



# WORLD GEOGRAPHY FACTFILE

## FAMOUS POLITICAL BOUNDARIES

Durand Line	Afghanistan & Pakistan
MacMahon Line	India & China
Maginot Line	France & Germany
Radcliffe Line	India & Pakistan
38th Parallel	North & South Korea
49th Parallel	USA & Canada
16th Parallel	Namibia & Angola

## RIVERS AS INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES

R Rio Grande	Mexico & USA
R Amur	China & Russia
R Limpopo	S Africa & Botswana; and S Africa & Zimbabwe
R Zambezi	Zambia & Zimbabwe
R Orange	S. Africa & Namibia
R Mekong	Cambodia & Thailand, Myanmar
R Salween	Myanmar & Thailand
R Danube	Romania & Bulgaria, Yugoslavia
R Uruguay	Uruguay & Brazil
R Parana	Paraguay & Argentina, Brazil
R Oder	Germany & Poland

## CITIES ON RIVER BANKS

City	River
Alexandria	Nile
Baghdad	Tigris
Bangkok	Chao Phraya (Maenam)
Belgrade	Danube
Bonn	Rhine
Budapest	Danube
Cairo	Nile
Lahore	Ravi
Linz	Danube
London	Thames
Moscow	Moskava
Montreal	Ottawa
Karachi	Indus
New York	Hudson
Paris	Seine
Quebec	St. Lawrence
Rome	Tiber
Shanghai	Chang Jiang
Tokyo	Sumida
Vienna	Danube
Washington	Potamac
Yangon	Irrawady



## MINERALS AND ORES

Aluminum	Bauxite
Chromium	Chromite
Copper	Chalcopyrite, Chalcocite
Iron	Hematite, Magnetite, Limonite
Lead	Galena
Magnesium	Magnesite, Dolomite
Manganese	Pyrolusite
Mercury	Cinnabar
Nickel	Pentlandite
Silver	Argentite
Tin	Cassiterite
Titanium	Ilmenite
Tungsten	Wolframite
Uranium	Uraninite (Pitchblende)

## MINING TOWNS

Donbas (Ukraine)	Coal
Butte (US)	Copper
Bingham (US)	Gold
Kimberley (S Africa)	Diamond
Wankie (Zimbabwe)	Coal
Witwatersrand (S Africa)	Gold
Mt Tom Price (Australia)	Iron
Sullivan (Canada)	Zinc, Silver, Lead
Katanga (Zaire-Zambia)	Copper, Cobalt
Sudbury (Canada)	Nickel, Copper
Karaganda (Kazakhstan)	Coal
Baku (Azerbaijan)	Crude Oil
Ruhr-Westphalia (Germany)	Coal
Mesabi (US)	Iron
Kuzbas (Russia)	Coal
Maracaibo (Venezuela)	Crude Oil
Kalgoorlie (Australia)	Gold, Nickel
Chuquibambilla (Chile)	Copper
Broken Hill (Australia)	Zinc, Silver, Lead
Krivoy Rog (Ukraine)	Iron
Magnitogorsk (Russia)	Iron
Texas & Louisiana (US)	Oil, Sulphur
Lorraine (France)	Iron
Saar (Germany-France)	Coal
Carajas (Brazil)	Iron



## GREAT DESERTS

Name	Country/Region
Sahara (Libyan, Nubian)	N Africa
Australian (Gibson, Simpson, Victorian, Great Sandy)	Australia
Arabian (Rub'al Khali, An-Nafud)	Arabia
Dast-e-Lut (Barren Desert)	Iran
Dast-e-Kavir (Salt Desert)	Iran
Desierto de Sechura	Peru
Atacama	N Chile
Patagonia	Argentina
Kalahari	Botswana
Namib	Namibia
Thar	NW India
Negev	Israel
Ordos	China
Takla Makan	China
Gobi	Mongolia, China
Kara Kum	Turkmenistan
Kyzyl Kum	Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan
Mohave	S California, N America
Sonoran	N America, Mexico
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kara Kum and Kyzyl Kum together are known as the Turkestan Desert</li> </ul>	

## IMPORTANT STRAITS

Name	Links
Bab-el-Mandeb	Red Sea and Arabian Sea
Berring	Arctic Ocean and Pacific Ocean (Bering Sea)
Bosporous	Black Sea and Sea of Marmara
Dardanelles	Sea of Marmara and Aegean Sea
Dover	North Sea and English Channel
Florida	Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic
Gibraltar	Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean
Magellan	South Pacific and South Atlantic Ocean
Malacca	Andaman Sea (Bay of Bengal) and Java Sea (South China Sea)
Palk	Bay of Bengal and Palk Bay
Tartar Strait	Sea of Japan and Sea of Okhotsk



## IMPORTANT SHIPPING CANALS

Name	Location
Belomorsk	Baltic & White Sea
Gotta	Sweden
Suez	Egypt
Volga-Moscow	Russia
Kiel	Germany
Volga-Don	Russia
Panama	Central America
Manchester	England
Welland	Ontario, Canada
Sault Sainte Marie Canals (Soo Canal)	USA-Canada

## SUPERLATIVES

Superlatives	Land
Largest Continent	Asia
Smallest Continent	Australia
Largest North to South stretch of land	Americas
Highest mountains	Himalayas
Highest, extinct volcano	Cerro Aconcagua, Argentina
Highest active volcano	Ojas del Salado
Most active volcano	Kilauea, Hawaii
Largest glacier	Siachen glacier
Driest place	Atacama desert
Rainiest place	Mawsynram
Lowest temperature	Vostok, Antarctica
Highest temperature	Al-Aziziyah, Libya
Highest & largest plateau	Quinghai-Tibet
Lowest point on the earth	Dead Sea (Israel-Jordan)
Largest peninsula	Arabia
Biggest desert	Sahara (Africa)
Largest island	Greenland (Kalaalit Nunaat)
Largest gorge	Grand Canyon, Colorado river, Arizona
Highest waterfall	Angel Falls, Venezuela
Longest coral reef	Great Barrier Reef, Australia
Largest archipelago	Indonesia
Largest Ocean	Pacific
Smallest Ocean	Arctic
Deepest Ocean	Pacific
Deepest point in the ocean	Mariana Trench (the Philippines)
Greatest ocean depth	Challenger Deep (10,900 m), Pacific Ocean
Greatest tides	Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia
Largest sea (Not deepest)	South China Sea