



International Geography Bee

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1. The Riau Archipelago is located east of this island. The 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami struck this island's city of Banda Aceh, which is the center of a separatist region that strictly enforces sharia. This island contains the cities of Medan and Palembang, and this island is the westernmost of the Greater Sunda Islands. This island is separated from the Malay Peninsula by the Strait of Malacca. For the point, name this westernmost major Indonesian island.

ANSWER: **Sumatra**

2. This country's Lika region was a target of Operation Storm in 1995. A city in this country not on an island, yet accessible only by ferry, was formerly the capital of the Republic of Ragusa. This country's four traditional regions include Slavonia and Istria. This country contains the towns of Dubrovnik and Split, and its southern region of Dalmatia, which borders Montenegro, is the namesake of a type of dog. This country separated from Yugoslavia in 1992 and its citizens are largely distinguished from Serbs by religion. For the point, name this Balkan country with its capital at Zagreb.

ANSWER: **Croatia**

3. This island is separated from the Melville Peninsula by the Foxe Basin, and both this island and this island's Frobisher Bay are named for 16th century English navigators. This island contains the territorial capital of Iqaluit, and is separated from Greenland by the Davis Strait. This island contains most of the population of Nunavut. For the point, name this largest island in Canada.

ANSWER: **Baffin** Island

4. This country's Cuando Cubango province is named for two of its longest rivers, both of which terminate in its Bie [**pr. bee-yay**] plateau, which contains its city of Huambo. This country owns the oil-rich exclave of Cabinda, and this country's coastal city of Benguela was a major Portuguese colonial slave port. For the point, name this West African country with its capital at Luanda.

ANSWER: **Angola**

5. This state's cities of Williston and Watford City have undergone rapid growth fueled by the oil industry, and its Bakken Shale is an important oil extraction region. This state contains the US's highest percentage of Norwegian speakers, and its Standing Rock Reservation was the site of massive protests over a pipeline in 2016. This state's largest city by population is Fargo. For the point, name this Great Plains state whose capital is Bismarck.

ANSWER: **North Dakota**

6. This country's highest peak is next to a namesake highway which is closed in winter and ends in the town of Heiligenblut. This country's Abbey of Melk lies near the city of Linz and its eastern regions near Lake Neusiedl are home to a Pannonian climate. This country's capital is home to 23 districts, including Donaustadt on the north bank of the Danube River. For the point, name this country, home to the states of Styria and Tyrol and having its capital at Vienna.

ANSWER: **Austria**

7. This city's Parian district is often referred to as the world's first Chinatown. This city contains Malacanang Palace and Corregidor Island, where Douglas MacArthur stayed with his troops during a Japanese siege of this city. This city is bordered to the north by Quezon City, and it is the largest on the island of Luzon. For the point, name this capital city of the Philippines.

ANSWER: **Manila**

8. This ethnic group is divided into "Green" and "White" branches that have an ongoing dispute over how to spell its name. Members of this ethnic group, including General Vang Pao, were key opponents of Communist guerrilla movements such as the Pathet Lao and Viet Cong and a community of this ethnic group has settled in and near Minneapolis over the past few decades. This ethnic group largely inhabits mountainous regions of Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand. For the point, name this ethnic group also known as the Miao.

ANSWER: **Hmong** (accept **Hmoob**, **Mong**, prompt on **Miao**)

9. This island's Morant Bay Rebellion was an early attempt to end slavery in it, and this island country's capital contains the slum of Tivoli Gardens. This island's Blue Mountains are an important bauxite mining region, and this island's northern coast contain its cities of Ocho Rios and Montego Bay. This island is the home of the musical genres of ska and reggae. For the point, name this island country with its capital at Kingston.

ANSWER: **Jamaica**

10. The Crown Heights Riots took place in this area after an orthodox rabbi's motorcade struck an African-American child. This area was the subject of the drama film *The Lords of Flatbush* while its Park Slope neighborhood has gentrified in recent decades. Coney Island is located in this borough, and a team based in this borough broke the color line by signing Jackie Robinson. This borough is located southwest of Queens. For the point, name this New York borough that is not Staten Island, Manhattan, or the Bronx.

