SELECT names

name	continent
Afghanistan	Asia
Albania	Europe
Algeria	Africa
Andorra	Europe
Angola	Africa
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Pattern Matching Strings

This tutorial uses the **LIKE** operator to check names. We will be using the SELECT command on the table **world**:

1.

You can use WHERE name LIKE 'B%' to find the countries that start with "B".

• The % is a wild-card it can match any characters

Find the country that start with Y

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE 'Y%'

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Yemen

2.

Find the countries that end with y

9/25/25, 12:53 PM SELECT names - SQLZoo SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '%y' Submit SQL restore default **Correct answer** name Turkey Germany Hungary Italy

Norway

Vatican City

Paraguay

Luxembourg has an \mathbf{x} - so does one other country. List them both.

Find the countries that contain the letter x

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '%x%'

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Luxembourg

Mexico

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4.

Iceland, Switzerland end with land - but are there others?

Find the countries that end with land

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '%land'

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name		
Swaziland		
Thailand		
Finland		
Iceland		
Ireland		
Poland		
Switzerland		

5.

Columbia starts with a C and ends with ia - there are two more like this.

Find the countries that start with C and end with ia

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE 'C%IA'

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Cambodia

Colombia

Croatia

1.

6.

Greece has a double **e** - who has a double **o**?

Find the country that has oo in the name

SELECT name FROM world
WHERE name LIKE '%oo%'

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Cameroon

1.

7.

Bahamas has three **a** - who else?

Find the countries that have three or more a in the name

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '%A%A%A%'

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name	
Central African Republic	
Equatorial Guinea	
Madagascar	
Mauritania	
Sao Tomé and PrÃncipe	
Tanzania	
Afghanistan	

8.

India and Angola have an **n** as the second character. You can use the underscore as a single character wildcard.

```
SELECT name FROM world
WHERE name LIKE '_n%'
ORDER BY name
```

Find the countries that have "t" as the second character.

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '_t%' ORDER BY name

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Ethiopia

Italy

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Lesotho and Moldova both have two o characters separated by two other characters.

Find the countries that have two "o" characters separated by two others.

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '_%o__o%'

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name	
Congo, Democratic Republic of	
Congo, Republic of	
Lesotho	
Morocco	
Sao Tomé and PrÃncipe	
Mongolia	
Moldova	

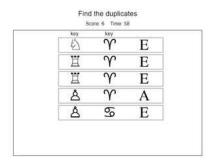
10.

Cuba and Togo have four characters names.

Find the countries that have exactly four characters.



Play Find the Duplicates (https://sqlzoo.net/brain/bt.htm)



Find the Duplicates Game

Harder Questions

Well done for getting this far.

The next questions are optional and only for students who are finding the basic questions too easy.

11.

The capital of **Luxembourg** is **Luxembourg**. Show all the countries where the capital is the same as the name of the country

Find the country where the name is the capital city.

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE capital

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Djibouti

Luxembourg

San Marino

Singapore

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12.

The capital of **Mexico** is **Mexico** City. Show all the countries where the capital has the country together with the word "City".

Find the country where the capital is the country plus "City".

The concat function

```
SELECT name
  FROM world
WHERE capital = concat(name, ' city')
```

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Guatemala

Kuwait

Mexico

Panama

13.

Find the capital and the name where the capital includes the name of the country.

```
SELECT capital, name
  FROM world
WHERE capital LIKE concat('%', name, '%')
```

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

capital	name
Andorra la Vella	Andorra
Djibouti	Djibouti
Guatemala City	Guatemala
Kuwait City	Kuwait
Luxembourg	Luxembourg
Mexico City	Mexico
Monaco-Ville	Monaco
Panama City	Panama
San Marino	San Marino
Singapore	Singapore

14.

Find the capital and the name where the capital is an extension of name of the country.

You *should* include **Mexico City** as it is longer than **Mexico**. You *should not* include **Luxembourg** as the capital is the same as the country.

SELECT capital, name
FROM world
WHERE capital LIKE concat(name, '%') AND
CHAR_LENGTH(capital) > CHAR_LENGTH(name)

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

capital	name
Andorra la Vella	Andorra
Guatemala City	Guatemala
Kuwait City	Kuwait
Mexico City	Mexico
Monaco-Ville	Monaco
Panama City	Panama

15.

The capital of Monaco is **Monaco-Ville**: this is the name **Monaco** and the extension is **-Ville**.

Show the name and the extension where the capital is a proper (non-empty) extension of name of the country.

You can use the SQL function REPLACE.