



DID YOU KNOW?

More travelers visit France than any other country in the world.



Information in *The World Almanac for Kids* comes in many different shapes and forms, including lists, tables, and graphs.

- A **list** is a column of facts recorded in order.
- A **table** lets you read across several columns of information.
- A **graph** or **chart** shows the relationship between facts.

FIND OUT MORE!

Look at the list of Most Visited Countries on page 248 of *The World Almanac for Kids*. Then answer these questions.

1 What were the second and third most popular countries for people to visit?

2 Which country got more visitors—Mexico or Turkey?

Now turn to page 198. Use the pie charts about elements to answer the following questions.

3 What is the most plentiful element in Earth's atmosphere?

4 True or false: There is more aluminum than silicon in Earth's crust?

5 What element makes up almost one-half of Earth's crust?

Finally, look at the pie chart, list, and graph on world population on page 182.

6 Which country has more people—Brazil or Indonesia?

7 What is the fifth-smallest country in the world in population?

8 In what year did the world population reach 5 billion?

MAKE CONNECTIONS

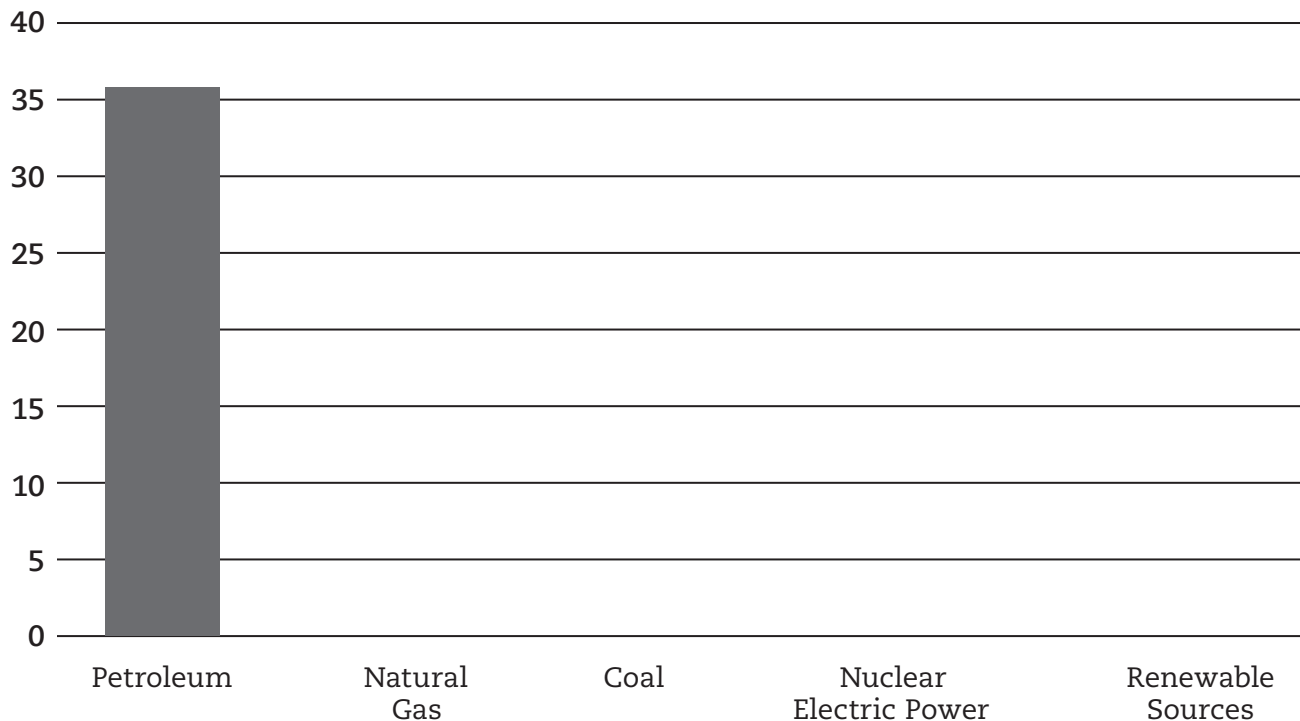
Locate the information below, and indicate whether the information is presented as a list, table, bar graph, line graph, or pie chart.

- 1 Largest Cities in the United States, page 185 _____
- 2 Sources of Carbon Dioxide Released by Burning Fossil Fuels in the U.S., page 78

- 3 How Fast Do Animals Run?, page 26 _____
- 4 Top 10 Nations with Largest Armed Forces, page 123 _____
- 5 World's Five Most Visited Amusement Parks, page 248 _____
- 6 The Growing U.S. Population, page 184 _____



A bar graph is used to compare amounts. Complete the bar graph below. Find *Where Does U.S. Energy Come From?* on page 72 of *The World Almanac for Kids*. Then draw and shade in vertical bars on the graph to show the sources of U.S. energy. The first one is done for you as an example.





