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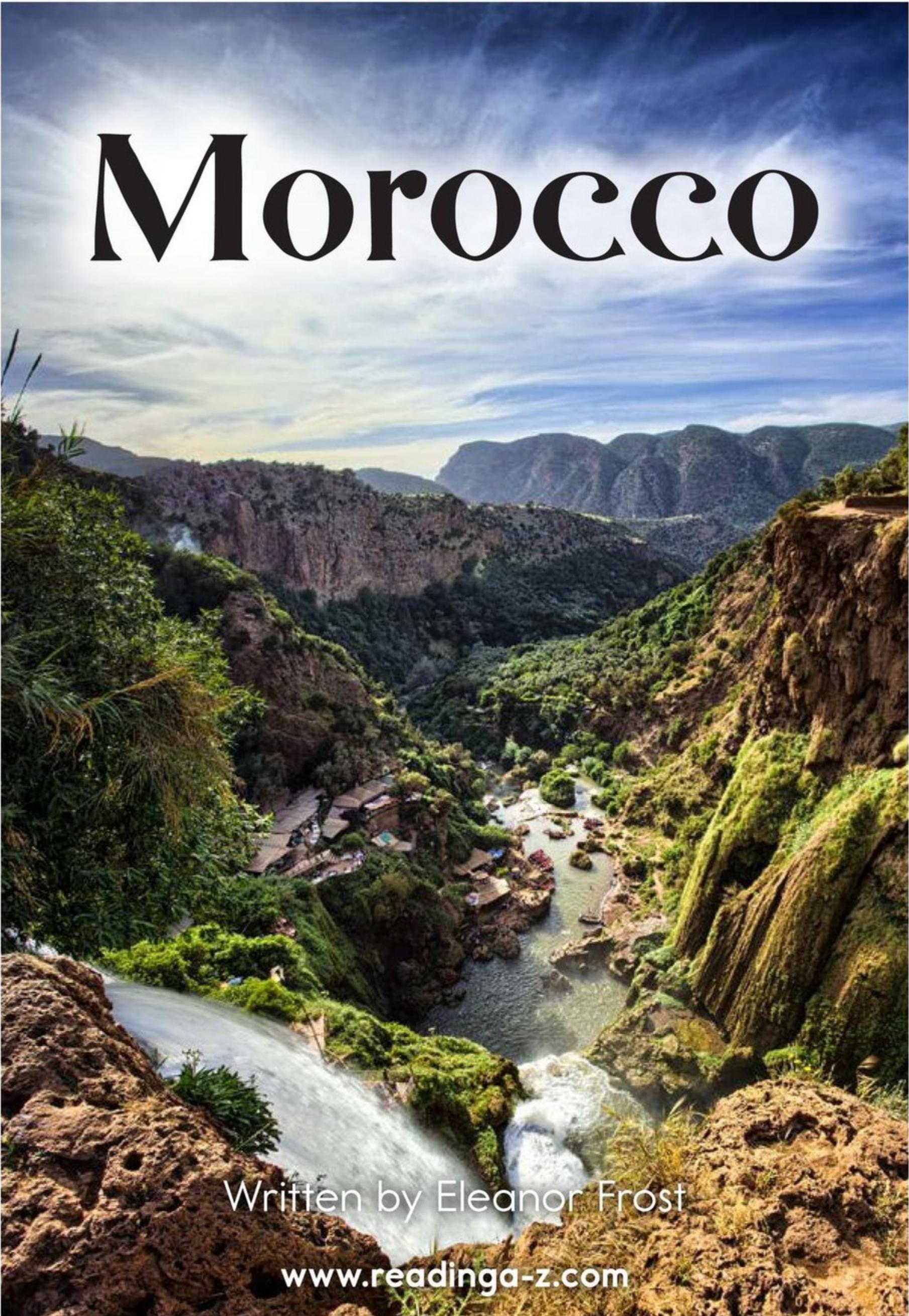
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Focus Question

What makes Morocco an interesting country?

