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Guess the Country Riddles



30 riddles from easy to tricky. Write your answer on the line. Answers are on the last page.

Easy riddles ★

1. I'm home to giant stone pyramids built for pharaohs, and the longest river in Africa flows through me to the sea. My capital is Cairo. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

2. My most famous tower is made of iron and was built for a world's fair in 1889. My flag has three tall stripes: blue, white and red. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

3. On a map, I'm shaped like a tall boot kicking a ball. I have a famous tower that leans, and my capital was the center of an ancient empire. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

4. My flag is white with a red circle in the middle, for the rising sun. My tallest mountain is a snow-capped volcano called Fuji. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

5. I'm a country and a whole continent at the same time. Kangaroos and koalas live in my wild places, and my capital is Canberra. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

6. A wall first begun more than 2,000 years ago winds across my mountains, and wild giant pandas live only in my forests. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

7. My flag has a red maple leaf in the middle, and I'm the second-biggest country in the world. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

8. I'm the largest country in South America. Most of the Amazon rainforest grows inside my borders, and my people speak Portuguese. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

9. I'm home to the Taj Mahal, a white marble building made in memory of an emperor's wife. My capital is New Delhi. Which country am I?

   ANSWER _____

10. My flag shows an eagle standing on a cactus, holding a snake. Ancient Maya pyramids still stand in my jungles. Which country am I?

    ANSWER _____

Medium riddles ★★

11. An ancient city called Machu Picchu sits high in my Andes Mountains, and llamas and alpacas graze on my hills. My capital is Lima. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

12. The Olympic Games began here thousands of years ago, and the Parthenon still stands on a hill in my capital, Athens. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

13. I'm made of four parts: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. My capital has a famous clock tower that holds a bell named Big Ben. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

14. About a quarter of my land is below sea level, held back by dikes. I'm famous for windmills and fields of tulips, and my capital is Amsterdam. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

15. My flag is a square, not a rectangle: a white cross on red. I have four national languages and high peaks in the Alps. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

16. I'm the biggest country on Earth. I stretch across 11 time zones, from Europe all the way to the Pacific Ocean, and my capital is Moscow. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

17. The highest mountain in all of the Americas, Aconcagua, is mine. The tango dance grew up in my capital, Buenos Aires. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

18. My most famous bird can't fly, comes out at night and is a nickname for my people. I have two main islands, North and South, and my capital is Wellington. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

19. My coast is cut by long, deep inlets of the sea called fjords. The Nobel Peace Prize is handed out every year in my capital, Oslo. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

20. I'm named after my tallest mountain. My capital is Nairobi, and huge herds of wildebeest cross my Maasai Mara grasslands. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

Tricky riddles ★★★

21. I have three capital cities, not one. A flat-topped mountain called Table Mountain looks over one of them, and African penguins live on my beaches. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

22. My flag isn't a rectangle at all: it's two red triangles stacked on top of each other. I share the world's tallest mountain with my neighbor to the north. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

23. I'm very long and very thin, squeezed between the Andes and the Pacific Ocean. I have one of the driest deserts on Earth, and Easter Island with its giant stone heads belongs to me. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

24. The word "geyser" comes from a hot spring of mine that shoots water into the air. I'm full of volcanoes and glaciers, and my capital is the northernmost capital of any country. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

25. I'm a big island off the southeast coast of Africa. Almost all the world's wild lemurs live here and nowhere else. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

26. I'm the smallest country in the world. I'm completely surrounded by one city, and the Pope lives inside me. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

27. I'm made of more than 17,000 islands. The world's biggest lizard lives wild on a few of them, and nowhere else. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

28. I'm landlocked between just two neighbors, Russia and China. Many of my people are herders who live in round felt tents, and part of the Gobi Desert is mine. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

29. My name is the Spanish word for the imaginary line that circles the middle of the Earth. The Galápagos Islands, where giant tortoises live, belong to me. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

30. Another country completely surrounds me on all sides. My whole country sits so high that even my lowest point is more than 1,000 meters above the sea. Which country am I?

ANSWER _____

Answers

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1. **Egypt**
2. **France.** The tower is the Eiffel Tower in Paris.
3. **Italy.** The "ball" is the island of Sicily.
4. **Japan**
5. **Australia**
6. **China**
7. **Canada**
8. **Brazil**
9. **India**
10. **Mexico**
11. **Peru**
12. **Greece**
13. **The United Kingdom**
14. **The Netherlands**
15. **Switzerland.** Only one other country, Vatican City, has a square flag.
16. **Russia**
17. **Argentina**
18. **New Zealand**
19. **Norway**
20. **Kenya**
21. **South Africa.** Its capitals are Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein.
22. **Nepal.** The mountain is Mount Everest.
23. **Chile**
24. **Iceland.** The capital is Reykjavík.
25. **Madagascar**
26. **Vatican City**
27. **Indonesia**
28. **Mongolia**
29. **Ecuador**
30. **Lesotho**

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