ANSWER: **Brooklyn** (prompt on New York / New York City before mention)

11. Cultural gatherings in this country include a literary festival at Hay-on-Wye and meetings of bards known as eisteddfods (**pr. ICE-teth-fods**) This country's town of Merthyr Tydfil was the location of an uprising of iron miners in the 19th century, and a national park in this country, Brecon Beacons, is used to train the SAS special forces. This country's ports on St. George's Channel include Port Talbot and Swansea, as well as its capital of Cardiff. For the point, name this constituent country of the United Kingdom located west of England.

ANSWER: **Wales** (prompt on **United Kingdom**)

12. This region's city of Hotan was an important stop along the Silk Road, and this region is often divided into the subregions of Dzungaria and the Tarim Basin, which contains its largest lake, Lop Nur. This region's East Turkestan Islamic Movement seeks its independence, and this region is the primary location of the Tien Shan and Altun Shan mountain ranges. For the point, name this autonomous region in Western China, the home of the Uyghurs.

ANSWER: **Xinjiang** Uyghur Autonomous Region (prompt on **Uyghur** autonomous region before mention)

13. One tower in this city is designed to resemble the sail of a ship, and one chain of artificial islands off the coast of this city is shaped to resemble a map of the world. Both this city's largest mosque and its main road are named for its former ruler, Sheikh Zayed. A record held by a building in this city is soon to be surpassed by the Kingdom Tower in Jiddah. That building is the Burj Khalifa. Despite being its country's largest, this city is only the capital of its emirate rather than its nation. That capital is Abu Dhabi. For the point, name this city in the United Arab Emirates famous for its extravagant displays of wealth.

ANSWER: **Dubai**

14. This feature names both the northernmost provinces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the southernmost provinces of South Sudan. This feature runs through the Mitad del Mundo monument and the city of Quito in which it is located. This feature is the namesake of a nation with its capital at Malabo as well as one located north of Peru. For the point, name this feature that divides the Northern and Southern hemispheres.

ANSWER: **Equator**

15. This country's southern Casamance region is seeking independence from it, and this country contains the port cities of Goree and Saint-Louis. This country was home to the Wolof Confederacy, and it contains the Westernmost point on mainland Africa at Cap Vert. This country's namesake river forms its Northern border with Mauritania. For the point, name this West African country with its capital at Dakar.

ANSWER: **Senegal**

16. The world's largest system of these landforms is located on the border between one country's Misiones Province and another's Parana State. Another of these landforms is named for an American explorer who flew over it in the aircraft *El Rio Caroni*. One of these landforms is named for the Tupi word for "big water", Iguazu. The tallest one of these landforms is named for Jimmie Angel. For the point, name these landforms which often form when rivers drop suddenly in elevation.

ANSWER: **waterfalls**

17. This country's west coast contains the Nicoya and Osa Peninsulas, and its African population is largely concentrated in its Caribbean Limon Province. This country has not had an army since a 1954 change in government, and this country is often known as the "Switzerland of Central America" due to its relative peacefulness and affluence. For the point, name this Central American country with its capital at San Jose.

ANSWER: **Costa Rica**

18. One massive gold mine in this country is located at a site that translates as "Turquoise Hill". This country's tradition of throat singing is shared with its neighboring Tuvan people. This country has the world's lowest population density, and several of its capital's neighborhoods are made up of traditional *ger* tents, often called yurts. For the point, name this Central Asian country that contains most of the Gobi Desert and has its capital at Ulaanbaatar.

ANSWER: **Mongolia**

19. One structure in this city had its top replaced with a statue of St. Anthony and depicts the conquest of Dacia. This city is the location of the Castell Sant'Angelo as well as a building whose ceiling was famously painted by Michelangelo. One of this city's most famous landmarks was the largest site where gladiatorial combat was held. Vatican City is an independent nation located within this city, the location of the Colosseum. For the point, name this "eternal city", the capital of Italy and formerly of a namesake empire.

ANSWER: **Rome**

20. The Death Mask of Agamemnon was discovered in one of this country's archaeological sites by Heinrich Schliemann. That site is near the modern city of Hisarlik, west of its city of Bursa. The Mausoleum of Halicarnassus and the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus were located in this modern country, as is a former church now known as the Aya Sofya. The Hagia Sophia is located in this country's city of Istanbul, its largest. For the point, name this Eurasian country currently led by Recep Tayyip Erdogan (**pr. AIR-doe-wan**) with its capital at Ankara.

