World Countries

Use this key to check answers and read the explanations.

1. Which country on the Atlantic coast is the largest in South America by land area?
   A. Brazil
   B. Argentina
   C. Uruguay
   D. Guyana
   Correct answer: A. Brazil
   Brazil occupies much of eastern South America. It covers more land than any other country on the continent.

2. Which country lies across the Tasman Sea southeast of mainland Australia?
   A. Iceland
   B. Sri Lanka
   C. New Zealand
   D. Madagascar
   Correct answer: C. New Zealand
   The Tasman Sea separates southeastern Australia from New Zealand.

3. Which country includes Sicily as well as a mainland peninsula in the Mediterranean?
   A. Greece
   B. Italy
   C. Spain
   D. France
   Correct answer: B. Italy
   Sicily is part of Italy. The Strait of Messina separates it from the mainland.

4. Which country lies at the northeastern end of the Bay of Bengal and includes much of the Ganges–Brahmaputra–Meghna Delta?
   A. Bhutan
   B. Nepal
   C. Afghanistan
   D. Bangladesh
   Correct answer: D. Bangladesh
   Bangladesh lies by the Bay of Bengal. Much of the country occupies the large delta and its surrounding lowlands.

5. Which country occupies Hispaniola’s western portion?

A. Dominican Republic
B. Haiti
C. Cuba
D. Jamaica

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

6. Which small West African country follows a river inland from the Atlantic and is otherwise nearly surrounded by Senegal?

A. The Gambia
B. Togo
C. Sierra Leone
D. Benin

Correct answer: A. The Gambia
The Gambia follows the lower Gambia River, with a short Atlantic coast and land borders with Senegal.

7. Which country borders both Belize and Mexico and also reaches the Pacific Ocean?

A. Nicaragua
B. Honduras
C. El Salvador
D. Guatemala

Correct answer: D. Guatemala
Guatemala borders Mexico and Belize. Its southern coast faces the Pacific.

8. Which African country is directly across the Strait of Gibraltar from southern mainland Spain?

A. Tunisia
B. Algeria
C. Morocco
D. Egypt

Correct answer: C. Morocco
The strait separates mainland Spain in Europe from Morocco in Africa.

9. Which country has a Caspian Sea coast and also shares a land border with China?

A. Kazakhstan
B. Uzbekistan
C. Iran
D. Turkmenistan

Correct answer: A. Kazakhstan
Kazakhstan reaches the Caspian in the west and China in the east.

10. Which country has Sarajevo as its capital and a short Adriatic coastline near Neum?

A. Austria
B. Serbia
C. North Macedonia
D. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Correct answer: D. Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bosnia and Herzegovina has a small stretch of Adriatic shoreline near Neum. Sarajevo is inland.

11. Which pair consists of two countries whose land neighbors are themselves all landlocked?

A. Bolivia and Paraguay
B. Austria and Switzerland
C. Liechtenstein and Uzbekistan
D. Chad and Niger

Correct answer: C. Liechtenstein and Uzbekistan
Liechtenstein and Uzbekistan are doubly landlocked. Reaching an ocean coast by land requires crossing at least two other countries.

12. Which country extends east along the narrow strip of land historically known as the Caprivi Strip?

A. Botswana
B. Namibia
C. Angola
D. Mozambique

Correct answer: B. Namibia
The strip is in northeastern Namibia. Much of it is now administered as Namibia’s Zambezi Region.

13. Which country includes the Temburong district, separated by part of Malaysia from the rest of its land territory?

A. Philippines
B. Cambodia
C. Timor-Leste
D. Brunei

Correct answer: D. Brunei
Brunei’s Temburong district is separated from its western districts by Brunei Bay and Malaysia’s Sarawak.

14. To which country does the Kaliningrad region, located between Poland and Lithuania, belong?

A. Russia
B. Belarus
C. Estonia
D. Germany

Correct answer: A. Russia
Kaliningrad is part of Russia, separated from the rest of the country and facing the Baltic Sea.

15. Starting in Ghana and following the Gulf of Guinea coastline east, which sequence lists the next three countries?

A. Togo, Nigeria, Benin
B. Benin, Togo, Nigeria
C. Togo, Benin, Nigeria
D. Nigeria, Benin, Togo

Correct answer: C. Togo, Benin, Nigeria
East of Ghana, the coastal borders are with Togo, then Benin, then Nigeria.