Words to Know

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oasis
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religion

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Title page: On top of a Moroccan waterfall

Page 3: Children in the capital of Rabat

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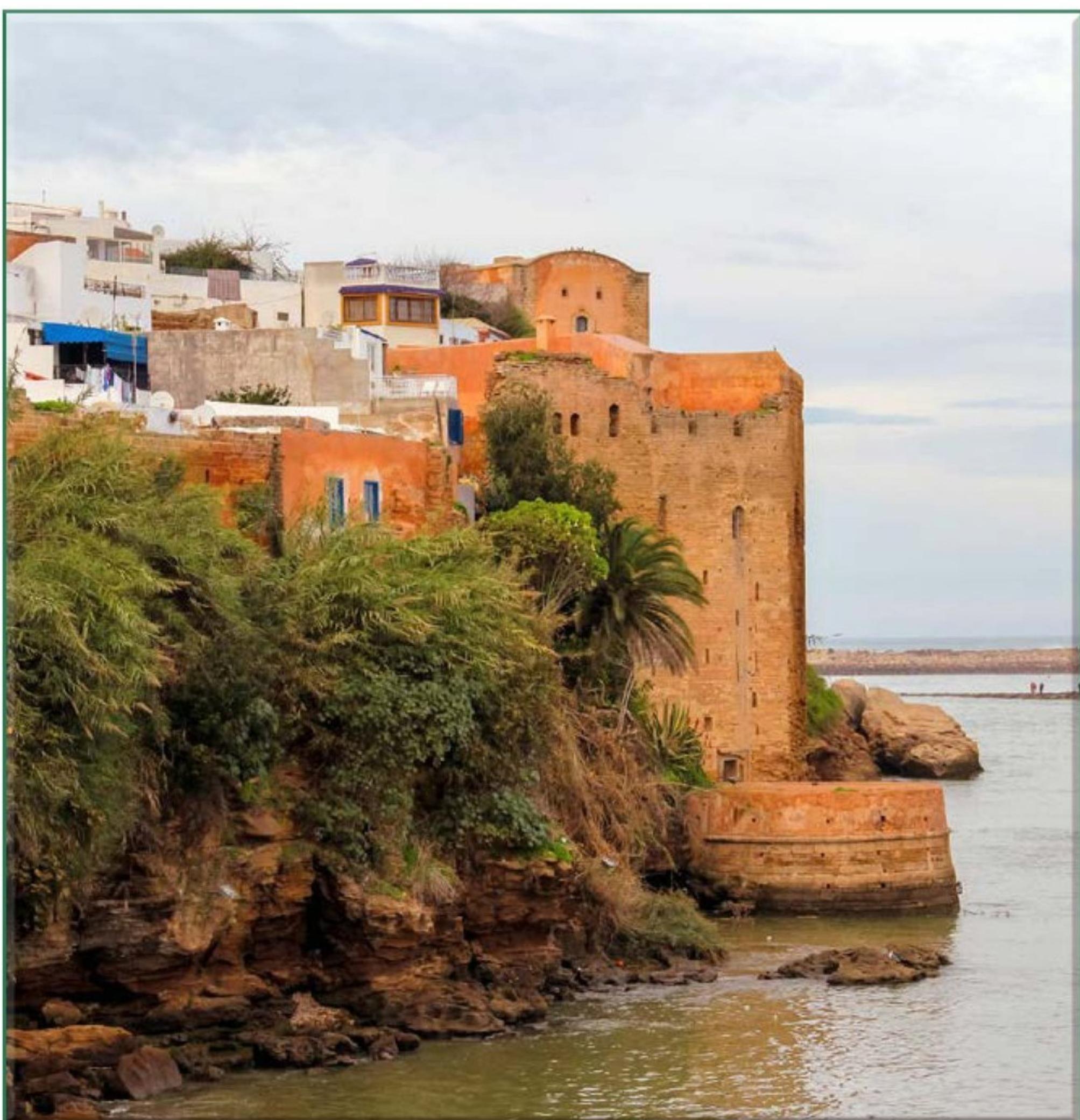
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Where Is It?

