



Basic General Knowledge

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Basic General Knowledge (Updated 2025 Edition)

Largest in the World

- Continent (area & population): Asia
- Ocean: Pacific
- River (by length): Nile (~6,650 km)
- River (by discharge): Amazon
- River Basin: Amazon Basin
- Lake (saltwater): Caspian Sea
- Lake (freshwater, by volume): Lake Baikal (Russia)
- Artificial lake: Lake Volta (Ghana)
- Bay: Hudson Bay (Canada)
- Gulf: Gulf of Mexico
- Island: Greenland
- Peninsula: Arabian Peninsula
- Delta: Sundarbans (India–Bangladesh)
- Desert (hot): Sahara (Africa)
- Desert (cold): Antarctica
- Mountain Range: Himalayas
- Plateau: Tibetan Plateau
- Country (area): Russia
- Country (population): India (~1.44B)
- City (population, metro): Tokyo, Japan (~37M)



- Stadium (capacity): Narendra Modi Stadium, India (~132,000)
 - Airport (area): King Fahd International Airport (Saudi Arabia)
 - Dam: Three Gorges Dam (China)
 - Forest: Amazon Rainforest
 - Zoo (by area): Sri Venkateswara Zoological Park (India)
 - Reef: Great Barrier Reef (Australia)
 - Library: Library of Congress (USA)
 - Museum: The Louvre (France)
 - Democracy: India (largest electorate)
 - Parliament: China (largest membership – National People’s Congress)
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Smallest in the World

- Continent: Australia
 - Ocean: Arctic
 - Country (area & population): Vatican City
 - Republic: Nauru
 - Bird: Bee Hummingbird (Cuba)
 - Flowering plant: Wolffia (watermeal)
 - Planet: Mercury
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Highest in the World

- Mountain: Mount Everest (8,849 m)
- Capital City: La Paz (Bolivia)



- Lake: Lake Titicaca (Peru–Bolivia)
 - Plateau: Tibet
 - Waterfall: Angel Falls (Venezuela)
 - Volcano (active): Ojos del Salado (Chile/Argentina)
 - Bridge: Millau Viaduct (France, tallest road bridge)
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Longest in the World

- River: Nile (~6,650 km)
 - Highway: Pan-American Highway (~30,000 km)
 - Railway line: Trans-Siberian Railway (~9,289 km)
 - Railway tunnel: Gotthard Base Tunnel (Switzerland, 57 km)
 - Ship canal: Suez Canal (Egypt)
 - Bridge (sea): Hong Kong–Zhuhai–Macau Bridge (~55 km)
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Tallest in the World

- Building: Burj Khalifa (Dubai, 828 m)
 - Statue: Statue of Unity (India, 182 m)
 - Tree: Hyperion (Redwood, USA, 116 m)
 - Fountain: King Fahd Fountain (Jeddah, Saudi Arabia)
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Miscellaneous World Facts

- Fastest land animal: Cheetah
 - Largest animal: Blue Whale
 - Oldest civilization: Mesopotamia
 - Oldest religion (practiced): Hinduism
 - Hottest place: Death Valley, USA (56.7°C record)
 - Wettest place: Mawsynram, India (~11,872 mm avg rainfall)
 - Coldest place: Vostok Station, Antarctica (-89.2°C)
 - Busiest airport (2023 passengers): Atlanta, USA (~104M)
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Space & Firsts in World

- First person in space: Yuri Gagarin (1961)
 - First person on Moon: Neil Armstrong (1969)
 - First woman in space: Valentina Tereshkova (1963)
 - First space tourist: Dennis Tito (2001)
 - First private human spaceflight: SpaceX Crew Dragon (2020)
 - First image of black hole: Event Horizon Telescope (2019)
 - Largest space telescope: James Webb Space Telescope (2021)
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Old and New Names of Countries/Places

