‘FUN’ QUIZ: COUNTRIES of the WORLD

Answer these fourteen questions to score your “world knowledge”.

1. How many countries are there in the world?
   a) about 100
   b) about 150
   c) about 200
   d) about 300

2. Which of the following countries is the largest in size?
   a) Brazil
   b) Canada
   c) China
   d) Russia

3. What is the population of the world?
   a) about 2 billion (2,000,000,000)
   b) about 4 billion
   c) about 7 billion
   d) about 10 billion

4. How many states are there in the United States of America?
   a) 48
   b) 49
   c) 50
   d) 52

5. Which language is most commonly spoken in Brazil?
   a) Italian
   b) Portuguese
   c) Russian
   d) Spanish

6. Which country’s flag has a picture of a tree on it?
   a) Canada
   b) Greece
   c) Lebanon
   d) Ireland

7. About how many different languages are spoken in the world?
   a) 600
   b) 1,000
   c) 6,000
   d) 15,000

8. In which country is the United Nations located?
   a) Germany
   b) the United Kingdom
   c) Japan
   d) the United States

9. When did Christopher Columbus first visit the Americas?
   a) 1136
   b) 1492
   c) 1648
   d) 1723

10. Which of the following countries has the smallest population?
    a) Iceland
    b) Singapore
    c) Mexico
    d) Yemen

11. Which of the following countries is smallest in size?
    a) Ireland
    b) Japan
    c) Egypt
    d) Argentina

12. Which of these countries does NOT have a coast?
    a) Mongolia
    b) Peru
    c) Poland
    d) Turkey

13. Which of the following continents is largest?
    a) Africa
    b) Europe
    c) North America
    d) Asia

14. Which of the following countries has a king?
    a) Chile
    b) Sweden
    c) South Africa
    d) the Philippines

13 – 14 = Excellent
11 – 12 = Good
9 – 10 = OK

Permission granted to reproduce for classroom use. © www.esltopics.com
### Aims
Vocabulary practice (**NOT** used for formal assessment)

### Level
Intermediate to Upper-Intermediate

### Time
Approximately 20 – 30 minutes (including extension activity)

---

**ANSWER KEY:**

<p>| | | | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1.</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>8.</td>
<td>D</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.</td>
<td>D</td>
<td>9.</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>10.</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4.</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>11.</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.</td>
<td>B</td>
<td>12.</td>
<td>A</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7.</td>
<td>C</td>
<td>14.</td>
<td>B</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

---

**NOTES & EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:**

Make sure your students understand the following words before they take the quiz:

*population; flag; United Nations; Christopher Columbus; coast; continent*

For additional notes and extension activity suggestions, see the “Notes” document in the Quiz topic list.

---

### Grades as percentages:

<p>| | |</p>
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>14/14 = 100 %</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13/14 = 93</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12/14 = 86</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11/14 = 79</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10/14 = 71</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9/14 = 64</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8/14 = 57</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7/14 = 50</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/14 = 43</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/14 = 36</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4/14 = 29</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/14 = 21</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/14 = 14</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/14 = 7</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>0/14 = 0 %</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>