

### Is are was were describing countries game

Choose a country in the left-hand column and describe it (without using its name) until your partner guesses which country you are talking about.

● Argentina	(The animals/ dogs/ birds) ...s (and...s) are from here.
● Austria	(The foods/ drinks/ snacks/ wines) ...s) and... (s) are from here.
● Australia	... (wife/ husband of...) was born here/ ... and... were born here.
● Belgium	... and... (sports) cars are from here.
● Brazil	... Building/ Tower/ Palace/ Castle is here.
● Canada	... cheese and ...cheese are from here.
● China	... chocolates are from here.
● Denmark	... computers are from here.
● Egypt	... music is from here.
● France	... was president here.
● Germany/ West Germany	... was the capital city, but ... is the capital city now. It is (very) big/ small/ cold/ hot/... It is an island./ ... Island is here.
● Greece	It is next to... (and...)/ It is near to... (and...)
● Hong Kong	It was British/ Spanish/ French/...
● Holland/ The Netherlands	It was two countries, but now it is one country. Its capital city's name was..., but now it is.... Mount... is here. – It is flat.
● India	The ...dance is from here./ The... and... dances are from here.
● Italy	The ...s from here are famous.
● Japan	The actor... was born here./ The actors... and... were born here.
● Jamaica	The airline... is from here.
● Mexico	The character... is from here.
● New Zealand	The classical music composers... and...were born here. The company... is from here.
● Poland	The explorer... was born here.
● Portugal	The fashion designer... was born here.
● Russia/ The Soviet Union/ The USSR	The food is spicy. The football teams... and... are here. The footballers/ football managers... and... were born here. The King of England is king of this country.
● South Africa	The martial arts... and... are from here.
● South Korea	The national language is.../ The national languages are... and... The painter... was born here/ painters... and... were born here.
● Spain	The River/ Lake/... is here./ The... Sea is here.
● Sweden	The scientist... is from here.
● Thailand	The singers/ musicians...and... were born here.
● Turkey	The sports(men)... and... are from here.
● The UK	The toy... is from here.
● The USA	The writer... is from here. The... Museum is here./ The... is in the... Museum here. The... statue is here. There are (many) ...s here.

**Suggested hints**

*Do the same, but this time using hints below for the country that you chose.*

**Argentina**

The footballers (Lionel) Messi and (Diego) Maradona were born here.

It is next to Brazil.

The national language is Spanish.

Tango music and the tango dance are from here.

**Austria**

The classical music composers Mozart and (Johan) Strauss were born here.

Queen of France Marie Antoinette was born here.

Adolf Hitler was born here.

The national language is German.

The Danube River is here.

**Australia**

The King of England is king of this country.

Kangaroos and koalas are from here.

It is a big island.

The Marvel superhero actors Hugh Jackman and Chris Hemsworth were born here.

Melbourne was the capital city, but Canberra is the capital city now.

The national language is English.

Boomerangs are from here.

The airline Qantas is from here.

**Belgium**

Godiva chocolates are from here.

The Roman Holiday actress Audrey Hepburn was born here.

The national languages are French and Flemish.

It is next to France and the Netherlands.

The character Tintin is from here.

**Brazil**

The footballers Neymar and Pelé were born here.

Rio (de Janeiro) was the capital city, but Brasilia is the capital city now.

It is next to Argentina.

The national language is Portuguese.

The River Amazon is here.

**Canada**

It was British.

The King of England is king of this country.

It is big.

It is cold.

The national languages are English and French.

The maple syrup from here is famous.

The musicians Justin Bieber and Drake were born here.

The actors Ryan Reynolds and Ryan Gosling were born here.

**China**

It is big.  
Pandas are from here.  
It is next to North Korea and Russia.  
Noodles, fried rice and spring rolls are from here.  
Lenovo computers are from here.  
Its capital city's name was Peking, but now it is Beijing.

**Denmark**

The toy Lego is from here.  
The writer Hans Christian Andersen is from here.  
The little mermaid statue is here.  
Some Vikings were from here.

**Egypt**

Cleopatra was born here.  
The Liverpool footballer Mohamed Salah was born here.  
There are pyramids here.  
Alexandria was the capital city, but Cairo is the capital city now.  
The national language is Arabic.  
There are camels.  
The River Nile is here.

**France**

Joan of Arc (Jeanne d'Arc) was born here.  
The fashion designer Coco Chanel was born here.  
The Eiffel Tower is here.  
The sparkling wine champagne is from here.  
The Mona Lisa is in the Louvre Museum here.

**Germany**

The scientist Albert Einstein was born here.  
The cars from here are famous.  
The sausages from here are famous.  
It is next to France.  
The classical music composers Beethoven and Bach were born here.  
Bonn was the capital city but Berlin is the capital city now.  
It was two countries, but now it is one country.

