

**Descriptive Title:** Global Knowledge Game

**Introduction:** Many of the products in our catalog come from around the world and enable our students and customers to connect with the countries and cultures that the products come from. This game provides a fun way for children to build their global literacy and feel a greater connection to our world.

**Learning Outcomes:**

Students will:

- Build global knowledge
- Work cooperatively with other students
- Have fun

**Curriculum Alignment with the National Curriculum Standards for Social Studies, Early Grades (K-4):**

**III. People, Places, and Environments**

b. Interpret, use, and distinguish various representations of the earth, such as maps, globes, and photographs.

e. Locate and distinguish among varying landforms and geographic features, such as mountains, plateaus, islands, and oceans.

h. Examine the interaction of human beings and their physical environment, the use of land, building of cities, and ecosystem changes in selected locales and regions.

**Curriculum Alignment with the National Geography Standards:**

**I. The World in Spatial Terms**

STANDARD 1: How to use maps and other geographic representations, tools, and technologies to acquire, process, and report information.

STANDARD 3: How to analyze the spatial organization of people, places, and environments on Earth's surface.

**II. Places and Regions**

STANDARD 4: The physical and human characteristics of places.

**III. Physical Systems**

STANDARD 7: The physical processes that shape the patterns of Earth's surface.

STANDARD 8: The characteristics and spatial distribution of ecosystems on Earth's surface.

**IV. Human Systems**

STANDARD 9: The characteristics, distribution, and migration of human populations on Earth's surface.

STANDARD 10: The characteristics, distributions, and complexity of Earth's cultural mosaics.

STANDARD 11: The patterns and networks of economic interdependence on Earth's surface.

**Classroom Time Required:** 15 min. plus (as long as you'd like!)

**Materials Needed:**

- Set of Global Knowledge cards
- One world map, globe, or atlas for each group
- Blank paper

**Procedure:**

1. Assign students to mixed ability groups of 3-6 students.
2. Determine which group will go first.
4. The first player has 1 min. to confer with the other students in the group and answer the question. The map, globe, or atlas provided may be used. If the player answers correctly, the group gets a point. If the player answers incorrectly, the other groups may write the letter of the answer that they think is correct on a piece of blank paper and hold it up. Each correct answer is awarded a point. If the player does not answer before one minute is up, the question is opened to the other groups.
5. Play rotates to the next group.
6. On subsequent rounds, play rotates to another player in the group.
6. At the end of the game, the group with the most points wins.

**Modifications:**

- To make the game more challenging, eliminate the multiple choices and have students offer their own answers.
- To make the game less challenging, offer fewer answer choices.
- The game may be played by a small group or pairs by rotating who reads the question and eliminating opening up the question to other groups. Incorrectly answered questions get returned to the bottom of the pile.

**Links to other lesson plans and resources for building global knowledge:**

- Global IQ Quizzes from International Education Week: This website contains links to interactive quizzes that test and build students' global knowledge. Additional questions for use in the classroom game could be drawn from this site. The site can be accessed at: <http://iew.state.gov/quiz.htm>

- United Nations Cyber Schoolbus: This website contains informational materials for students and curriculum for teachers about all of the countries in the world and issues that affect the global community. The site may be accessed at: <http://www.un.org/Pubs/CyberSchoolBus/>

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# Global Knowledge Cards

<p>The most commonly spoken language in the world is:</p> <p>A. Chinese (Mandarin) B. Spanish C. English D. Hindi</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. Chinese (Mandarin). As of 2007, there were 873 million speakers of Chinese (Mandarin) in the world.</p>	<p>What is the most commonly spoken language in Afghanistan?</p> <p>A. English B. Arabic C. Farsi D. Urdu</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. Farsi is the spoken by 7 million people in Afghanistan.</p>
<p>Where is the tallest building in the world?</p> <p>A. Malaysia B. United States C. Taiwan D. Dubai</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. The tallest building in the world, as of 2007, is the Taipei 101 in Taipei, Taiwan.</p>	<p>How many nations are there in the world?</p> <p>A. 83 B. 207 C. 161 D. 194</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. As of 2008, there were 194 nations in the world.</p>
<p>Which continent is the largest?</p> <p>A. Asia B. Africa C. North America D. Europe</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. Asia contains 17, 212, 00 sq. miles or 23.6% of the Earth.</p>	<p>How many countries belong to the United Nations?</p> <p>A. 83 B. 207 C. 192 D. 161</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. 192 countries belong to the United Nations.</p>
<p>Which country claims control of Antarctica?</p> <p>A. The United States B. Russia C. South Africa D. At least 12 countries claim parts of</p>	<p>Which country is not a part of Central America?</p> <p>A. Costa Rica B. Guatemala C. Mexico</p>

<p>Antarctica.</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. At least 12 countries claim parts of Antarctica.</p>	<p>D. Panama</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C There are seven Central American countries, including Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama.</p>
<p>Which country is not considered part of the Middle East?</p> <p>A. Morocco B. Turkey C. Iraq D. Israel</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. The following countries are collectively known as the Middle East: Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Qatar, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen</p>	<p>Which country is not a part of Great Britain?</p> <p>A. England B. Canada C. Scotland D. Wales</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> B. Canada is a part of the British Commonwealth, but not Great Britain. Great Britain includes England, Scotland, and Wales.</p>
<p>As of 2008, how many countries are part of the European Union?</p> <p>A. 11 B. 35 C. 27 D. 18</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. The following countries are part of the European Union: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, and Sweden.</p>	<p>Which of the following countries is not a communist country?</p> <p>A. China B. Iraq C. Cuba D. Vietnam</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> B. Iraq is not a communist country. China, Cuba, Laos, North Korea, and Vietnams are currently the only communist countries in the world.</p>
<p>Which of the following territories is not under the jurisdiction of the United States?</p>	<p>By 2010, the population of the world is projected to be</p>