- Bombay → Mumbai
 - Peking → Beijing
 - Burma → Myanmar
 - Rhodesia → Zimbabwe
 - Swaziland → Eswatini
 - Macedonia → North Macedonia
 - Constantinople → Istanbul
 - Gold Coast → Ghana
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National Flowers

- India → Lotus
 - Bangladesh → Water Lily
 - Pakistan → Jasmine
 - UK → Rose
 - USA → Rose
 - Japan → Chrysanthemum
 - France → Lily
 - Canada → Maple Leaf
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Sobriquets (Nicknames)

- **Land of Rising Sun:** Japan
 - **Dark Continent:** Africa
 - **Cockpit of Europe:** Belgium
 - **Roof of the World:** Pamirs
 - **Land of Thousand Lakes:** Finland
 - **Pearl of the Antilles:** Cuba
 - **Emerald Isle:** Ireland
 - **Sugar Bowl of the World:** Cuba
 - **Land of Kangaroos:** Australia
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Famous “Fathers”

- Father of Economics → Adam Smith
 - Father of Computer → Charles Babbage
 - Father of Pakistan → Muhammad Ali Jinnah
 - Father of Bangladesh → Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
 - Father of Genetics → Gregor Mendel
 - Father of Green Revolution → Norman Borlaug
 - Father of Sociology → Auguste Comte
 - Father of Medicine → Hippocrates
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World Organizations & Founders

- **UN:** Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin (1945)
 - **Red Cross:** Jean-Henri Dunant
 - **Scouts:** Baden Powell
 - **Salvation Army:** William Booth
 - **Amnesty International:** Peter Benenson
 - **YMCA:** George Williams
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World News Agencies

- Reuters → UK
 - AFP → France
 - Tass → Russia
 - Associated Press (AP) → USA
 - Kyodo → Japan
 - Al Jazeera → Qatar
 - PTI / UNI → India
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Inventions and Discoveries

- Printing Press → Gutenberg
 - Telephone → Alexander Graham Bell
 - Light Bulb → Thomas Edison
 - Steam Engine → James Watt
 - Penicillin → Alexander Fleming
 - Law of Gravitation → Isaac Newton
 - Theory of Relativity → Albert Einstein
 - Atom Bomb → Otto Hahn
 - Internet → ARPANET (1969, USA)
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Important Boundaries/Lines

- Durand Line → Pakistan–Afghanistan
 - Radcliffe Line → India–Pakistan
 - McMahon Line → India–China
 - 38th Parallel → North–South Korea
 - 49th Parallel → USA–Canada
 - Maginot Line → France–Germany
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International Days (Key)

- **Jan 27:** Holocaust Remembrance
- **Mar 8:** Women's Day
- **Mar 21:** Forests Day
- **Apr 7:** World Health Day
- **Jun 5:** World Environment Day
- **Sep 8:** Literacy Day
- **Oct 24:** UN Day
- **Dec 1:** AIDS Day
- **Dec 10:** Human Rights Day

Countries, their Capitals and Currencies

Country	Capital	Currency
Afghanistan	Kabul	Afghani
Albania	Tirana	Lek
Algeria	Algiers	Dinar
Andorra	Andorra la Vella	Euro
Angola	Luanda	Kwanza
Antigua and Barbuda	St. John's	East Caribbean Dollar
Argentina	Buenos Aires	Peso
Armenia	Yerevan	Dram
Australia	Canberra	Australian Dollar
Austria	Vienna	Euro
Azerbaijan	Baku	Manat
Bahamas	Nassau	Bahamian Dollar
Bahrain	Manama	Dinar
Bangladesh	Dhaka	Taka
Barbados	Bridgetown	Barbadian Dollar
Belarus	Minsk	Belarusian Ruble
Belgium	Brussels	Euro
Belize	Belmopan	Belize Dollar
Benin	Porto-Novo	West African CFA Franc
Bhutan	Thimphu	Ngultrum
Bolivia	La Paz / Sucre	Boliviano
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Sarajevo	Convertible Mark
Botswana	Gaborone	Pula

