8d Country profile

1 Read

A. What do you know about Argentina? Listen, read and check your answers.

Look up these words in the dictionary:
- *population*
- *mountain range*
- *successful*

What to know, before you visit...

Argentina

Argentina is the second largest country in South America and the eighth largest in the world. Its **population** is about 44 million and the official language is Spanish.



The capital city

Buenos Aires is the capital city and the largest city in Argentina. It's got a European style and that's why they call it the *Paris of South America*.



Mount Aconcagua

It's the highest mountain in the Americas and the highest mountain outside Asia. It's about 7000 metres high and it's in the Andes **mountain range**, the longest mountain range in the world.



Argentine Patagonia

This is one of the most popular areas with lots of tourist attractions like the Valdes Peninsula and Bariloche Lake. A lot of animals like the puma, the guanaco, the Magellanic penguin and the Southern right whale live in the area and the waters around it.



Most popular sport

Football in Argentina is more than a sport. It's part of the culture. The national football team is very **successful** with two World Cups in 1978 and 1986, and fourteen Copa Américas. It's the eighth oldest football association in the world.



Tango

It's a form of music and dance. The history of tango began in Buenos Aires in the late 19th century. It became the most popular dance in Europe at the beginning of the 20th century.



Asado

Argentines love eating meat, especially beef, and they've got some of the best in the world. Asado is their traditional barbecue and it is very popular at home or in restaurants.

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B. Read again and complete the fact file below.



C. Read again and complete the sentences.

1. Argentina is the eighth largest country in _____.
2. Buenos Aires is also called the _____ of South America.
3. Mount Aconcagua is _____ high.
4. In _____ there are animals like the puma and the Magellanic penguin.
5. The Argentine football team won _____ in 1986.
6. Tango became popular in Europe in the _____.
7. Argentines' favourite kind of meat is _____.

2 Pronunciation

A. Listen and repeat. What's the difference between a and b?

a. south **b. weather**

B. Listen and tick (4) the sound you hear.

	south /θ/	weather /ð/
thousand		
together		
thirsty		
toothbrush		
father		
another		
birthday		

3 Grammar

Superlative forms

POSITIVE	COMPARATIVE	SUPERLATIVE
high	higher	the highest
large	larger	the largest
hot	hotter	the hottest
lazy	lazier	the laziest
popular	more popular	the most popular
good	better	the best
bad	worse	the worst
much / many	more	the most

*Hanna is **the tallest** girl **in** my class.*

Complete the sentences with the comparative or the superlative form of the adjectives in brackets.

1. The living room is the _____ (large) room in our house.
2. The Pacific is the _____ (deep) ocean in the world.
3. Mike is _____ (young) than Fay but he's _____ (old) than her sister.
4. What's the _____ (popular) place in your city?
5. I think maths is _____ (easy) than geography.
6. This shop has got the _____ (modern) clothes in the city.

4 Speak

INFORMATION GAP ACTIVITY
Talk in pairs.
Students A & B: Go to the Pair work activities section.

5 Write

Write a paragraph about Ukraine.

I live in....
Its population is... and the official language is....
The highest mountain is....
The longest river is....
The capital city is....
Other cities are....
The most popular sport is....



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