

## 1 Read

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

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.



Look up these words in the dictionary:

- **population**
- **mountain range**
- **successful**



## 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.

B. Read again and complete the fact file below.

<b>ARGENTINA</b>	
Continent:	
Capital:	
Population:	
Official language:	
Highest mountain:	
Most popular sport:	

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

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## 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		

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## 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.

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## Speak

### INFORMATION GAP ACTIVITY

Talk in pairs.

**Students A & B:** Go to the Pair work activities section.

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## 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....