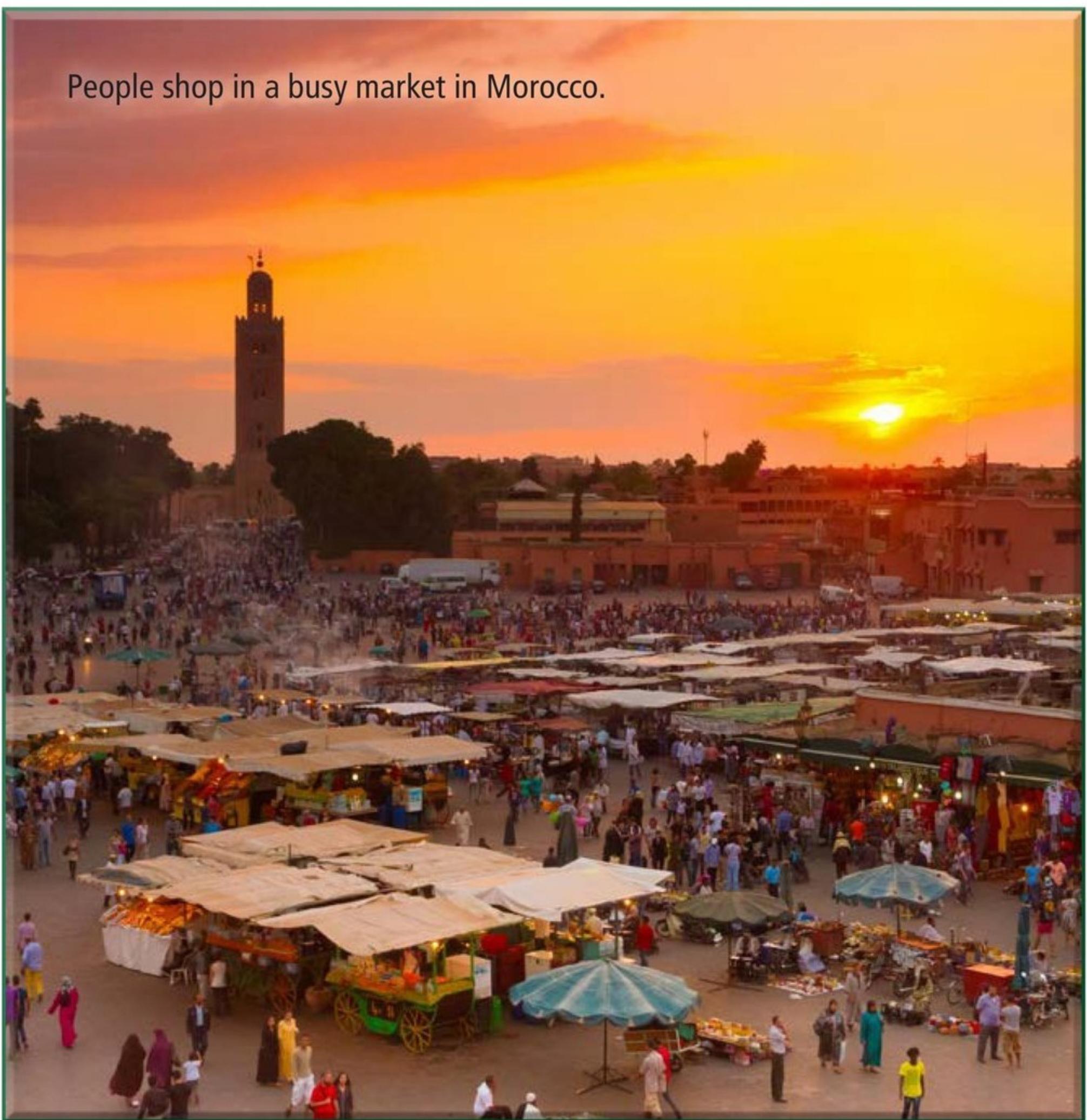
Morocco is a country that is just a little smaller than the country of Spain. It is in northwestern Africa and has coasts along the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea.

