

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 7.5 miles high and Concorde flies up to 11 miles high.

Q: Which mountain is higher: Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa or Mount McKinley in Alaska?

A: Mt. McKinley is 20,320 ft. Mt. Kilimanjaro is 19,340 ft.

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

A: The Sahara covers 3,500,000 sq. mi., the desert of Patagonia covers 300,000 sq. mi., and the Gobi desert, 500,000 sq. mi.

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 center of Hong Kong. **True or false?**

A: True. It costs \$180,000 per square meter 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 in California is the driest place in North America; but the Atacama in Chile, South America, 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 13,650 ft. 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, when it was called Persia.

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

A: True. It is approximately 12,000 ft. high in the Andes.

Q: The largest wheatfield in the world is as big as 2,000 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 over three times larger than Texas.

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 368 ft. high and the Statue of Liberty is 152 ft. high.

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

A: London has 240 miles 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 3,200 rooms.

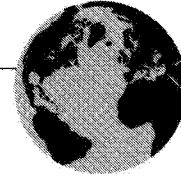
Q: Toe nails grow faster than finger nails. **True or false?**

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 approx. 4,500 miles long; the Himalayas are approx. 1,500 miles long.

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

A: **The Angel Falls** are 3,281 ft. high; the Tugela Falls are 3,000 ft. high.

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

A: **False.** China has the worst record for earthquake deaths. In 1556 an earthquake in Shanxi killed 830,000; in 1976 in Tangshan, 242,000 people died.

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

A: **False.** The smallest is Vatican City in Rome.

Q: Which city has the longest full name: Antananarivo, Bangkok, or Washington D.C.?

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 820 ft. wide.

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

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

Q: Where is the smallest professional theater in the world: is it in Lisbon, Hamburg, or Chicago?

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 United States than sheep in Australia. **True** or **false**?

A: **False,** but there are more cats in the U.S. 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; it is 394 ft. high. The Statue of Liberty is 152 ft. high, on a 150 ft. stand.

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 1,788 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



and



NOTE: Use Worksheets 9a and 9b for this activity.

ACTIVITY

Groupwork: speaking

AIM

To play a game of tick-tack-toe 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 9a and 9b for each group of four to six students in the class.

TIME

30 minutes

PROCEDURE

1. Draw a tick-tack-toe 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 a line of Xs or Os, explain to the students that they are going to play the same game, but that they can only put an X or a O 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 tick-tack-toe grid on a piece of paper and then decides which team is going to be Xs and which is going to be Os.
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 an X or a O 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 turns asking and answering questions, until one team gets a line of Xs or Os. 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.