**Greece**

The Olympics are from here.  
Prince Philip, the husband of Queen Elizabeth, was born here.  
The Parthenon is on the Acropolis here.  
Santorini Island is here.

**Hong Kong**

It was British.

It is Chinese.

It is very small.

The actor Jackie Chan was born here

**Holland/ The Netherlands**

The painter (Vincent) Van Gogh was born here.

It is flat.

Belgium and Germany are next to this country.

Edam cheese and gouda cheese are from here.

The tulips and windmills here are famous.

**India**

There are many people.

It was British.

It is hot.

The food is spicy.

The Taj Mahal is here.

Gandhi was born here.

**Italy**

The painters Leonardo DaVinci and Michaelangelo were born here.

The British nurse Florence Nightingale was born here.

The explorer Christopher Columbus was born here.

The Colosseum and Leaning Tower of Pisa are here.

Pizza and spaghetti are from here.

Mozzarella cheese is from here.

Ferrari and Lamborghini sports cars are from here.

**Japan**

Kyoto and Nara were capital cities but Tokyo is the capital city now.

Toyota, Honda and Nissan cars are from here.

The martial arts judo, kendo and karate are from here.

Nintendo and Sony video games consoles are from here.

Mount Fuji is here.

Akita and Shiba dogs are from here.

**Jamaica**

It was British.

Reggae music is from here.

Jerk chicken is from here.

Musicians Bob Marley and Sean Paul were born here.

The national language is English.

The sprinter Usain Bolt was born here.

**Mexico**

It was Spanish.  
It is next to the USA.  
The food is spicy.  
The national language is Spanish.  
Tacos and nachos are from here.

**New Zealand**

Auckland was the capital city but Wellington is the capital city now.  
The national languages are English and Māori.  
Kiwis and kakapos are birds from here.  
Bungee jumping here is famous.  
The haka Māori dance is from here.  
Manuka honey is from here.

**Poland**

The scientists Marie Curie and Copernicus were born here.  
The composer Chopin was born here.  
The gingerbread here is famous.

**Portugal**

The footballer (Cristiano) Ronaldo was born here.  
The football manager José Mourinho was born here.  
The explorer Vasco da Gama was born here.

**Russia/ The Soviet Union/ The USSR**

The first man in space Yuri Gagarin was born here.  
The first satellite Sputnik was from here.  
St Petersburg was the capital city but Moscow is the capital city now.

**South Africa**

Elon Musk was born here.  
Nelson Mandela was president here.  
There are zebras and lions here.  
DeBeers diamonds are from here.

**South Korea**

It is very cold in winter.  
The food is spicy.  
Kimchi is from here.  
K pop is from here.  
The airline Asiana is from here.  
It is next to North Korea.

**Spain**

The artists (Pablo) Picasso and Salvador Dalí were born here.  
Andrés Iniesta and Rafael Nadal are sportsmen from here.  
Flamenco music is from here.  
The football teams Real Madrid and Barcelona are here.

### Sweden

Alfred Nobel of the Nobel Prizes was born here.  
IKEA is from here.  
Some Vikings were from here.

### Thailand

The spicy foods green curry and red curry are from here.  
There are tuk-tuks here.

### Turkey

The foods kebabs and dondurma stretchy ice cream are from here.  
Istanbul was the capital city but Ankara is the capital city now.

### The UK

The scientists (Isaac) Newton and Charles Darwin were born here.  
The actors Tom Holland and Charlie Chaplin were born here.  
The singer Harry Styles was born here.  
The national language is English.  
Buckingham Palace is here.  
The sports badminton, rugby, golf and football are from here.  
The football teams Manchester City and Liverpool are here.  
The characters Winnie the Pooh and Harry Potter are from here.

### The USA

George Washington and Abraham Lincoln were president here.  
Haagen Daz ice cream is from here.  
The national language is English.  
People from here were on the moon.  
Helen Keller was born here.  
Walt Disney was born here.  
Martin Luther King was born here.  
The companies Facebook, Apple, Google, Microsoft and Starbucks are from here.  
The drink Coca Cola is from here.

### Grammar presentation

*Ask about hints above you don't understand, think could be wrong nowadays, etc. Then put one word into each gap here without looking above:*

**Canada:** It \_\_\_\_\_ cold.

The national languages \_\_\_\_\_ English and French.

**Austria:** Adolf Hitler \_\_\_\_\_ born here.

The classical music composers Mozart and (Johan) Strauss \_\_\_\_\_ born here.

**Australia:** Melbourne \_\_\_\_\_ the capital city, but Canberra \_\_\_\_\_ the capital city now.

*Check above. What are the differences between those four words? Which two words above go with "it"? Which go with "they"?*

*Test each other on similar language from above by reading sentences with "is", "are", "was", or "were" taken out and replaced by "BLANK", "BEEP", etc.*