The capital of Morocco is Rabat. The city is more than eight hundred years old. From the 1600s to the 1800s, Rabat was home to pirates. The pirates sailed from North Africa to raid European countries.



Rabat is next to the Atlantic Ocean.

People shop in a busy market in Morocco.



People

About two-thirds of the people in Morocco live in cities. People in the cities like seeing movies, going out to eat, shopping, and going to the beach. Men like to get together in cafés to watch soccer matches on TV.

About one-third of the people are farmers. Morocco has mild weather, so farmers who have enough water can grow **crops** easily. **Religion** is important in Morocco, and almost all of the people are **Muslim**. People mainly speak Arabic and Berber.



A Moroccan farmer's donkey carries hay.

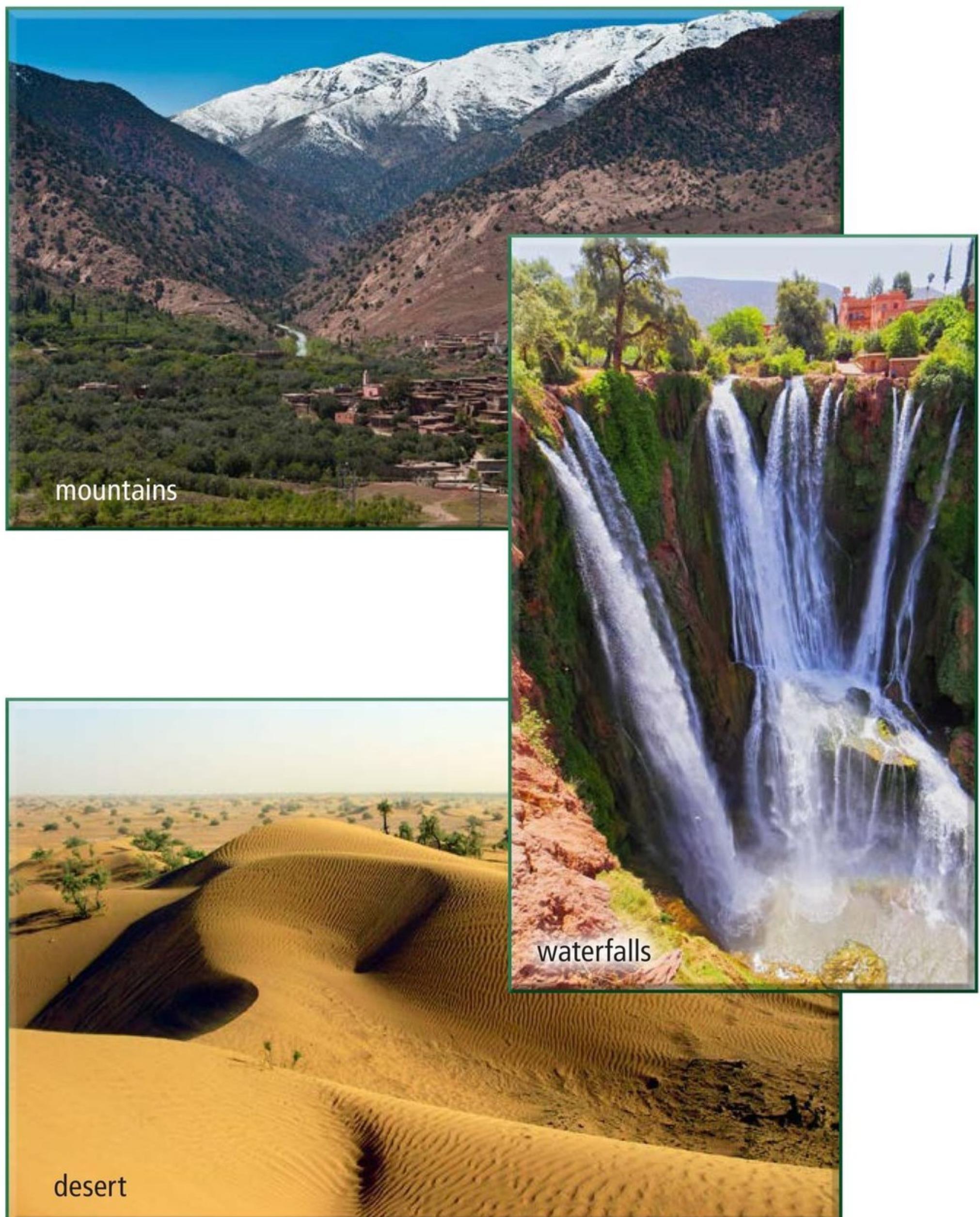
Morocco's Landforms



Land

Morocco has many snowy mountains. It also has forests, streams, and even waterfalls on its lands. It is home to part of the Sahara Desert as well. In the desert, few plants live except those that grow near an **oasis**.

The weather along the coast is mild. However, in other areas it gets quite hot in the summer and quite cold in the winter.





History

A Muslim king founded Morocco more than twelve hundred years ago. In the 1800s, Spain and France took control of it. Morocco became a free country once again in 1956. Today, Morocco has a king and a prime minister.



Moroccan flamingos

Animals

There are interesting animals in Morocco. Many kinds of birds live there. Ducks, storks, and other birds travel to Morocco in the winter.

Camels, though, are the most famous animals in the country. Visitors can take camel rides through Morocco.





