SELECT names

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name	continent
Afghanistan	Asia
Albania	Europe
Algeria	Africa
Andorra	Europe
Angola	Africa

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%'



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Correct answer

name Yemen

2.



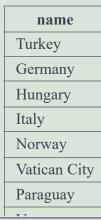
Find the countries that end with \boldsymbol{y}

SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '%y'



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Correct answer



3.



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%'

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Correct answer

name

Luxembourg

Mexico

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'



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Correct answer

name
Swaziland
Thailand
Finland
Iceland
Ireland
Poland
Switzerland

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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

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Correct answer

name

Cambodia

Colombia

Croatia

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%'



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Correct answer

name

Cameroon

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%'



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Correct answer

name	
Central African Republic	
Equatorial Guinea	
Madagascar	
Mauritania	
Sao Tomé and PrÃncipe	
Tanzania	
Afghanistan	
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8.



India and Angola have an \mathbf{n} as the second character. You can use the underscore as a single character wildcard.

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

9.



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	

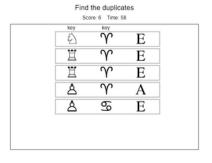


Cuba and Togo have four characters names.

Find the countries that have exactly four characters.

2/14/25, 2:50 PM SELECT name FROM world WHERE name LIKE '____' Submit SQL restore default **Correct answer** name Chad Mali Togo Iran Iraq Laos Oman

Play Find the Duplicates



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.





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 capital like name;

Submit SQL

restore default

Correct answer

name

Djibouti

Luxembourg

San Marino

Singapore

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 like 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
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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 capital!=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



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.

select name,replace(capital,name,'') from world
where capital like concat('%',name,'%') and capital!=name;

Submit SQL

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Correct answer

name	replace(capital,name,")
Andorra	la Vella
Guatemala	City
Kuwait	City
Mexico	City
Monaco	-Ville
Panama	City

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