



International Geography Bee

2026-2027 Regional Tournament Study Guide – Geography Question Set 1 - Europe

Instructions: This study guide should be your first step in preparing for the [Online Fall Geography Bee](#) on 11 December, 2026 on Geography Question Set 1. Many of the facts below are found in the 120 questions in Geography Question Set 1. Other facts in the study guide will be found in the other Question Sets being used this academic year. **However, the majority of questions in the tournament are not referenced in the study guide.** The study guide is meant to help you get started. It is not meant to be fully comprehensive as the essence of academic competition is not memorizing a list, but having wide-ranging knowledge.

As the questions are all short paragraphs on a particular topic, if a topic is found below, then it is a good idea to learn more about it (since additional facts about a topic will also be referenced in the question). It is also helpful to read the introduction of a Wikipedia page on a topic. Please also use the National and Regional Capitals Study Guides and our past question sets which are [found here](#). Many of the topics that are found in past years' questions will come up this year too. Good luck!

African Geography

1. The [third-longest river in Africa](#) shares its name with the country [Niger](#).
2. [Tanzania](#) is home to the [tallest mountain in Africa](#), [Mount Kilimanjaro](#).

Asian Geography

1. [Many islands](#) comprise the [Philippines](#), a [Southeast Asian country](#) which has its capital at [Manila](#).
2. The [Yangtze](#) is the longest [river in China](#).
3. [Bangkok](#), the capital of [Thailand](#), is located within the delta of the [Chao Phraya River](#).
4. [Jerusalem](#) is a city in Israel which is considered holy to adherents of [Judaism](#), [Islam](#), and [Christianity](#).
5. [Borneo](#) is a [large island](#) shared by [Indonesia](#), [Brunei](#), and [Malaysia](#).
6. [Istanbul](#), the [largest city](#) of [Turkey](#), is home to the [Hagia Sophia](#).

Australia & Oceania Geography

1. Located off the [coast of Australia](#), the [Great Barrier Reef](#) is the world's largest construct made by a living entity.
2. [Antarctica](#) is the Earth's southernmost [continent](#).
3. [New Zealand](#) is the [southernmost country](#) of [Oceania](#).

European Geography

1. The Asian and European parts of Turkey are divided by the [Bosporus](#).
2. Capital cities such as [Vienna](#) sit on the [Danube](#), the second [longest river in Europe](#).
3. Tourist attractions in [Rome](#), the capital of [Italy](#), include the [Trevi Fountain](#) and the [Colosseum](#).
4. The [Black Sea](#) is a strategically important body of water bordered by [Crimea](#).
5. [Sicily](#) is the [largest island](#) by area in the [Mediterranean Sea](#).
6. The [Iberian Peninsula](#) is home to two countries: [Spain](#) and [Portugal](#).
7. The [Akershus Fortress](#) is located in [Norway's](#) capital city, [Oslo](#).
8. Dishes such as sausage and sauerkraut are annually enjoyed in [Munich](#) at [Oktoberfest](#).
9. [Latvia](#) and [Poland](#) sit on the [Baltic Sea](#), which represents the northeasternmost part of the Atlantic Ocean.
10. The [Matterhorn](#) and [Mont Blanc](#) are among the tallest mountains in the [Alps](#).

U.S. & Canadian Geography

1. [New Orleans](#) is a city in [Louisiana](#) known for its [cajun cuisine](#) and annual [Mardi Gras](#) celebrations.
2. The largest [island of Canada](#) is [Baffin Island](#).
3. The Great Lakes include [Lake Ontario](#), [Lake Huron](#), [Lake Erie](#), [Lake Michigan](#), and the [largest freshwater lake in the world](#), [Lake Superior](#).
4. The [Rocky Mountains](#) are the longest mountain system in North America.
5. The island of [Newfoundland](#) forms a [Canadian province](#) with the region of [Labrador](#).

6. [Death Valley National Park](#) in California once recorded the [world's hottest temperature](#).

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. [Honduras](#) shares borders with [El Salvador](#) and [Nicaragua](#) and has its capital at [Tegucigalpa](#).
2. The [Perito Moreno Glacier](#) is located in [Argentina](#).
3. [Lake Titicaca](#) is the largest lake in South America by area.
4. [Cuba](#) is a country in the [Caribbean](#) which has its capital at [Havana](#).

Terms for Further Study

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| 1. geyser | 15. estuary | 29. McMurdo Station |
| 2. Riyadh | 16. Arkansas | 30. Kangchenjunga |
| 3. Micronesia | 17. Paseo de la Reforma | |
| 4. Sahel | 18. Saint Kitts and Nevis | |
| 5. conflict minerals | 19. Strait of Hormuz | |
| 6. Schengen Area | 20. Lakes of Sweden | |
| 7. Transnistria | | |
| 8. escarpment | | |
| 9. Red River (Asia) | | |
| 10. Arizona | | |

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| 11. Somalia | 21. Flemish (people) |
| 12. Osaka | 22. Lake Turkana |
| 13. Stromboli | 23. Verdon Gorge |
| 14. Hollywood | 24. Kowloon Walled City |
| | 25. black sand beaches |
| | 26. Congo rainforests |
| | 27. Oahu |
| | 28. Olympic Peninsula |