DID YOU KNOW?

Uluru, or Ayers Rock, is the largest single rock in the world. You can find it in Australia.



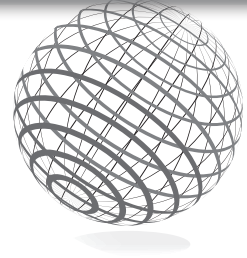
The World Almanac for Kids has lots of information about countries and the people who live in them. It's an easy and quick way to explore the world.

FIND OUT MORE!

Find the Nations section of *The World Almanac for Kids*. Use the information to complete this table.

	COUNTRY	CAPITAL	CONTINENT	POPULATION
1	Malaysia		Asia	
2		Tarawa		103,248
3		Ottawa	North America	
4			South America	45,745,783
5	Poland	Warsaw		
6	Zambia			14,222,233

- 7 Of these countries, which is the smallest by area?
a. Australia b. Mexico c. Kazakhstan d. Saudi Arabia
- 8 Of these countries, which has the most people living there?
a. Australia b. Mexico c. Kazakhstan d. Saudi Arabia
- 9 Based on your answers to the last two questions, what statement can you make about which of the four countries is the most crowded?



MAKE CONNECTIONS

So far, you've been using the Nations section of your almanac to find information about countries of the world, but global facts are scattered throughout *The World Almanac for Kids*.

Use the Index to find the answers to these questions. The boldfaced words should guide you to the answers. Write the page number of the answer in the parentheses, and write the country on the line.

- 1 The country that is home to the winner of tennis's 2013 French Open is () _____
- 2 The "mega-city" with the largest **population** in the world is in () _____
- 3 The country where a **railroad train** reached a speed of more than 185 miles per hour is () _____
- 4 The world's tallest **building**, the Burj Khalifa, is found in () _____
- 5 The country in which the **endangered** Amur Leopard lives is () _____
- 6 The country in which people have traditionally created **art** related to the "Dreamtime" is () _____
- 7 A 9.5 magnitude **earthquake** struck near this country in 1960 () _____
- 8 The **invention** of the diesel engine took place in () _____
- 9 The Elephant **Building**, shaped like this country's national animal, is found in () _____
- 10 The country that is the world's third-largest **energy** producer is () _____

Now learn more about a country that interests you. Begin by finding it on the map in *The World Almanac for Kids*. Then use the almanac to complete the profile.

Country _____ Capital _____

Major Languages _____

Area _____

Population _____

Interesting Facts _____

STATE STATS

PART 1



**DID YOU
KNOW?**

Each of the 50 states has its own flower, bird, tree, nickname, and more. The Facts About the States section of *The World Almanac for Kids* (pages 292-309) is one of its most popular and useful features. As you read about each state, you'll learn what makes it a special and interesting place.

FIND OUT MORE!

Choose a state you'd like to visit and learn more about. Read about that state in *The World Almanac for Kids* and fill in the information below.

State _____

Capital _____

Flower _____

Nickname(s) _____

Important products _____

Date entered the Union _____

Three largest cities _____

Interesting fact _____

CHECK IT OUT

Using the information you found above, design a flag for the state you chose. Decide which symbols will help identify your state. How would you use those symbols on a flag?



CHECK IT OUT

Each clue below describes a state. All the answers can be found in Facts About the States (pages 292–309). Write the page number where you located each answer in the parentheses, the state’s name on the line, and the two-letter postal abbreviation in the blanks. Use the circled letters to answer the riddles. Answering the riddles first will give you clues to the state abbreviations, but only if you get them right!

HERE’S A RIDDLE TO SOLVE: I am one of the largest states. The Treasure State is my nickname. I have plenty of wide open spaces—cattle is one of my major products. What state am I?

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- 1 State whose largest city is Baltimore. () _____ _____
 - 2 State that entered the Union on August 1, 1876. () _____
 - 3 State nicknamed the Peace Garden State. () _____
 - 4 State with the second-largest population. () _____
 - 5 State whose official flower is the camellia. () _____
 - 6 State whose song is “On the Banks of the Wabash, Far Away.”
() _____
 - 7 State whose capital is Baton Rouge. () _____

HERE’S ANOTHER RIDDLE: I am one of the smaller states. Paper and wood from my forests are among my major products, and my nickname is the Pine Tree State. What state am I?