Morocco also has a kind of monkey called the Barbary macaque (mu-KAK). The Barbary macaque lives in the forests. Foxes live in the desert. They are the smallest foxes on earth. They sleep during the day and are active at night.





People often serve couscous with different kinds of meat and vegetables.

Food

Many people from around the world love the food of Morocco.

People in Morocco often eat a tiny round pasta called couscous. They also eat most kinds of meat. One dish is a flaky crust filled with meat. It is topped with sugar. Some people in Morocco like to drink a sweet mint tea with their meals.

A man rides his donkey in the mountains of Morocco.



Conclusion

Morocco has snowy mountains, green fields, golden sand **dunes**, and nice beaches. Morocco is home to many interesting people and animals. Its food is famous all around the world. Morocco is an ancient and beautiful country.



Population: 33,322,699

Land: 446,300 square kilometers
(172,317 sq. mi.)

Capital City: Rabat

Primary Languages: Arabic, Berber

Primary Religion: Islam

Name of Currency: dirham



Source: Central Intelligence Agency World Factbook (2016)

Glossary

crops (<i>n.</i>)	plants grown by farmers for food or other uses (p. 7)
dunes (<i>n.</i>)	hills of sand formed by winds (p. 14)
Muslim (<i>adj.</i>)	of or relating to people who follow the religion of Islam (p. 7)
oasis (<i>n.</i>)	a place with water and plants in a desert (p. 8)
prime minister (<i>n.</i>)	the leader of the government in many countries (p. 10)
religion (<i>n.</i>)	a system of beliefs and practices in service or worship of God or gods (p. 7)

