gets a line of noughts or crosses. They score one point for getting a line.
- 8 Play the game again until all the questions have been answered. The team with the highest score is the winner.