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- 8 State whose official dessert is Boston cream pie. () _____
 - 9 This state is the largest in total area. () _____
 - 10 State whose capital is Des Moines. () _____
 - 11 State whose official flower is the sagebrush. () _____
 - 12 The first state to enter the Union. () _____

ANIMAL FACTS



The *World Almanac for Kids* has a section devoted entirely to the animal kingdom, pages 22-33, where you can learn amazing facts about our animal neighbors.

FIND OUT MORE!

1 Match the animals with their group names. The first one is done for you.

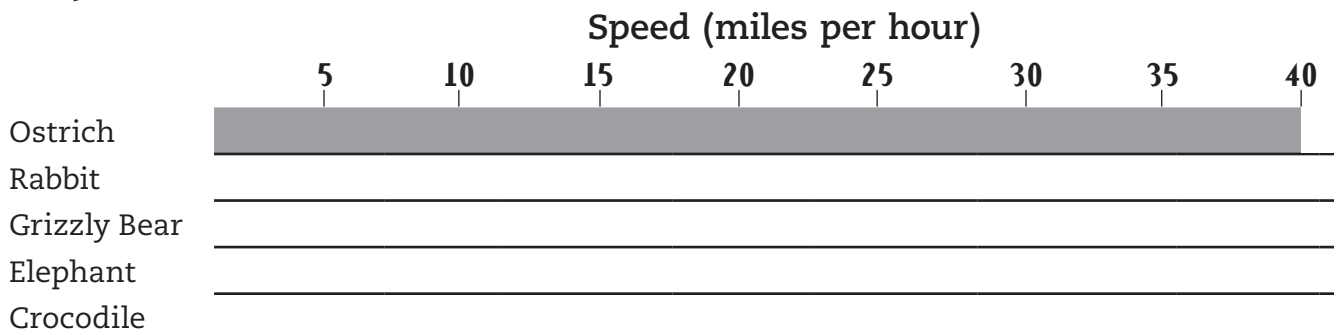
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|-------------|------------|
| a. hyenas | parliament |
| b. owls | leap |
| c. bears | tower |
| d. ravens | cackle |
| e. giraffes | unkindness |
| f. leopards | sleuth |



2 Using the information on page 24, draw a line from each animal on the left to the type of vertebrate or invertebrate it is in the second column. Then, circle whether the type of animal in the second column is a vertebrate or invertebrate. The first one is done for you.

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|-----------------|------------|-------------|----------------------|
| a. spiders | reptiles | vertebrates | invertebrates |
| b. seals | insects | vertebrates | invertebrates |
| c. clams | mammals | vertebrates | invertebrates |
| d. grasshoppers | arthropods | vertebrates | <u>invertebrates</u> |
| e. alligators | birds | vertebrates | invertebrates |
| f. turkeys | mollusks | vertebrates | invertebrates |

3 Complete the bar graph below of how fast animals run. Draw and shade in horizontal bars on the graph to show the speeds of the animals listed. The first one is done for you as an example.



SPORTS FUN



DID YOU KNOW?

- Nearly 1 million teenagers in the U.S. play on their high school basketball teams.
- The record for most points scored by one player in an NBA game is an amazing 100—achieved by Wilt Chamberlain in 1962.
- The speedy Rickey Henderson stole more bases in his career than any other Major League Baseball player—a total of 1,406.



FIND OUT MORE!

Use the Sports section of your almanac to find the answers to these sports questions. Write the page number of the answer in the parentheses, and circle the letter of the correct answer. Then transfer the letters onto the numbered blanks at the bottom of the page.

- 1 Where will the 2014 Winter Olympics be held? ()
F Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
G Pyeongchang, South Korea
H Sochi, Russia
- 2 Who holds the NFL record for most career touchdown passes? ()
S Drew Brees
T Tom Brady
U Brett Favre
- 3 In what year was the first Indianapolis 500 auto race held? ()
R 1920
S 1911
T 1959
- 4 What is located in Springfield, Massachusetts? ()
K Basketball Hall of Fame
L Baseball Hall of Fame
M Pro Football Hall of Fame
- 5 What NHL player had the most assists in the 2012–2013 season? ()
G Evgeni Malkin
H Steven Stamkos
I Martin St. Louis
- 6 How many times has the U.S. won soccer's women's World Cup? ()
E two
F three
G none
- 7 Which pitcher does not share the record for most strikeouts in a nine-inning baseball game? ()
Q Roger Clemens
R Kerry Wood
S Nolan Ryan

What is the nickname of the team that won the 2013 NCAA women's basketball championship?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7