



2024-2025 Regional Tournament Study Guide – Gamma Question Set

Instructions: This study guide should be your first resource in preparing for the International Geography Bee Regional Tournaments on the Gamma Question Set. Many of the facts below are found at some point in the 120 questions that compose the Gamma Question Set. Thus we have selected these facts for this study guide to help make your preparation easier and more efficient. Other facts in the study guide will be contained within the Beta Question Sets later in the year, so this can also serve as a good introduction to those questions. Remember that the questions are all short paragraphs on a particular topic, so if a topic is referenced below, then it is a good idea to learn a bit more about it on your own (since additional facts about a topic will also be referenced in the question). It is also helpful to read the introduction of a Wikipedia page on a topic to gain additional context about why it is significant. Please also use the National Capitals Study Guide and our past question sets (especially Geography Bee Regional Finals questions from past years) which are both found [here](#). Many of the topics that are found in past years' questions will again be found in the questions at this year's Regional Tournaments, and at the Asian Championships too. Good luck!

African Geography

1. [Algeria](#), the largest African country by area, has its capital at [Algiers](#).
2. The [Nile River](#) is the longest river in Africa. It flows north through Sudan & [Egypt](#) before flowing into the [Mediterranean Sea](#).
3. An East African [channel](#) is named for [Mozambique](#), a Portuguese-speaking country with a capital at [Maputo](#).
4. The largest city by population in [Nigeria](#) is [Lagos](#), which once served as the country's capital.
5. The many endemic species of [Madagascar](#) include over 100 types of [lemur](#), including the ring-tailed variety.
6. [Lake Tanganyika](#) has a maximum depth of almost 5,000 feet and is part of [Africa's Great Lakes](#).
7. [Lesotho](#) is a landlocked country completely surrounded by South Africa. Its capital and largest city is [Maseru](#).

Asian Geography

1. [Tokyo](#), the capital of [Japan](#), is the world's largest urban area by population.
2. [India](#) & [Bangladesh](#) border the [Bay of Bengal](#), an arm of the Indian Ocean which receives the [Brahmaputra](#) & [Ganges Rivers](#).
3. While [Beijing](#) serves as the country's capital, [China](#)'s wealthiest city by GDP is [Shanghai](#).
4. The [cedar tree](#) is a national emblem of [Lebanon](#), a country in [the Levant](#) on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea that has its capital at [Beirut](#).
5. Located west of the [South China Sea](#), [Vietnam](#) is the most populous country on the continental mainland of [Southeast Asia](#).

6. Named for its high salinity, the shores of the [Dead Sea](#) are the [lowest land-based point on Earth](#).
7. [Petra](#) is an ancient, rock-carved city in [Jordan](#).
8. Gambling is a major industry in [Macau](#), a special administrative region of China and former [Portuguese colony](#).
9. Located in [Cambodia](#), [Angkor Wat](#) is the largest religious complex on Earth by total area.
10. [Mount Everest](#), the Earth's highest mountain above sea level, is a peak in the Himalayas.

Australia & Oceania Geography

1. A world famous [opera house](#) is located in the harbor of [Sydney, Australia](#).
2. Explorer [James Cook](#) names the [strait](#) that divides the two main islands of [New Zealand](#). These islands are called North Island and South Island.
3. [Easter Island](#), also known as Rapa Nui, belongs to the nation of Chile, but is considered part of Polynesia. It is known for its large statues of human heads known as *moai*.

European Geography

1. The [Trevi Fountain](#) and the Spanish Steps are tourist attractions located in [Rome](#), the capital of [Italy](#).
2. [Malta](#), one of Europe's few island countries, has its capital at [Valletta](#).
3. [Bavaria](#) is a [German state](#) known worldwide for its [Oktoberfest](#) celebration in [Munich](#).
4. [Tuscany](#) is a [region of Italy](#) known for its food and arts, especially in cities like [Pisa](#) and [Florence](#).
5. [Reykjavik](#), the capital of [Iceland](#), is the northernmost national capital in the world.
6. [Romania](#) is a country on the Balkan Peninsula of Europe that is bordered by [Ukraine](#) and [Hungary](#).
7. Located in Central Europe, [Liechtenstein](#) is the world's smallest country to border two other countries.
8. The [2024 Summer Olympics](#) were hosted in [Paris](#), France.
9. The [Alps](#) is a mountain range that borders France, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, Austria, and Slovenia.
10. The [Danube River](#) flows through ten Central and Eastern European countries, including Austria and Croatia.

U.S. & Canadian Geography

1. [San Francisco](#) is located at the southern end of the [Golden Gate Bridge](#), across from [Marin County](#).
2. [Victoria](#) and [Vancouver](#) are cities in the [Canadian province](#) of [British Columbia](#).
3. The city with the highest population in Canada's French-speaking province of [Quebec](#) is [Montreal](#).

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. [Mexico City](#) is both the largest city by population in [Mexico](#) and all of North America.
2. The [Galápagos Islands](#) are administered by [Ecuador](#). They are known for their unique wildlife including the world's northernmost species of penguin, and various species of finches which were studied by Charles Darwin.
3. [São Paulo](#) is the most populous city in [Brazil](#), as well as the largest city by population in both the western and southern hemispheres.
4. [Haiti](#) is a French-speaking island country in the [Caribbean](#) that has a capital at [Port-au-Prince](#).
5. [San Jose](#) is the capital of [Costa Rica](#), which is bordered by [Nicaragua](#) and [Panama](#).