

# 36) My country

## A Geography

Brazil is **enormous**. The Atlantic Ocean<sup>1</sup> is in the **east**. The **coast**<sup>2</sup> is 3,000 **kilometres** **long**. In the **north**, **south** and **west**, there are **borders**<sup>3</sup> with ten different countries. The longest **river**<sup>4</sup> is the Amazon, and Pico da Neblina is about 3,000 metres **high**: it's the **highest mountain**<sup>5</sup> 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

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

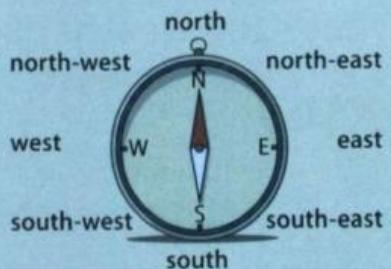
a big city	in the north-west of Poland
a town	on the coast
a small village	on the River Dee

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

<b>city</b>	a very large town, e.g. 2 million people
<b>town</b>	smaller than a city, e.g. 30,000 people
<b>village</b>	smaller than a town, and in the countryside
<b>population</b>	the number of people who live in a place
<b>over</b> (a thousand)	more than (a thousand) OPP <b>under</b>
<b>just under</b>	a little under ALSO <b>just over</b>
<b>fact</b>	a piece of true information
<b>ancient</b>	very old OPP <b>modern</b>
<b>industry</b>	the work of making things, e.g. <i>cars, electronics</i>
<b>culture</b>	activities like art, music, theatre, literature, etc.
<b>climate</b>	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 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 about 3,000	just under 50,000 a large city	on the River Duero a warm climate	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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