



International Geography Bee

2024-2025 Regional Finals Study Guide – Alpha Question Set

Instructions: This study guide should be your first resource in preparing for the International Geography Bee that is run on the Alpha Set of questions for the 2024-2025 academic year. Most of the facts below are found at some point in the preliminary rounds of this Set. Thus, we have selected these facts for this study guide to help make your preparation easier and more efficient. This study guide is particularly meant to help new players and teams – not to determine the ultimate winner of the tournament. For that, you will need to do more preparation. In particular, we recommend reviewing the past questions that are posted on the website at www.ihbbeurope.com, www.iacompetitionsasia.com, or www.ihbbcandada.com as well as the other resources there, such as the Nationals Capitals Study Guide. 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 than what is listed here (since additional facts about a topic will also be referenced in the question). On the other hand, it is generally not helpful to memorize the dates of events or of famous people’s birth and death years, as those are provided below for historical context, not because we will likely ask for those. It is also helpful to read, at a minimum, the introduction of a Wikipedia page on a topic to gain additional context about why it is significant. Good luck!

African Geography

1. [Tripoli](#) is the capital of [Libya](#), a country that used a monochrome [flag](#) from 1977 to 2011.
2. [Senegal](#) is a country in West Africa that is bordered to its southeast by [Mali](#) and [Guinea](#).
3. The [Suez Canal](#) is an artificial waterway in [Egypt](#) that connects the [Mediterranean](#) and [Red Seas](#).
4. The map of Africa was redrawn in 2011 when [South Sudan](#) officially separated from [Sudan](#).
5. Spain controls the [Canary Islands](#), an archipelago off the coast of Africa that is named for its dogs.
6. [Lagos](#) and [Abuja](#) are two of the major cities of [Nigeria](#).

Asian Geography

1. The city of [Petra](#), [Jordan](#) was built into a sandstone rock face by the [Nabataean Kingdom](#).
2. [Laos](#), the only landlocked country in Southeast Asia, has its capital at [Vientiane](#) and contains the [Plain of Jars UNESCO World Heritage Site](#).
3. The [Gobi Desert](#) is a large, cold desert that is shared by China and [Mongolia](#).
4. [Myanmar](#) contains most of the course of the [Irrawaddy River](#).
5. The [Petronas Towers](#) are a pair of connected skyscrapers in [Kuala Lumpur](#), the capital of [Malaysia](#).
6. [Turkey](#)’s largest city is [Istanbul](#), a transcontinental metropolis that connects Europe and Asia.
7. In the region of [Southeast Asia](#), the largest city is [Jakarta](#), the capital of [Indonesia](#).

8. A hybrid creature called the [Merlion](#) is the national symbol of [Singapore](#), a city-state located off the [Malay Peninsula](#).
9. [Lake Baikal](#), located in eastern [Siberia](#), is the deepest lake in the world.

Australia & Oceania Geography

1. [New South Wales](#) is a state of [Australia](#) that has its capital at [Sydney](#).
2. The [Outback](#) is a vast region of Australia dominated by natural landscapes and inhospitable to human life.
3. One calendar day is divided from the next by the [International Date Line](#), which runs through several islands in [Oceania](#).

European Geography

1. [Vatican City](#) is one of several microstates in Europe, along with [San Marino](#), [Andorra](#), [Monaco](#), [Liechtenstein](#), and [Malta](#).
2. [Venice](#) is an [Italian](#) city built on a [lagoon](#) that has been heavily affected by rising sea levels.
3. The capital of [Portugal](#) is [Lisbon](#), which is home to the [Vasco da Gama Bridge](#).
4. The [Seine River](#) was the subject of a clean-up effort in advance of the [2024 Summer Olympics](#) in [Paris](#).
5. [Copenhagen](#), the capital of [Denmark](#), is connected to [Malmö](#), [Sweden](#) by the [Öresund Bridge](#).
6. [Russia](#) contains nearly all of the [Volga](#), the longest river in Europe.
7. The European Union is headquartered in [Brussels](#), the capital of [Belgium](#).
8. [Ireland](#) is the second-largest island of the [British Isles](#).
9. The capital of [Hungary](#) is [Budapest](#), one of the cities through which the [Danube](#) flows.

U.S. & Canadian Geography

1. [Calgary](#) and [Edmonton](#) are the two most well-known cities of the [Canadian](#) province [Alberta](#).
2. More than 70 streets have the name [Peachtree](#) in [Atlanta](#), the capital of [Georgia](#).
3. The largest U.S. state by area, [Alaska](#), notably hosts the annual Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.
4. The [Aloha Tower](#) is a former lighthouse in [Honolulu](#), the capital of [Hawaii](#).
5. [Crater Lake National Park](#) can be found in the [Cascades](#), a mountain range of the [Pacific Northwest](#).

Latin American and Caribbean Geography

1. The [Mexican state](#) of [Baja California](#) is home to [Tijuana](#), a heavily touristed border city located across from [San Diego](#).
2. [Managua](#) is the capital of [Nicaragua](#), the largest country by area in [Central America](#).
3. A 'Sun Gate' is located at the entrance to [Machu Picchu](#), a citadel constructed by the [Incas](#).