

Guess The Most High-Tech Country In The World

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I. Fill in the gaps (a - q) with the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets.

No, it is not America or Japan but it is a tiny Baltic state called Estonia with only 1.3 million a) (CITY). The nation stands out from its neighbouring b) (EAST) European countries **in terms of** technology, economy and high standard of c) (LIFE).

Although it has an d) (FORTUNE) background, Estonia managed to stand up and create a country where people are **tech-savvy**. Even 7-year-old kids are e) (TEACH) the basics of coding. With **advanced** technologies, everything is made f) (EASY) in their nation.

Because it is a high-tech country, signing documents, filling out **tax** returns and even g) (VOTE) are done online through a tool called X-Road. This allows all Estonians an equal access to any **data** that they need for business transactions, permits, licences and others. In other h) (COUNTRY), it would take weeks or months to access these documents.

The i) (ADVANCE) have a great **impact** on Estonians which made them **forward-thinking** and entrepreneurial. Since it takes only five minutes to register a company, the country is known as the world's number one in terms of **startups** per person in 2013, Economist reported.

One of its most j) (SUCCESS) startups is Skype which is used all over the world. Other startups include Transferwise, GrabCAD, Cloutex, Click & Grow, Lingvist, Fortumo, Pipedrive, Erply, and others.

If you are living in a different country and you are k) (PLAN) to open a business in Estonia, it is also very easy to do that. Estonia has an e-residency service which means you don't even need to travel to the place in order to transact business, according to Market Watch.

Once you are an e-resident, you can access online services that **locals** could use, which include **remote** money transfer, e-banking, l) (DIGIT) signing, contracts and documents verification, declaring taxes online and others.

An e-resident owns a smart ID card which has a legal **value** and is equivalent to a m) (HANDWRITE) signature and face-to-face n) (IDENTIFY). It features a 2048-bit **encryption** with a microchip that stores two o) (SECURE) certificates.

p) (AMAZE), right? Does your country have q) (TECHNOLOGY) advancements like Estonia?

II. Match the words underlined in the text to their definitions below. There are 2 words which you do not need to use.

1. *adj.* modern and well developed _____
2. *adj.* operating or controlled from a distance _____
3. *adj.* thinking about, planning for, or considering the future, rather than just the present _____
4. *adj.* knowing a lot about modern technology, especially computers _____
5. *n.* encoded information _____
6. *n.* people who live in the particular small area that you are talking about _____
7. *n.* information, especially facts or numbers, collected to be examined and considered and used to help decision-making, or information in an electronic form that can be stored and used by a computer _____
8. *n.* a small business that has just been started _____
9. *n.* a powerful effect that something has on a situation or person _____
10. *exp.* in relation to, with reference to _____

III. Look up the word '**entrepreneur**' in the dictionary. Check its pronunciation and pay your attention to the spelling.

Definition:

Example sentence(s):

Word formation

Nouns - entrepreneur,

Adjective -