Country	Capital	Currency
Brazil	Brasília	Real
Brunei	Bandar Seri Begawan	Brunei Dollar
Bulgaria	Sofia	Lev
Burkina Faso	Ouagadougou	West African CFA Franc
Burundi	Gitega	Burundian Franc
Cabo Verde	Praia	Escudo
Cambodia	Phnom Penh	Riel
Cameroon	Yaoundé	Central African CFA Franc
Canada	Ottawa	Canadian Dollar
Central African Republic	Bangui	Central African CFA Franc
Chad	N'Djamena	Central African CFA Franc
Chile	Santiago	Peso
China	Beijing	Yuan (Renminbi)
Colombia	Bogotá	Peso
Comoros	Moroni	Comorian Franc
Congo (Democratic Rep.)	Kinshasa	Congolese Franc
Congo (Republic)	Brazzaville	Central African CFA Franc
Costa Rica	San José	Colón
Croatia	Zagreb	Euro
Cuba	Havana	Peso
Cyprus	Nicosia	Euro
Czech Republic (Czechia)	Prague	Koruna
Denmark	Copenhagen	Krone
Djibouti	Djibouti	Franc

Country	Capital	Currency
Dominica	Roseau	East Caribbean Dollar
Dominican Republic	Santo Domingo	Peso
Ecuador	Quito	US Dollar
Egypt	Cairo	Pound
El Salvador	San Salvador	US Dollar / Bitcoin
Equatorial Guinea	Malabo	Central African CFA Franc
Eritrea	Asmara	Nakfa
Estonia	Tallinn	Euro
Eswatini	Mbabane	Lilangeni
Ethiopia	Addis Ababa	Birr
Fiji	Suva	Fijian Dollar
Finland	Helsinki	Euro
France	Paris	Euro
Gabon	Libreville	Central African CFA Franc
Gambia	Banjul	Dalasi
Georgia	Tbilisi	Lari
Germany	Berlin	Euro
Ghana	Accra	Cedi
Greece	Athens	Euro
Grenada	St. George's	East Caribbean Dollar
Guatemala	Guatemala City	Quetzal
Guinea	Conakry	Guinean Franc
Guinea-Bissau	Bissau	West African CFA Franc
Guyana	Georgetown	Guyanese Dollar
Haiti	Port-au-Prince	Gourde
Honduras	Tegucigalpa	Lempira

Country	Capital	Currency
Hungary	Budapest	Forint
Iceland	Reykjavik	Krona
India	New Delhi	Rupee
Indonesia	Jakarta (moving to Nusantara)	Rupiah
Iran	Tehran	Rial
Iraq	Baghdad	Dinar
Ireland	Dublin	Euro
Israel	Jerusalem	Shekel
Italy	Rome	Euro
Jamaica	Kingston	Jamaican Dollar
Japan	Tokyo	Yen
Jordan	Amman	Dinar
Kazakhstan	Astana (Nur-Sultan)	Tenge
Kenya	Nairobi	Shilling
Kiribati	Tarawa	Australian Dollar
Kuwait	Kuwait City	Dinar
Kyrgyzstan	Bishkek	Som
Laos	Vientiane	Kip
Latvia	Riga	Euro
Lebanon	Beirut	Pound
Lesotho	Maseru	Loti
Liberia	Monrovia	Liberian Dollar
Libya	Tripoli	Dinar
Liechtenstein	Vaduz	Swiss Franc
Lithuania	Vilnius	Euro
Luxembourg	Luxembourg City	Euro
Madagascar	Antananarivo	Ariary
Malawi	Lilongwe	Kwacha
Malaysia	Kuala Lumpur	Ringgit
Maldives	Malé	Rufiyaa