<p>A. Puerto Rico B. Guam C. Philippines D. Baker Island</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. The Philippines. The Philippines is an independent country with the 12<sup>th</sup> largest population in the world.</p>	<p>A. 2, 256, 009, 053 B. 4, 940, 827, 472 C. 6, 298, 208, 436 D. 6,848,932,929</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. The population of the earth is projected to be 6, 848, 932, 929 by the year 2010.</p>
<p>Which country has the largest area?</p> <p>A. Russia B. China C. Canada D. The United States</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. Russia is the largest country, followed by Canada, the United States, China, and Brazil.</p>	<p>Which country has the smallest area?</p> <p>A. Vatican City B. Monaco C. Cuba D. Portugal</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. The Vatican City is the smallest country, followed by Monaco, Nauru, Tuvalu, and San Marino.</p>
<p>Which country has the highest per capita GDP?</p> <p>A. United States B. Germany C. China D. Luxembourg</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. Luxembourg has the highest per capita GDP, followed by Equatorial Guinea, the United Arab Emirates, Norway, Ireland, and the United States.</p>	<p>Which countries have the lowest per capita GDP?</p> <p>A. India, Somalia, and Bangladesh B. Comoros, Somalia, Malawi, C. Burundi, China, and East Timor D. Tanzania, Afghanistan, Guinea-Bissau</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> B. Comoros, Somalia, and Malawi have the lowest per capita GDP, at \$600 per person per year.</p>
<p>Which country has the highest infant mortality rate?</p> <p>A. Afghanistan B. Angola</p>	<p>Which country has the lowest infant mortality rate?</p> <p>A. The United States B. Canada</p>

<p>C. Somalia D. Sierra Leone</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> B. Angola has the highest infant mortality rate.</p>	<p>C. Singapore D. Japan</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. The countries with the lowest infant mortality rates, in order, are: Singapore, Sweden, Japan, Iceland, France, Finland, Norway, Malta, Czech Republic, Andorra.</p>
<p>Which country has the highest life expectancy?</p> <p>A. The United States B. Japan C. Finland D. Andorra</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. Andorra has the highest life expectancy, followed by Japan, San Marino, Singapore, Sweden, Australia, Switzerland, France, Iceland, and Canada. These countries all have life expectancies in the 80's.</p>	<p>Which country has the lowest life expectancy?</p> <p>A. Swaziland B. Afghanistan C. Angola D. Sierra Leone</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. Swaziland. The countries with the lowest life expectancy include: Swaziland, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, South Africa, Malawi. These countries all have life expectancies in the 30's or 40's.</p>
<p>Which country has the lowest literacy level?</p> <p>A. Afghanistan B. Burkina Faso C. Malawi D. Angola</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> B. The literacy rate in Burkina Faso is 12.8 %.</p>	<p>Which country has the highest population?</p> <p>A. Russia B. India C. The United States D. China</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. China has the highest population, followed by India, the United States, Indonesia, Brazil, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Russia, Nigeria, and Japan.</p>
<p>Which city has the highest population?</p> <p>A. New York, NY B. Sao Paulo, Brazil C. Mumbai, India</p>	<p>Which of the following one of the three largest organized religious groups in the world?</p> <p>A. Judaism</p>

<p>D. Shanghai, China</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. Mumbai, India</p>	<p>B. Christianity C. Islam D. Hinduism</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. The largest organized religious groups in the world, in order, are: Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Judaism, Baha'ism, Confucianism, Jainism, and Shintoism.</p>
<p>What is the highest mountain in the world?</p> <p>A. Mt. McKinley B. Mt. Everest C. K2 D. Mt. Kilimanjaro</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> B. Mt. Everest, located in Nepal-Tibet, is the highest mountain in the world, reaching 29, 035 feet above sea level. It is part of the Himalayan mountain range.</p>	<p>What is the longest mountain range?</p> <p>A. The Rocky Mountains B. The Himalayan Mountains C. The Andes Mountains D. The Alps</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. The Andes mountains in South America stretch for 5000 miles.</p>
<p>What is the longest river in the world?</p> <p>A. The Nile B. The Amazon C. The Mississippi D. The Ganges</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. The Nile River in Africa is 4, 180 miles long.</p>	<p>Which country has the highest literacy rate?</p> <p>A. The United States B. Cuba C. Estonia D. Georgia</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. Georgia has a literacy rate of 100%. 42 countries in the world have a literacy rate of 99% or better.</p>
<p>Which country has the highest birth rate?</p> <p>A. Burkina Faso B. Democratic Republic of Congo C. Rwanda D. Afghanistan</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> B. The Democratic Republic of</p>	<p>Which country has the lowest birth rate?</p> <p>A. Japan B. Germany C. Singapore D. The United States</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> C. Singapore has a birth rate of 8.2</p>

<p>Congo has a birth rate of 49.6 births per 1000 persons.</p>	<p>births per 1000 people.</p>
<p>Which country is considered the “greenest?” (According to a Yale University ranking.)</p> <p>A. Switzerland B. Sweden C. Norway D. Finland</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> A. According to a Yale University ranking that looked at emissions, water purity, and conservation practices, Switzerland is the “greenest” country, followed by Sweden, Norway, Finland, Costa Rica, Austria, New Zealand, Latvia, Colombia, and France. The United States ranked 39<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Where is the hottest place on earth?</p> <p>A. Death Valley, CA B. Dallol, Ethiopia C. Cordoba, Argentinian D. El Azizia, Libya</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> D. A temperature of 136 degrees F was recorded at El Azizia, Libya in September, 1922.</p>