

36 My country

A Geography

Brazil is **enormous**. The Atlantic Ocean¹ 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: <i>Rio is famous for Carnival.</i>
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.

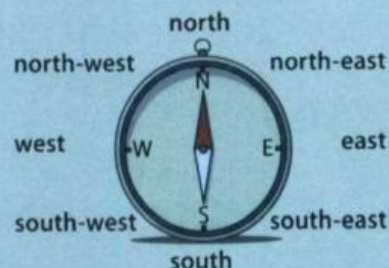
- 1 What's the capital, and where is it?
- 2 What are some of the other major cities?
- 3 Does it have borders with any other countries? If so, what are they?
- 4 What's the longest river?
- 5 What's the highest mountain?
- 6 Which are the most famous places in your country?



TEST YOURSELF

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 to help you. Practise the words.

► culture / industry D

1 own / 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 ✓ mobile phone industry about 3,000	on the coast just under 50,000 a large city	famous for its modern buildings on the River Duero a warm climate	over two million south-west of the capital 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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