Geography Challenge Questions for Key Parts of the World Map

1. Label the largest continent.

2. Label the smallest continent.

3. Locate the United States. Within its borders, label the two hemispheres in which it is located.

4. Locate Africa. Within its borders, label the hemispheres in which it is located.

5. Label the continent directly north of Africa.

6. Label the ocean that touches the shores of both Europe and South America.

7. Label the two continents that the equator runs through.

8. Label the ocean that lies north of Europe.

9. Label the ocean that touches the shores of both Asia and South America.

10. Label the ocean that lies to the south of Asia.
Geography Challenge Questions for Latitude and Longitude

1. Write the name of the parallel at 0˚ latitude.

2. Write the name of the meridian at 0˚ longitude.

3. Label the ocean where 15˚ south latitude and 90˚ east longitude is located.

4. Label the ocean where 45˚ north latitude and 45˚ west longitude is located.

5. Label the three continents through which 45˚ north latitude runs.

6. Label the ocean that lies at 75˚ north latitude.

7. Label the continent where 15˚ south latitude and 60˚ west longitude is located.

8. Label the continent where 30˚ south latitude and 135˚ east longitude is located.

9. Label the continent where 15˚ north latitude and 15˚ east longitude is located.

10. Label the ocean where 45˚ north latitude and 165˚ west longitude is located.
Geography Challenge Questions for Geographic Terms

1. Write the name given to a large area of sea or ocean that is partially enclosed and is larger than a bay.

2. Write the name given to a large body of salt water that is smaller than an ocean.

3. Write the name given to a body of fresh water that is completely surrounded by land.

4. Write the name given to a river or stream that flows into a main river.

5. Write the name given to a row of connected mountains.

6. Write the name given to a body of water that is similar to a gulf but usually smaller in size.

7. Write the name given to a piece of land that juts out into the water and is usually smaller or narrower than a peninsula.

8. Write the name given to a body of land that is surrounded by water.

9. Write the name given to a portion of land that is nearly surrounded by water and is connected with a larger body of land.

10. Write the name given to an area of land that is mostly flat and has few trees.

11. Write the name of the place where a river begins.

12. Write the name of the place where a river empties into a larger body of water.

13. Write the name given to a low area between ranges of mountains or hills.

14. Write the name given to a triangular-shaped area of land created by soil deposited at the mouth of a river.
Geography Challenge Questions for Physical Features

1. Label the ocean that lies off the West Coast of the United States.

2. Label the ocean that lies off the East Coast of the United States.

3. Label the large body of water that lies between Texas and Florida.

4. Label the four Great Lakes that form part of the border between Canada and the United States.

5. Label the flat land along the southern coast of the continental United States.

6. Label the largest river that empties into the Pacific Ocean.

7. Label the river that runs from the Rocky Mountains into the Mississippi River.

8. Label the river that runs northeast from Lake Ontario into the Atlantic Ocean.

9. Label the largest river in the United States, which has its source in Minnesota and its mouth in Louisiana.

10. Label the main river just west of the Appalachian Mountains that runs into the Mississippi River.

11. Label the river that forms part of the border between the United States and Mexico.

12. Label the large area of flat land found between the Rocky Mountains and the Mississippi River.

13. Label the main mountain range that runs through the eastern United States.

14. Label the first mountain range west of the Great Plains.

15. Label the high mountains in the far western part of the country that include the tallest peak in the continental United States.
Directions for the *Challenge Game*

**Creating Challenge Question Cards**

1. Before the game starts, each player gets an equal number (five or more) of index cards. Use the Interactive Desk Map to write questions like those shown on the next page. Write one Challenge Question and answer on one side of each card. On the other side, write one of these categories: “General Geography Skills,” “Geographic Features,” or “States and Capitals.” *(Hint: Write each category in a different color so you can sort the cards easily.)* Create about the same number of cards for each category.

2. Ask your teacher or another player to check the answer and category for each Challenge Question.

3. Sort the completed cards into three piles according to the categories. Then divide the pile for each category into as many groups of student pairs as will play the game (see below).

**Creating Groups and Arranging the Classroom**

1. Your teacher will assign you a partner. You will then join three or four other pairs to play the game. Arrange your desks as shown in the diagram.

2. Choose one pair to play the roles of Questioner and Score Keeper during Round 1. Rotate these roles for each round. (Your teacher will decide how many rounds to play and how long each round will be. For example, if each group has a total of 50 Challenge Question Cards, each round might use 10 Challenge Question Cards and the game will end after five rounds.) Place the sorted cards face down on the desk of the Questioner.

3. Give each student pair a team number or name, such as “Team 1,” or “Red Team.”

**Playing the Game**

1. The Questioner asks the teams a question from a card drawn from the top of the pile. Contestants use the Interactive Desk Map to find the answer. Then they raise their hands. The Questioner calls on the first team in which both contestants have their hands raised.

2. If the team answers correctly, the Score Keeper records one point for the team. The team loses one point for an incorrect answer. Another team may then answer. Once a team gives a wrong answer, it can’t try again until all teams have had a chance to answer. If no team answers correctly, the Questioner gives the correct answer.

3. The Questioner puts the used Challenge Question Cards in a separate pile.

4. The game ends when all the Challenge Question Cards have been used.
### GENERAL GEOGRAPHY SKILLS

**What city on the map is closest to 35 degrees north latitude, 110 degrees west longitude?**

*Answer: Gallup, New Mexico*

**What river is north of Austin, Texas?**

*Answer: Brazos River*

**What is the latitude of Columbus, Ohio?**

*Answer: 40 degrees north latitude*

### GEOGRAPHIC FEATURES

**What is the main mountain range in the eastern United States?**

*Answer: Appalachian Mountains*

**What large lake is west of Ogden, Utah?**

*Answer: Great Salt Lake*

**What is the main river between the Great Lakes and the Appalachian Mountains?**

*Answer: Ohio River*

### STATES AND CAPITALS

**What state capital lies between two large lakes?**

*Answer: Lansing, Michigan*

**What state has the longest Atlantic Ocean coastline?**

*Answer: Florida*

**What state is a peninsula surrounded by fresh water?**

*Answer: Michigan*