# Around the World

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. In which city would you find the Eiffel Tower?
   - A. Rome
   - B. Paris
   - C. Madrid
   - D. Vienna

   Correct answer: B. Paris
   The Eiffel Tower was built for the 1889 World's Fair in Paris.

2. Brazil is on which continent?
   - A. Asia
   - B. Africa
   - C. Europe
   - D. South America

   Correct answer: D. South America
   Brazil occupies a large part of eastern South America.

3. Which ocean lies between eastern Africa and western Australia?
   - A. Indian Ocean
   - B. Atlantic Ocean
   - C. Arctic Ocean
   - D. Southern Ocean

   Correct answer: A. Indian Ocean
   The Indian Ocean borders Africa, Asia and Australia.

4. Which country is shaped like a boot on many maps?
   - A. Portugal
   - B. Greece
   - C. Italy
   - D. Denmark

   Correct answer: C. Italy
   The Italian Peninsula extends into the Mediterranean in a distinctive boot-like shape.

5. What is Brazil's official language?
   A. French
   B. Spanish
   C. Portuguese
   D. Italian
   Correct answer: C. Portuguese
   Brazil's Portuguese-speaking history distinguishes it from many Spanish-speaking neighbors.

6. The Taj Mahal stands in which Indian city?
   A. Agra
   B. Delhi
   C. Mumbai
   D. Jaipur
   Correct answer: A. Agra
   The Mughal mausoleum complex was built in Agra beside the Yamuna River.

7. The Great Barrier Reef lies off the coast of which Australian state?
   A. South Australia
   B. Victoria
   C. Tasmania
   D. Queensland
   Correct answer: D. Queensland
   The reef stretches along Queensland's northeastern coast.

8. Lines of latitude measure distance north or south of what?
   A. The prime meridian
   B. The Equator
   C. The International Date Line
   D. The Tropic of Capricorn
   Correct answer: B. The Equator
   Latitude starts at zero at the Equator and reaches 90 degrees at each pole.

9. Which river flows through Budapest?
   A. Danube
   B. Rhine
   C. Seine
   D. Thames
   Correct answer: A. Danube
   Budapest straddles the Danube, which connects several Central European capitals.

10. Mount Everest lies on the border of Nepal and which country?

A. Bhutan
B. India
C. China
D. Pakistan

Correct answer: C. China
The summit lies on the Nepal–China border, with Tibet on the northern side.

11. Which canal connects the Mediterranean Sea with the Red Sea?

A. Corinth Canal
B. Panama Canal
C. Kiel Canal
D. Suez Canal

Correct answer: D. Suez Canal
The Suez Canal crosses Egypt, shortening the sea route between Europe and Asia.

12. Which two countries share the island of Hispaniola?

A. Cuba and Jamaica
B. Haiti and the Dominican Republic
C. Belize and Guatemala
D. Trinidad and Barbados

Correct answer: B. Haiti and the Dominican Republic
Haiti occupies the western portion and the Dominican Republic the eastern portion.

13. Which country has territory in all four hemispheres: north, south, east and west?

A. Madagascar
B. Japan
C. Iceland
D. Kiribati

Correct answer: D. Kiribati
Kiribati's island groups cross both the Equator and the 180-degree meridian.

14. You cross the International Date Line westward, ignoring local time-zone adjustments. What calendar change is normally made?

A. Add one day
B. Subtract one day
C. Add one month
D. Keep the same date in every case

Correct answer: A. Add one day
Westward crossing advances the calendar by one day; eastward crossing reverses that change.

15. Why does Greenland appear disproportionately large on a Mercator world map?

A. The map preserves every country's area
B. Greenland crosses the Equator
C. Scale increases toward the poles
D. Longitude lines converge on the printed map

Correct answer: C. Scale increases toward the poles
Mercator preserves local angles but greatly exaggerates areas at high latitudes.