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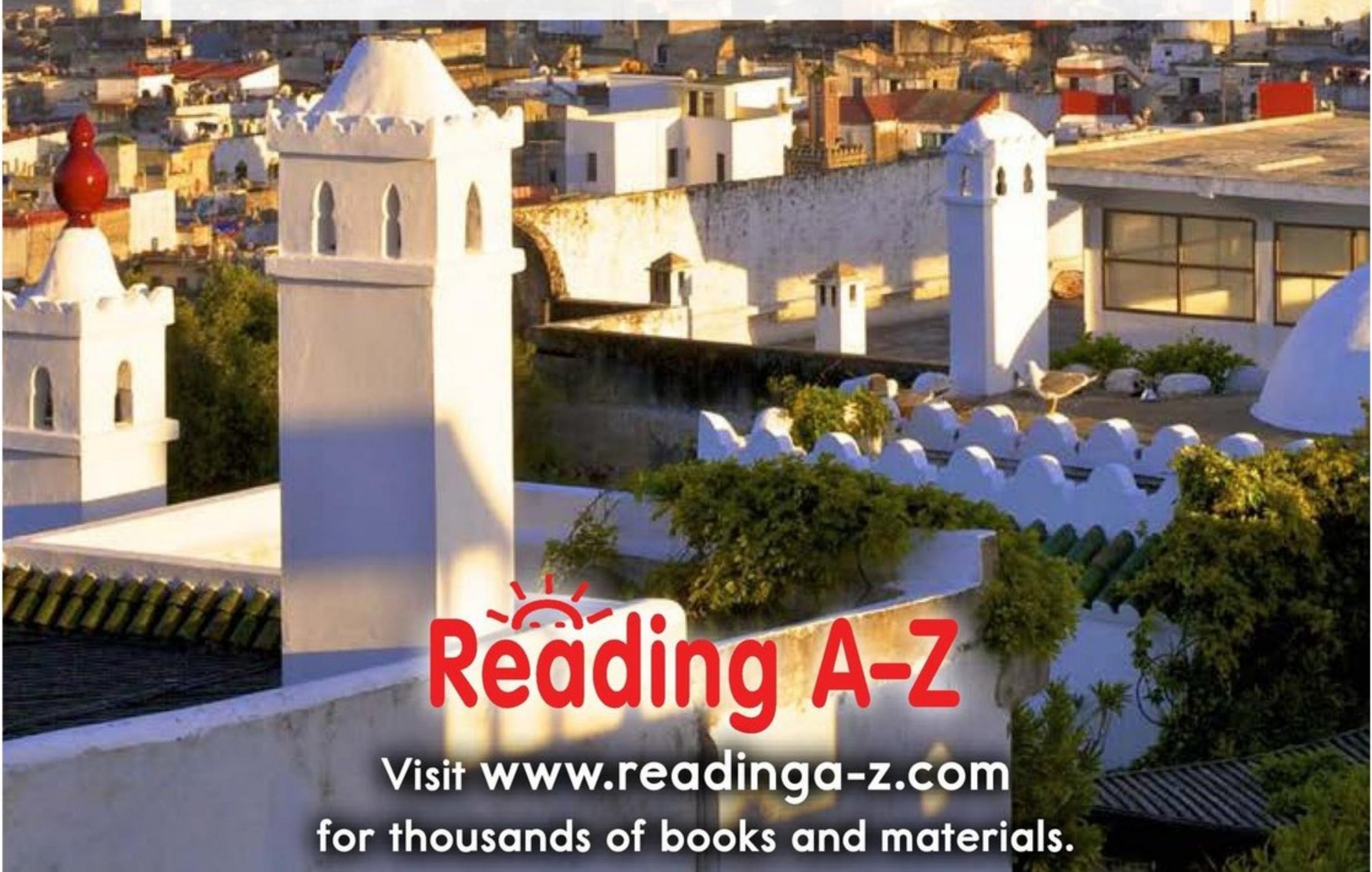
Connections

Writing

Write an acrostic poem describing Morocco. Use the word Morocco as the acrostic. Each letter in the word begins a line of your poem.

Science and Art

Choose one animal that lives in Morocco. Make a poster about that animal. Use information from the book and outside resources.



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