World Capitals Challenge

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. A map of France shows four city labels. Which one should have the national capital symbol?
   - A. Paris
   - B. Lyon
   - C. Marseille
   - D. Nice

   Correct answer: A. Paris

   Place the capital symbol on Paris. The other labels are French cities with different roles.

2. A travel board routes players through Italy’s national capital. Which city does the board need?
   - A. Naples
   - B. Milan
   - C. Rome
   - D. Turin

   Correct answer: C. Rome

   Rome is the Italian capital. All four cities are in Italy, so the decision is about the seat of government.

3. Which city is the national capital of Spain?
   - A. Barcelona
   - B. Madrid
   - C. Valencia
   - D. Seville

   Correct answer: B. Madrid

   Madrid is Spain’s capital. Barcelona, Valencia and Seville are other Spanish cities.

4. Which label matches Greece to its capital?
   - A. Greece → Volos
   - B. Greece → Thessaloniki
   - C. Greece → Patras
   - D. Greece → Athens

   Correct answer: D. Greece → Athens

   Athens is the capital. Thessaloniki, Patras and Volos are all within Greece.

5. Which city would complete a map label reading ‘Norway — capital’?
   A. Bergen
   B. Oslo
   C. Trondheim
   D. Stavanger
   Correct answer: B. Oslo
   Oslo is Norway’s capital. The other listed cities are Norwegian but do not hold that national role.

6. An editor labels Toronto as Canada's capital. Which label is the correct replacement?
   A. Ottawa
   B. Montreal
   C. Vancouver
   D. Calgary
   Correct answer: A. Ottawa
   Ottawa is Canada's national capital. Toronto is another Canadian city and belongs on a separate label.

7. An Australia quiz lists four cities. Which one is the country's capital?
   A. Brisbane
   B. Sydney
   C. Melbourne
   D. Canberra
   Correct answer: D. Canberra
   Canberra is the capital of Australia. The question asks for the national capital.

8. Brazil's capital is marked as Rio de Janeiro on a map for current geography practice. Which city should be marked?
   A. Salvador
   B. São Paulo
   C. Brasília
   D. Recife
   Correct answer: C. Brasília
   Brasília is Brazil’s current national capital. Move the national capital symbol there.

9. Which city belongs on a current map of New Zealand as the national capital?
   A. Wellington
   B. Auckland
   C. Christchurch
   D. Hamilton
   Correct answer: A. Wellington
   Wellington is New Zealand's capital. Auckland, Christchurch and Hamilton are also in New Zealand.

10. Which city should be listed as the capital of Türkiye on a present-day map?

A. Bursa
B. İstanbul
C. İzmir
D. Ankara

Correct answer: D. Ankara
Ankara is the capital of Türkiye. İstanbul is another Turkish city and should have a different label.

11. Which sequence gives the capitals of Finland and Sweden in that order?

A. Helsinki, Copenhagen
B. Stockholm, Helsinki
C. Helsinki, Stockholm
D. Oslo, Stockholm

Correct answer: C. Helsinki, Stockholm
Helsinki is Finland's capital. Stockholm belongs to Sweden.

12. Which two city labels correctly match Portugal and Ireland, in that order?

A. Porto, Dublin
B. Lisbon, Dublin
C. Lisbon, Cork
D. Porto, Cork

Correct answer: B. Lisbon, Dublin
Portugal’s capital is Lisbon and Ireland’s is Dublin. The other options substitute a non-capital city of one or both countries.

13. Which pair correctly lists the capitals of Japan and South Korea, in that order?

A. Kyoto, Busan
B. Osaka, Seoul
C. Tokyo, Busan
D. Tokyo, Seoul

Correct answer: D. Tokyo, Seoul
Tokyo and Seoul are the national capitals. Osaka and Kyoto are in Japan, and Busan is in South Korea.

14. Which sequence correctly lists the capitals of Argentina, Chile and Peru, in that order?

A. Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima
B. Santiago, Buenos Aires, Lima
C. Buenos Aires, Valparaíso, Lima
D. Buenos Aires, Santiago, Cusco

Correct answer: A. Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima
Buenos Aires belongs to Argentina, Santiago to Chile and Lima to Peru.

15. A map has three unlabeled stars for the capitals of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. Which list labels all three correctly in that order?

A. Casablanca, Algiers, Tunis
B. Rabat, Tunis, Algiers
C. Rabat, Algiers, Tunis
D. Algiers, Rabat, Tunis

Correct answer: C. Rabat, Algiers, Tunis
Morocco's capital is Rabat, Algeria's is Algiers and Tunisia's is Tunis. Casablanca is a different city in Morocco.