Country	Capital	Currency
Mali	Bamako	West African CFA Franc
Malta	Valletta	Euro
Marshall Islands	Majuro	US Dollar
Mauritania	Nouakchott	Ouguiya
Mauritius	Port Louis	Mauritian Rupee
Mexico	Mexico City	Peso
Micronesia	Palikir	US Dollar
Moldova	Chişinău	Leu
Monaco	Monaco	Euro
Mongolia	Ulaanbaatar	Tugrik
Montenegro	Podgorica	Euro
Morocco	Rabat	Dirham
Mozambique	Maputo	Metical
Myanmar	Naypyidaw	Kyat
Namibia	Windhoek	Namibian Dollar
Nauru	Yaren (de facto)	Australian Dollar
Nepal	Kathmandu	Rupee
Netherlands	Amsterdam	Euro
New Zealand	Wellington	NZ Dollar
Nicaragua	Managua	Córdoba
Niger	Niamey	West African CFA Franc
Nigeria	Abuja	Naira
North Korea	Pyongyang	Won
North Macedonia	Skopje	Denar
Norway	Oslo	Krone
Oman	Muscat	Rial
Pakistan	Islamabad	Rupee
Palau	Ngerulmud	US Dollar

Country	Capital	Currency
Palestine	Ramallah (admin) / East Jerusalem (claimed)	Shekel / Dinar
Panama	Panama City	Balboa / US Dollar
Papua New Guinea	Port Moresby	Kina
Paraguay	Asunción	Guaraní
Peru	Lima	Sol
Philippines	Manila	Peso
Poland	Warsaw	Zloty
Portugal	Lisbon	Euro
Qatar	Doha	Riyal
Romania	Bucharest	Leu
Russia	Moscow	Ruble
Rwanda	Kigali	Rwandan Franc
St. Kitts & Nevis	Basseterre	East Caribbean Dollar
St. Lucia	Castries	East Caribbean Dollar
St. Vincent & Grenadines	Kingstown	East Caribbean Dollar
Samoa	Apia	Tala
San Marino	San Marino	Euro
Sao Tome & Principe	São Tomé	Dobra
Saudi Arabia	Riyadh	Riyal
Senegal	Dakar	West African CFA Franc
Serbia	Belgrade	Dinar
Seychelles	Victoria	Rupee
Sierra Leone	Freetown	Leone
Singapore	Singapore	Dollar
Slovakia	Bratislava	Euro

Country	Capital	Currency
Slovenia	Ljubljana	Euro
Solomon Islands	Honiara	Solomon Islands Dollar
Somalia	Mogadishu	Shilling
South Africa	Pretoria / Cape Town / Bloemfontein	Rand
South Korea	Seoul	Won
South Sudan	Juba	South Sudanese Pound
Spain	Madrid	Euro
Sri Lanka	Colombo / Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte	Rupee
Sudan	Khartoum	Sudanese Pound
Suriname	Paramaribo	Surinamese Dollar
Sweden	Stockholm	Krona
Switzerland	Bern	Swiss Franc
Syria	Damascus	Pound
Taiwan	Taipei	New Taiwan Dollar
Tajikistan	Dushanbe	Somoni
Tanzania	Dodoma	Shilling
Thailand	Bangkok	Baht
Timor-Leste	Dili	US Dollar
Togo	Lomé	West African CFA Franc
Tonga	Nuku'alofa	Pa'anga
Trinidad and Tobago	Port of Spain	Trinidad Dollar
Tunisia	Tunis	Dinar
Turkey	Ankara	Lira
Turkmenistan	Ashgabat	Manat
Tuvalu	Funafuti	Australian Dollar



Country	Capital	Currency
Uganda	Kampala	Shilling
Ukraine	Kyiv	Hryvnia
United Arab Emirates	Abu Dhabi	Dirham
United Kingdom	London	Pound Sterling
United States	Washington, D.C.	US Dollar
Uruguay	Montevideo	Peso
Uzbekistan	Tashkent	Som
Vanuatu	Port Vila	Vatu
Vatican City	Vatican City	Euro
Venezuela	Caracas	Bolívar
Vietnam	Hanoi	Dong
Yemen	Sana'a (Aden temporary)	Rial
Zambia	Lusaka	Kwacha
Zimbabwe	Harare	Zimbabwe Dollar