



**Argentina is the second-largest country in South America and the eighth-largest in the world. Its population is about 42,000,000 and the official language is Spanish.**

**Buenos Aires**

Buenos Aires is the capital and the largest city in Argentina. It is European in style and many people call it the *Paris of South America*.



The **Andes** lie on the western coast of South America and are the longest mountain range in the world. The highest mountain is Mount Aconcagua at 22,841ft. This mountain is not only the highest in Argentina, but also in the Americas, and it is also the highest outside of the Himalayas.



The **Paraná** is the longest river in Argentina and the second longest river in South America, after the Amazon. It runs for about 3,000 miles until it reaches the Atlantic Ocean.

**Patagonia** is a region at the southern end of South America. In Argentine Patagonia, there are great differences in climate and geography, with volcanoes, forests, glaciers, plains without any trees, and much more. Not many people live there but this area, as well as the waters around it, is rich in wildlife.

The center of the country has flat grassland called the **Pampas**. For 300 years, these rich plains were the home of the Gauchos, the "cowboys" of South America.



Atlantic Ocean

**Read again and complete the fact file.**

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC	
<b>Flag</b>	
<b>Continent:</b>	
<b>Area:</b>	1,073,518 sq mi
<b>Population:</b>	41,769,726 (2011 census)
<b>Official language:</b>	
<b>Currency:</b>	Peso (\$)
<b>Capital (and largest city):</b>	
<b>Highest mountain:</b>	
<b>Longest river:</b>	Paraná
<b>Dialling code:</b>	+54

**Read again and complete the sentences.**

1. Argentina is the \_\_\_\_\_ -largest country in the world.
2. Another name for \_\_\_\_\_ is the *Paris of South America*
3. The Andes are \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ is the longest river in South America.
5. The population is very low in \_\_\_\_\_.
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ lived on the plains of Argentina.