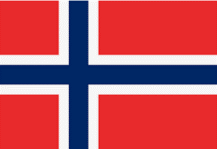
**Norway - The Land of Mountains** 

**Most of Norway is made up of mountains**. The slopes near the sea are steep, and there are **fjords** between them. **Fjords are deep bays that reach inland from the sea**. The mountains have an effect on everyday life in Norway. The mountains and fjords make moving from place to place difficult in Norway. Hundreds of tunnels for car and train traffic have been built to make moving from place to place easier. Climate in Norway is **maritime climate.**

The mountains and electricity are also connected in Norway. **There are lots of rapids and falls in the rivers flowing down the mountainsides.** **Hydroelectric power plants** have been built into the rivers. They produce almost all the electricity used in Norway.

**There are about 5.3 million people in Norway. Most of the population is on the coast and in the lowlands because building in the mountains is difficult**. The biggest cities are the capital Oslo, Bergen and Trondheim. Norway is a constitutional monarchy and the king of Norway, Harald V, has been the king since 1991. The parliament is called Stortinget. Map

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**Norway is situated on the Scandinavian peninsula on the cost of the Atlantic Ocean.** The country is long and narrow in shape. Norway’s neighbours are Finland and Russia in the north and Sweden in the east. The sea areas around Norway are the North Sea, the Norwegian Sea and the Barents Sea.

Norway is one of the richest countries in the world due to its deposits of oil and natural gas. **Both deposits of oil and natural gas can be found deep under the bottom of the sea.** The production and refinement of oil offers jobs to lots of people. Fishing is also a traditional and important industry in Norway.

Fjord – a bay that reaches to inlandA picture containing nature, mountain, ravine

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Oslo is the capital city of Norway. A picture containing sky, water, boat, outdoor

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