# Tell us about your country

## A Ray



**Population:** 59 million

**Area:** 1,220,813 km²

**Three capital cities:** Pretoria, Cape Town and Bloemfontein

Johannesburg is the biggest city but it isn't the capital city.

11 official languages including Afrikaans, English and Zulu.

**Currency:** the rand

**Sport:** In South Africa, football, rugby and cricket are the three most popular sports.

## B Sofia

I live in Germany now, but I'm not from Germany. My mother is British and my father is Mexican, so I am half British and half Mexican. I speak English and Spanish. I love Mexico and the UK but they are very different. I think I have a Mexican stomach because my diet includes chillies and **spicy** food. My ears aren't Mexican though, I think they are British because I think British pop music is great.

## C Jakob



Is Italy an interesting country? Yes, it is.

**History**

There are lots of Roman **ruins**, for example the Colosseum and the city of Pompeii. There are also a lot of old buildings and museums to visit.

**Sights**

You can travel on a boat in Venice or see the leaning tower of Pisa. You can climb Mount Vesuvius **volcano** (don't worry, it isn't active at the moment!) or visit beaches on the Amalfi coast.

**Food**

Pasta, pizza, ice cream – it's all delicious!

## D Annie



I'm from Montreal in eastern Canada, so I'm Canadian. I speak English and French because they are both official languages in Canada. We spend a lot of time outside. In the summer we go **camping**. We stay by a lake so we do water sports, go walking or ride our bikes. In winter the weather is very cold. There is a lot of snow but life isn't boring. There are lots of winter sports like **ice skating** and **skiing**. The important thing is to have warm clothes.

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UNIT 1

# The longer read

**Subskill: Identifying different types of text**

Scan all the texts quickly and decide what type of information they give you: facts, dates, general information, personal information, etc.

**1 Read the subskill. Scan the texts A–D. Match each text with statements 1-5. There is one extra statement.**

1 The student writes about their habits and what they like to do. _____
2 The student gives general information about their country. _____
3 The writer describes things you can see and do in their country. _____
4 The student shares their personal information and their likes. _____
5 The writer gives unusual information about their country. _____

**2 Read the texts and choose the correct answer.**

1 Is Ray from South Africa?
**a** Yes, he is. **b** We don't know.
**c** No, he isn't.

2 Where is Sofia's father from?
**a** from the United States. **b** from Mexico.
**c** from Peru.

3 Where does Sofia live?
**a** in the UK. **b** in Mexico.
**c** in Germany.

4 What food does Jakob mention?
**a** pizza and pancakes
**b** pasta and fruit
**c** pasta and ice cream

5 Is Annie Italian?
**a** Yes, she is.
**b** No, she isn't.
**c** We don't know.

6 What languages does Annie speak?
**a** She speaks English and French.
**b** She speaks French and Spanish.
**c** She only speaks English.

**3 Complete the notes. Then read and check.**

1 In South Africa, there are _____ capital cities, but Johannesburg isn't one of them.
2 South Africans enjoy playing _____, _____ and cricket.
3 Sofia's mother _____ _____ and her father _____ _____.
4 In Italy you can learn about Italian _____ by visiting old buildings like the Colosseum.
5 Winter in Canada _____ _____ but it isn't boring because you can do lots of _____ _____.

**4 Word work: Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Then find those words in bold in the text and check.**

camping ice skating ruins
skiing spicy volcano

1 Popocatépetl, in Mexico, is an example of a _____ which is active, sometimes you can see smoke at the top.
2 I love _____ down the mountain very fast.
3 We often go _____ in the summer. I like sleeping outside near a lake or mountain.
4 In the Winter Olympic Games®, Russians are often good at _____.
5 My brother loves _____ food. His favourite is Indian curry.
6 In Scotland, there are a lot of _____ of very old buildings like castles.

**5 Answer the questions for you.**

1 Which text did you find interesting? Why?
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2 Answer the magazine question yourself. *Tell us about your country.*
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