

Russia

When it comes to size, no other country in the world comes close to Russia. With the total area of 6,612,100 square miles (17,125,200 km²), Russia spans across the entire north of Asia, and it also has a small part which geographically belongs to Europe.

Russia is so large it covers one-eighth of all inhabited land area on our planet. Although the largest, this is only the ninth most populated country in the world with 144 million people, most of whom live in the European part.

Spreading across eleven different time zones, Russia's land is covered in steppes in the south, and tundra in the north, which is called Siberia. The north coast of Russia is usually covered in snow every single day of the year.

A steppe is a large, flat area of land with grass but no trees. A steppe receives little rain each year. This is enough rain to support grasses, but not enough for trees to grow. It is found in temperate (without extreme cold or heat) regions of earth.

A tundra is a large, flat area of land with only low growing plants. It is found in very cold regions of earth. Tree growth is difficult there because of the cold temperatures, and without much plants, few animal species can survive there.

Canada

The second largest country in the world, occupying 3,855,100 square miles (9,984,670 km²), is situated on the North American continent and has only 36 million people.

Like in Russia, some parts of Canada are extremely cold, covered in snow all year round. The world's northernmost settlement, only 508 miles away from the North Pole, is also situated in Canada. Indigenous people like the Inuit, a group of Eskimos who still build snow houses or igloos, had lived in Canada for thousands of years before European settlers came.

Although Canada is a sovereign country, led by a Prime Minister and the Parliament, British Queen Elizabeth II is officially still the ruling monarch.

United States of America

Bordering only Canada and Mexico, the United States of America (US) incorporate 3,796,742 square miles (9,833,520 km²) of the Northern American continent.

The US is a federation of 50 states, famously depicted as stars on its flag. Forty eight of these states are contiguous (sharing a common border), while Alaska, which was bought from Russia in the 19th century, is in the northwestern corner of the continent, across the entire Canada.

The state of Hawaii is also detached from other states, being an archipelago (a group of small islands) in the Pacific.

Extreme weather conditions are very likely in the south of the country. In fact, most of the world's tornadoes happen in the US.

1- True or False

Russia is the largest country in the world.....

Russia is the most inhabited country in the world.....

Russia has a vast diversity of geography.....

Most of Russia's land is uninhabitable.....

Canada is Federal Representative Republic.....

Canada is smaller than the USA

Canada is bigger than Russia.....

Canada is larger in population than Russia.....

Alaska and Hawaii are not part of the USA.....

Weather is very stable in the USA.....

The USA borders with Canada, Mexico and Alaska.....

2- Which Country....? Write R (for Russia) C (for Canada) and US (for USA)

- i- is located in Asia.....
- ii- suffers from inclement weather
- iii- has famous indigenous communities.....
- iv- has 11 different time zones.....
- v- has areas where very few animals can live.....