ANSWER: **Turkey**

21. This city was the site of the Battle of Sihang Warehouse, and this city's tallest building may have been inspired by a Bai Juyi poem about sparkling pearls. This city, the home of the Oriental Pearl Tower, contains several former foreign concessions that are now its Bund district. This city on the Huangpu River is divided into two portions: Pudong and Puxi. For the point, name this most populous city in China.

ANSWER: **Shanghai**

22. This desert contains the Makgadikgadi Salt Pan, and a species of antelope, the gemsbok, names two national parks that straddle the border of two countries in this desert. This desert contains the biodiversity hotspot of the Okavango Delta. It's not the Namib Desert, but the cities of Windhoek and Gaborone are located on the edge of this desert. For the point, name this desert in Southern Africa that covers much of Botswana.

ANSWER: **Kalahari** Desert

23. This country's former president, Mohammed Nasheed, once held a cabinet meeting underwater to bring awareness to the threat this country faces from climate change. This country that straddles the equator is composed of 26 atolls on which the Dhivehi Language is spoken, and this country is the Indian Subcontinent's smallest. Those atolls include Male, which also functions as this country's capital.

ANSWER: the **Maldives**

24. *Two answers required.* These two countries jointly held a colony then called the "New Hebrides" until 1980, and a refugee camp nicknamed "the Jungle" emerged in 2015 in one of these countries to accommodate refugees seeking asylum in the other. The border between these two countries was fixed by treaty at Calais, rather than in the tunnel that connects them, known as the Chunnel. Forces left one of these countries for the other during Operation Neptune, which is better known as D-Day. For the point, name these two European countries with their capitals at London and Paris.

ANSWER: **UK and France** (accept **England**, **Great Britain**, **Britain** for **UK**)

25. This city contains the Plaza of Three Cultures, and the Tlatelolco Massacre occurred before a Summer Olympics held in this city. This city lay along the shore of Lake Texcoco before it was drained. This city's Chapultepec Castle was taken by a force of US Marines in 1847. This city was built atop the former royal capital of Tenochtitlan. For the point, name this capital of its namesake Latin American country located South of the United States.

ANSWER: **Mexico** City (accept **Tenochtitlan**, **Ciudad Mexico**)

26. In 1943 in Mexico, one of these landforms called Paricutin suddenly emerged from a farmer's cornfield. Natural disasters involving these landforms are classified on a scale whose categories include Peleean, Strombolian, and Hawaiian. Examples of these landforms in Italy include Etna, and one of these landforms in Washington state, Mount Saint Helens, destroyed much of its surrounding forest in 1980. Vesuvius is an example of, for the point, what landforms that spew lava when they erupt?

ANSWER: **volcanoes**

27. This country's northeast region of Isaan is a center of martial arts, and this country's south contains its largest lake, Songkhla. This country's capital, located on the Chao Phraya River, is known in this country's language as Krung Thep, or "The City of Angels". This country contains the cities of Chiang Mai and Chiang Rai and is currently ruled by King Rama X. For the point, name this Southeast Asian country with its capital at Bangkok.

ANSWER: **Thailand**

28. This country's city of Sfax is located on its Gulf of Gabes, and a produce vendor from this country's city of Sidi Bouzid set himself on fire, thus catalyzing Arab Spring protests throughout North Africa. The narrow stretch of the Mediterranean between this country and Italy is a popular migration route, and on land this country only borders Algeria and Libya. For the point, name this country with its capital at Tunis.

ANSWER: **Tunisia**

29. The town of Madawaska in this state contains the highest percentage of French speakers in the USA. This state contains Mount Desert Island, and land in this state was fought over in the Aroostook War. This state's city of Bangor was named for a popular hymn, and this state contains Acadia National Park. This state's West Quoddy Head is the continental US's easternmost point. This state is not Oregon, but its largest city is also named Portland. For the point, name this New England state whose capital is Augusta.

ANSWER: **Maine**

30. This river flows past the Makran Ranges, and the Sutlej, Jhelum, and Ravi are three of the five tributaries that name a region along this river, Punjab. The Hydaspes River is a tributary of this larger river whose basin was invaded in the 320's BC. The archaeological sites of Mohenjo-Daro and Harappa are found in this river's valley, and this river is the largest in a nation with its capital at Islamabad. For the point, name this longest river in Pakistan, the namesake of an ancient civilization.

