

LESSON 9-10 FASCINATING FACTS

1 Look at the flags below. What countries are they from?



2 Read the fact files. Drag and drop to answer the questions below.

Canada	New Zealand	China
• Has a population of 8.5 million people • Size: 9.985 million km² • There are 13 airports • Official languages: French and English • It was founded in 1867 • There are 96 universities • 19.98 million people visit a year • Temperature: -63 degrees celsius - 40 degrees celsius	• Has a population of 4 million people • Size: 268, 021 km² • There are 63 airports • Official languages: English, Maori and New Zealand sign language • It was founded in 1840 • There are 8 universities • 3.5 million people visit a year • Temperature: -25.6 degrees celsius - 42 degrees celsius	• Has a population of 1.379 billion people • Size: 9.597 million km² • There are more than 200 airports • Official language: Mandarin • It was founded in 1500 BCE • There are 2596 universities • Over 98.8 million people visit a year • Temperature: -47.8 degree celsius— 40.8 degrees celsius

1. What is the population in China?
2. What are the official languages of Canada?
3. How many airports are there in New Zealand?
4. When was China founded?
5. How many universities are there in Canada?
6. How many people visit New Zealand in a year?
7. What was the coldest temperature recorded in China?



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Answer the following statements using T (true) or F (false).

1. China has the highest population. _____
2. Canada has the lowest number of airports. _____
3. New Zealand has the fewest official languages. _____
4. New Zealand is the biggest country. _____
5. China is the oldest country. _____
6. New Zealand has the highest number of universities. _____
7. Canada has the coldest recorded temperature. _____

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Make the false statements from the above activity true.

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Put the paragraphs into the correct order.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

a. First, Australia is the smallest continent whereas Asia is the largest. Second Asia has the most cities while Africa has the highest number of countries. Next, although it can be cold in Europe, Antarctica has the coldest weather. Finally, South America has the longest mountain range in the world. However, Asia has the highest mountain – Mount Everest.

b. To summarise, there are many differences between the continents. This is why Earth is the most interesting planet.

c. There are seven continents in the world – Asia, Europe, Australia, Antarctica, Africa, North America and South America. I would like to write about the differences between three of these continents – Antarctica, Europe and Australia.