

# GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA QUESTIONS V



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- 1> The Afars live, not near, but afar. Where?
- 2> If you're told to go to Hell, head north of Seven Mile Beach on what Caribbean island, where you will find limestone formations called Hell?
- 3> In what country would you find the only major city in the world that sits astride two continents?
- 4> What Swiss capital is home to tasty chocolates and to the international mail bureaucrats of the Universal Postal Union?
- 5> In 1507, cartographer Martin Waldseemueller called the Western Hemisphere "America." How did he say it got that name?
- 6> In what city's Russian Hill would you find Lombard Street, the "Crookedest Street in the World"?
- 7> Which country has the world's lowest birth rate?
- 8> Which river drains the world's largest basin and carries more water into the ocean than any other river?
- 9> What artificial feature has put Mount Lee on millions of postcards?
- 10> What people are found largely in the mountains of Algeria and Morocco, where they make up roughly a third of the population.
- 11> Hey, smarty-pants! What city has a suburb called Dum Dum, where smart people will find the main airport?
- 12> If you were to drive through Europe from Madrid to Warsaw, how many times would you have to set your watch because of changing time zones?
- 13> Yikes! Which state's motto gives us the stark option to "Live Free or Die"?

14> Until 1993, neither of Andorra's rulers were from Andorra. One was a Spanish bishop. Who was the other?

15> Which country is called Bharat by the locals, for a legendary ruler named Bharata?

### **Answers:**

1> The Horn of Africa - They inhabit parts of Ethiopia, Djibouti and Eritrea. Djibouti was once the French Territory of the Afars and Issas.

2> Grand Cayman - The name probably comes from a jagged black rock formation called phytokarst, which is formed by the erosion of limestone and dolomite by algae.

3> Turkey - This is Istanbul.

4> Bern - In the 1880s Bern hosted an important international convention on copyright.

5> From Amerigo Vespucci - Amerigo means "Henry" - the continents take a feminized and Latinized version of the name, so they are North and South Henrietta.

6> San Francisco - Its eight switchbacks connect Hyde and Leavenworth.

7> Vatican City - Because, of course, nobody at all is born there.

8> Amazon - A fifth of the world's moving fresh water goes through the Amazon, so much so that there is freshwater a hundred miles out to sea.

9> The giant letters spelling HOLLYWOOD - Mount Lee is the tallest peak in Los Angeles, and each letter in the sign is 45 feet tall.

10> Berber - The Barbary Coast, once known for its pirates, is named for them.

11> Calcutta - The name Dum Dum is derived from the Persian for a raised mound.

12> Never - You would change it in Portugal or the former Soviet Union.

13> New Hampshire - It has the most direct state representation in the country, with some 400 representatives and 24 senators.

14> President of France - In the 1000s, the bishop of Urgel asked a Spanish noble, the Lord of Caboet, to defend the country, and this role passed down through familial and political change until the bishop of Urgel shared power with the king, then president, of France.

15> India - The official name for India is Bharat, from Bharati, a legendary leader. In the Battle of the Ten Kings, King Sudas of Bharata tribe led the Aryans to defeat a coalition of other kings.

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