ANSWER: **Indus** River

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31. This country named one of its departments after Rutherford B. Hayes after Hayes settled a border dispute in its favor. This country gained much of its Northern part in the Chaco War, and this country is the easternmost of two landlocked nations on its continent. This country's namesake river, a tributary of the Parana, runs along its border with Argentina and through its capital of Asuncion. For the point, name this South American country.

ANSWER: **Paraguay**

32. This state is home to the US's smallest National Park Service-administered site, the former home of Thaddeus Kosciuszko. The Molly Maguires were a secret labor society mostly active in this state, and this state's city of Johnstown was destroyed by a flood in 1889. This state's city of Homestead was the site of a major steel strike, and this state's second largest city is located at the confluence of the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio rivers. For the point, name this state that contains the cities of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

ANSWER: **Pennsylvania**

33. This modern-day country was once ruled by Queen Ranavalona, a member of its Merina ethnic group, which descends from Polynesian migrants. This country contains the Avenue of the Baobab Trees, and its mountains have the world's highest species diversity of lemurs. This country is separated from the mainland by the Mozambique Channel. For the point, name this East African island country with its capital at Antananarivo.

ANSWER: **Madagascar**

34. A portion of this city was known as the Reedy Creek Improvement District before its development, and one of this city's suburbs is the planned community of Celebration. One theme park in this city was attacked in the documentary *Blackfish*. A mass shooting occurred at a nightclub in this city in 2016 while different countries cultures, including Morocco and Norway have been featured at this city's EPCOT park. For the point, name this Florida city, which saw accelerated development after the construction of Disney World.

ANSWER: **Orlando**

35. The city of Ciudad Ojeda is located on this lake's shores, and the phenomenon known as Catatumbo Lightning strikes almost continuously over this lake. This lake is located South of the Guajira Peninsula, and this lake's namesake city is the second-largest in its country, after Caracas. For the point, name this brackish lake connected to the Gulf of Venezuela, one of the largest in South America.

ANSWER: Lake **Maracaibo**

36. This country is home to the former Portuguese fort of Elmina. The War of the Golden Stool was ended when a British force captured this country's city of Kumasi. This country's Akosombo Dam forms the world's largest artificial lake, Lake Volta. This country's Ashanti Empire was absorbed into the British colony of the Gold Coast. The capital city of Accra lies on the Gulf of Guinea in, for the point, what West African country?

ANSWER: **Ghana**

37. This city lies at the confluence of the Bow and Elbow Rivers, and one sports team in this city plays at the Saddledome. This city's Olympic Park was built for the 1988 Winter Olympics, which it hosted. The city of Red Deer lies in the center of a statistical corridor named for this city and Edmonton, and this city hosts an annual rodeo known as its namesake "Stampede". The largest city in Alberta is, for the point, what Canadian city?

ANSWER: **Calgary**

38. This country contains an island known for its swimming pigs in its Exuma chain. This country's islands include Mayaguana and Great Inagua, and this country's largest island is Andros. This country's capital is located on New Providence Island. This country contains Columbus' initial landing site at San Salvador, and this country is located just North of the Turks and Caicos Islands. For the point, name this Caribbean country with its capital at Nassau.

ANSWER: the **Bahamas**

39. This city's Soccer City Stadium was built for the 2010 World Cup. This city is the center of the Witwatersrand region, and Soweto, a township that was formerly separate from this city, is now part of it. This city is the capital of Gauteng Province. Although it is not one of its country's three capitals, this city is the largest by population in its country. For the point, name this economic center of South Africa.

ANSWER: **Johannesburg**

40. This body of water is bordered to the North by the Kotzebue Sound. This body of water is the location of Big and Little Diomed Islands, and this body of water separates the homeland of the Chukchi people from the Seward Peninsula. This body of water is named for a Danish explorer who also names an Arctic sea, and a land-bridge across this body of water may have allowed the peopling of the Americas. For the point, name this body of water that separates Alaska and Russia.

ANSWER: **Bering Strait** (do NOT accept Bering Sea)