

WRITING *Country and language report*

GOAL *I can write a report about a country.*



1 Read the model text and match the paragraphs 1–3 with these topics.

___ Languages ___ Population ___ Where it is



Country and language report: Canada

1 Canada is a large country in North America. It's got a border with the United States in the south. The Atlantic Ocean is to the east of Canada and the Pacific Ocean is to the west. The capital of Canada is Ottawa and the currency is the Canadian dollar.

2 The official languages of Canada are English and French. Most Canadians speak English, but French is the main language in the Quebec area. All students study English and French in schools, but people also study Spanish, German and Mandarin.

3 The population of Canada is about 34 million and a lot of people from other countries live and work there. In big cities, like Vancouver and Toronto, over thirty per cent of the population comes from outside Canada. In particular, there are a lot of people from Europe, Asia and the USA, but there are also people from Africa and South America.

2 Answer the questions.

- 1 What nationality and languages are in the report?
- 2 What is the population of Canada?
- 3 What languages do people study in Canadian schools?
- 4 What is the capital city?
- 5 Which other parts of the world do a lot of people in Canada come from?

3 Look at the model text and complete the key phrases. Then write similar sentences for your country.

KEY PHRASES □ Country fact file

- 1 It's _____ the (USA) in the (south).
- 2 The _____ is to the _____ of (Canada).
- 3 Most (Canadians) _____ (English).
- 4 (French) is the _ language in _____
- 5 A lot of _____ from other countries live _____
- 6 In particular, there are _____ people from _____

Language point: Punctuation

4 Read the rules and look at the example sentences. Then find more examples in the model text.

□ RULES

1 We use capital letters at the beginning of a sentence, with names, countries, nationalities and languages.

Canada is a large country in North America.

2 We use commas in lists and for pauses.

... but people also study Spanish, German and Mandarin.

3 We use a full stop at the end of a sentence.

... a lot of people from other countries live and work there.

5 **ACTIVATE** Follow the steps in the writing guide.

□ WRITING GUIDE

A TASK

Write a *Country and language report* about your country.

B THINK AND PLAN

- 1 Where is your country?
- 2 What other countries has it got borders with?
- 3 What is the capital city and the currency?
- 4 What are the official languages and where do people speak them?
- 5 What languages do people study at school?
- 6 What is the population of your country?
- 7 Do many people of other nationalities live in your country? Where are they from?

C WRITE

Paragraph 1: The country

... is a (large) country in ...

Paragraph 2: Languages

The official language(s) of ...

Paragraph 3: People from other countries

The population of...

D CHECK

- punctuation • key phrases • paragraphs

References

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