World Geography– Nation-States & Continents

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Nation-States SH 2: Match each nation-state with the continent region that it is found on. Read some guidelines about continents below:

1. ____ Brazil
2. ____ China
3. ____ Canada
4. ____ Congo
5. ____ Germany
6. ____ Argentina
7. ____ Australia
8. ____ Iran
9. ____ Kiribati
10. ____ Algeria
11. ____ India
12. ____ United States
13. ____ Ukraine
14. ____ South Africa
15. ____ Indonesia
16. ____ Peru
17. ____ Cuba
18. ____ Kazakhstan
19. ____ New Zealand
20. ____ Poland
21. ____ Egypt
22. ____ Turkey
23. ____ Norway
24. ____ Panama
25. ____ Mongolia
26. ____ Italy
27. ____ Chile
28. ____ Japan
29. ____ Madagascar
30. ____ Bolivia
31. ____ Saudi Arabia
32. ____ Vietnam
33. ____ Colombia
34. ____ Nicaragua
35. ____ Mauritania
36. ____ France
37. ____ Sudan
38. ____ Philippines
39. ____ Palau
40. ____ Angola

A = Europe
B = Africa
C = Antarctica
D = North America
E = Asia
F = Oceania
G = South America

The places listed above are all “nation-states”. All of these places have:
[1] at least one national capital city (= city with the government) somewhere in the nation-state’s territory,
[2] national boundaries (= border lines) showing what territory is and is not part of the nation-state,
[3] national territory = land and water areas owned and controlled by that nation-state and inside its boundaries,
[4] national population = people living in the nation-state who are residents and/or citizens there,
[5] national sovereignty = a system of laws and rulers that govern, protect and control the nation-state with no other nation-states or rulers above/controlling them... these countries are independent (self-governing, not controlled from outside), and
[6] national cultural identity = the nation-state has history, laws, traditions, customs, languages, religions, problems, ethnic groups, rituals and other characteristics of its culture that make it different from other places... special, unique, unlike any other place.
## International Capital Cities

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Capital Cities SH 3: Match each capital city to its country, state, territory or region. Read some guidelines about capital cities below:

| #1 | A capital city is the location in a country, state, province, region, territory or other formal area wherein the government of that formal political region is located. |
| #2 | Some states have multiple capital cities. Why? ... for various reasons unique to those states with multiples, like South Africa & Bolivia |
| #3 | Some states plan their capital city in advance, designing & mapping out the city before building it... examples of planned capital cities include: Columbia SC, Washington DC US, Brasilia Brazil, Belmopan Belize, Canberra Australia & Islamabad Pakistan. |
| #4 | Some capital cities are found near the geographic center of the state... these middle-located cities are called centralized capitals. Examples of such centralized capital cities include: Madrid Spain, Columbus Ohio, Columbia SC, Oklahoma City OK, San Jose Costa Rica, & Windhoek Namibia. |
| #5 | Some capital cities are referred to as compromise capitals, located in between 2 or more regions which desired to have the capital located in them, so a median location was chosen as a compromise... these compromise capitals include: Washington DC, Ottawa Canada, Frankfort Kentucky, Canberra Australia, & Wellington New Zealand. |
| #6 | Some capital cities are also primate cities. A primate city is one that is the central focus/dominates the politics, economics & culture of its state. It is the biggest city. Not every state has a primate city, and not every primate city is the capital. Examples of primate capitals include: Atlanta Georgia, Paris France, Cairo Egypt, Tokyo Japan, Moscow Russia, London UK, & Seoul South Korea. |

### Match each country, state, province or region with the correct capital or main city.

| 1.   | Iceland | 21.   | U.S. Virgin Islands* | a. Agana/Hagana | u. La Paz, Sucre |
| 2.   | Greenland* | 22.   | Trinidad & Tobago | b. Ankara | v. Male |
| 5.   | Falkland Islands* | 25.   | Slovakia | e. Bangui | y. Melbourne |
| 7.   | Okinawa* | 27.   | Bolivia | g. Bogota | aa. Moroni |
| 12.  | Dominica | 32.   | Palestinian State** | l. Chisinau | ff. Port of Spain |
| 13.  | Dominican Republic | 33.   | Bahrain | m. Dili | gg. Reykjavik |
| 14.  | New Caledonia* | 34.   | Wales* | n. Godthab/Nuuk | hh. Roseau |
| 15.  | Eritrea | 35.   | South Africa | o. Gangtok | ii. Santo Domingo |
| 18.  | Maldives | 38.   | (The) Gambia | r. Jerusalem, Ramallah | ll. Valletta |
| 20.  | Moldova | 40.   | Malta | t. Kabul | mm. Victoria |

* = A capital city of a non-independent formal political area... a state, region, territory or other part of another, larger country.

** = Either the capital city is unofficial, contested, or divided/shared between 2 states...

OR... the state it is found in is not recognized as independent by all other states.