36 My country

A Geography

Brazil is **enormous**. The Atlantic **Ocean**[1] is in the **east**. The **coast**[2] is 3,000 **kilometres long**. In the **north, south** and **west,** there are **borders**[3] with ten different countries. The longest **river**[4] is the Amazon, and Pico da Neblina is about 3,000 metres **high**: it's the **highest mountain**[5] in Brazil. Many of the **major** cities are **on the coast**, but not the **capital**, Brasilia. The most **famous** city is Rio de Janeiro, which has Sugarloaf Mountain and Corcovada, plus some great **beaches**, like Copacabana. It is very **popular** with tourists.

GLOSSARY

enormous	very big SYN **huge**	**capital**	a city where a country has its government
3,000 **kilometres** (km) **long**	3,000 km from one end to the other	**famous**	If sth is **famous**, many people know about it: *Rio is **famous for** Carnival.*
3,000 **metres** (m) **high**	3,000 m from top to bottom (A mountain is **high**. NOT ~~*tall*~~)	**beach**	an area of sand next to the sea, e.g. Copacabana
major	large and important	**popular**	If sth is **popular**, many people like it.

1 Study the map of Brazil and the text, then complete the sentences.

▶ Brasilia is the capital.

1 The Amazon is the longest _____.
2 Pico de Neblina is the highest _____.
3 Porto Alegre is on the _____.
4 Pico de Neblina is 3,000 m _____.
5 The Amazon is nearly 7,000 km _____.
6 There's a _____ between Brazil and Argentina.
7 The Atlantic _____ is on the _____ coast.
8 Sao Paolo is a _____ city.
9 The Amazon is in the _____ of Brazil.
10 Brazil is an _____ country.
11 Rio's beaches are _____ with tourists.

2 Complete the dialogues.

▶ Is Porto Alegre a small place? ~ No, it's a major city.

1 Is Iguape _____? ~ No, most people don't know about it.
2 China's enormous. ~ Yes, it's _____, isn't it?
3 Is California on the east coast? ~ No, it's on the _____ coast.
4 Is New York in the south? ~ No, it's in the _____ of the USA.
5 Is the Pacific a sea? ~ No, it's an _____.
6 How _____ is the Nile? ~ It's 6,853 kilometres _____.
7 Is Copacabana the capital? ~ No, it's a famous _____.
8 Do people go there a lot? ~ Yes, it's very _____.

3 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers, or ask another student.

1 What's the capital, and where is it? _____
2 What are some of the other major cities? _____
3 Does it have borders with any other countries? If so, what are they? _____
4 What's the longest river? _____
5 What's the highest mountain? _____
6 Which are the most famous places in your country? _____

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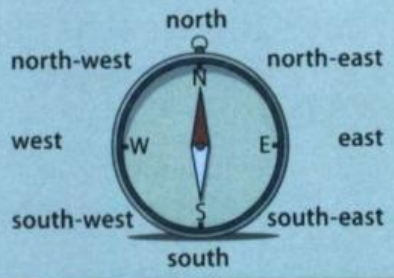
B Facts about places

I live in …

a big **city**	in the **north-west of** Poland
a **town**	on the coast
a small **village**	on the River Dee

It has a **population** of **over / just under** a million/100,000.

Interesting **facts**:
It's famous for …
- its **ancient** buildings
- its **industry** (computers, cars, etc.)
- its **culture**
- its fantastic **climate**



GLOSSARY

city	a very large town, e.g. 2 million people
town	smaller than a city, e.g. 30,000 people
village	smaller than a *town*, and in the countryside
population	the number of people who live in a place
over (a thousand)	more than (a thousand) OPP **under**
just under	a little under ALSO **just over**
fact	a piece of true information
ancient	very old OPP **modern**
industry	the work of making things, e.g. *cars, electronics*
culture	activities like art, music, theatre, literature, etc.
climate	the normal weather in a place

4 **Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write *S* or *D*. Use the APP to help you. Practise the words.**

▶ culture / industry D
1 town / south .....
2 ancient / climate .....
3 famous / ancient .....
4 population / culture .....
5 city / culture .....
6 village / just .....

5 **Write the phrases in the correct columns.**

in the north-east ✓ | on the coast | famous for its modern buildings | over two million
mobile phone industry | just under 50,000 | on the River Duero | a small village | south-west of the capital
about 3,000 | a large city | a warm climate | a small town | a city full of culture

SIZE	WHERE?	POPULATION	INTERESTING FACTS
.....	in the north-east	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....

6 **Complete the text about Turin.**

Turin is a large ▶ city, 140 km south-west **(1)** ..... Milan, **(2)** ..... the north-west **(3)** ..... Italy. It is **(4)** ..... the River Po and three other rivers. It has a **(5)** ..... of about one million (in fact, it is 908,000). It is famous for one very important **(6)** ..... : car-making. It also has many **(7)** ..... buildings, including palaces and castles. The **(8)** ..... is cold in winter and hot in summer.

7 ABOUT YOU **Write a similar text about your city/town/village.**

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