

Monumental French Revolution

In an effort to save an important historical building [bil-dəng], a pioneering project is under way in France that will see part of a national monument turned into a private hotel.

The Palace of Versailles, 16 km to the west of Paris, was the home of French royalty until the French Revolution. Just 90 metres [mē-tīrz] away from the main palace sits a grand, but rundown mansion. Known as the *Hotel du Grand Controle*, it dates back to the 1680s, and was originally the office and home of the King's treasurer.

Over the last 200 years the building has fallen into disrepair, and it is now estimated it will cost \$US7 million to fix.

The authorities in charge of the palace do not have the money required, and so they have gone into partnership with a Belgian hotel company, who will turn its 23 bedrooms into a luxury hotel, and then pay rent back to the palace.

While there is some criticism of the plan to allow a private operator

such access [ak-sēs] to a national treasure, most people seem to agree that it is a better idea than simply allowing the building to fall into total ruin.

Article 1 RESEARCH LINK:
<http://tinyurl.com/NEWSPRINT524>

A Bright Idea for Smelly Feet

A new device has hit the market that its makers claim has the capacity to kill 99.9% of the germs that cause feet to smell.

Our feet have more sweat [swet] glands than any other part of our bodies, and each foot can produce up to a third of a litre [lī-tīr] of sweat per day. When we wear footwear, that moisture is trapped in our socks and bacteria go to work on it. These bacteria produce a substance called *isovaleric acid*, and this is what causes the smell.

SteriShoe works like a shoe tree that people place inside their shoes to keep their footwear in shape. However, unlike a regular shoe tree, the gadget contains a mechanism that produces ultraviolet light. This light reacts [rē-acts] with the bacteria and neutralises them.

The device does not

claim to cure people of the problem of smelly feet, but the makers do guarantee [ga-ran-tē] that at least your shoes will have a fresh start each morning.

Currently, *SteriShoe* is only available online. The advertised price is \$US130, although obviously most people would need to buy a pair of them.

Article 2 RESEARCH LINK:
<http://www.SteriShoe.com/SFNT.html>

Learning from Headbangers

Throughout [fīroo-owl] history man has been able to learn many things by observing that which he sees in creation; many inventions have come about as a result of imitating the principles that have been observed, and the latest is shock-absorbing technology, courtesy [kir-ti-sē] of the woodpecker.

A paper has recently been published which details what scientists have discovered by studying these living pneumatic [nū-ma-tik] drills, which can bang their beaks repeatedly against a tree at a rate of up to 22 times per second.

Amongst the features which help them are beaks

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		oo - boot		

which are both tough [tuɪ] and elastic, a special spongy [spʌn-jē] bone in their skulls, and very little fluid in their brains and spines to transmit vibrations.

While at this stage the information is simply words on paper, if history is any guide [ɡɪd], expect to see some of these ideas turn up before too long in numerous devices which are responsible for protecting delicate and sensitive items from damage.

Article 3 RESEARCH LINK:
<http://tinyurl.com/NEWSPRINT525>

Online Jigsaws from NatGeo

We came across an online game this week that we think is a nice mix of the old and the new; virtual jigsaw puzzles at the National Geographic site.

Dozens of pictures are available, all with that National Geographic artistic quality about them. Click on any image and it appears in a larger screen. Click again and it breaks up into jigsaw pieces which you can then move around with your mouse.

Pieces [pɛ-siz] orientate themselves to face the right direction, so you only need drag them left, right,

up or down; you don't have to rotate them. Find a matching piece and the two will click nicely together.

Check out the range of puzzles at the link below.

Article 4 RESEARCH LINK:
<http://tinyurl.com/NEWSPRINT526>

Tiny Science

In an interesting (but not very useful) experiment, a team at an English university has printed the complete periodic table of elements onto a single human hair.

The task was completed by sticking a single human hair under an electron microscope, and then superimposing an image of the table onto it. A computer then fired tiny particle beams at the hair using the image as a guide, in much the same way as an artist using an airbrush would.

To give some idea of the minute [mɪ-ni-ti] size of the final drawing, it would take 91 million of them to cover a single post-it note.

Hmm... it all sounds rather clever, but considering the value of such a project, in reality isn't this project just a little hare-brained?

Article 5 RESEARCH LINK:
<http://tinyurl.com/NEWSPRINT527>

Strange Names Located

While browsing through old entries at the Cornwall County Record office in England, an office worker was so struck by some of the entries, that she put together a list of some of the more unusual ones that caught her eye.

Among the odd names recorded are Elizabeth Disco, Abraham Thunderwolff, Charity Chilly, Freke Dorothy Fluck Lane, and Gentle Fudge.

Couples who were married include Nicholas Bone and Priscilla Skin in 1636, Charles Swine and Jane Ham in 1711, John Mutton and Ann Veale in 1791, and Richard Dinner and Mary Cook in 1802.

It also appears that in 1797, a certain Mr Levi Jeans was married, although the other half of that pair is not mentioned.

Article 6 RESEARCH LINK:
www.behindthename.com/

What a language!

A rough-coated, dough-faced, thoughtful ploughman strode through the streets of Scarborough; after falling into a slough, he coughed and hiccoughed.

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Ten Questions

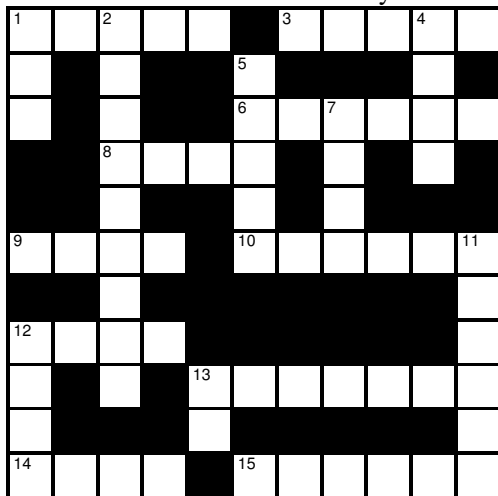
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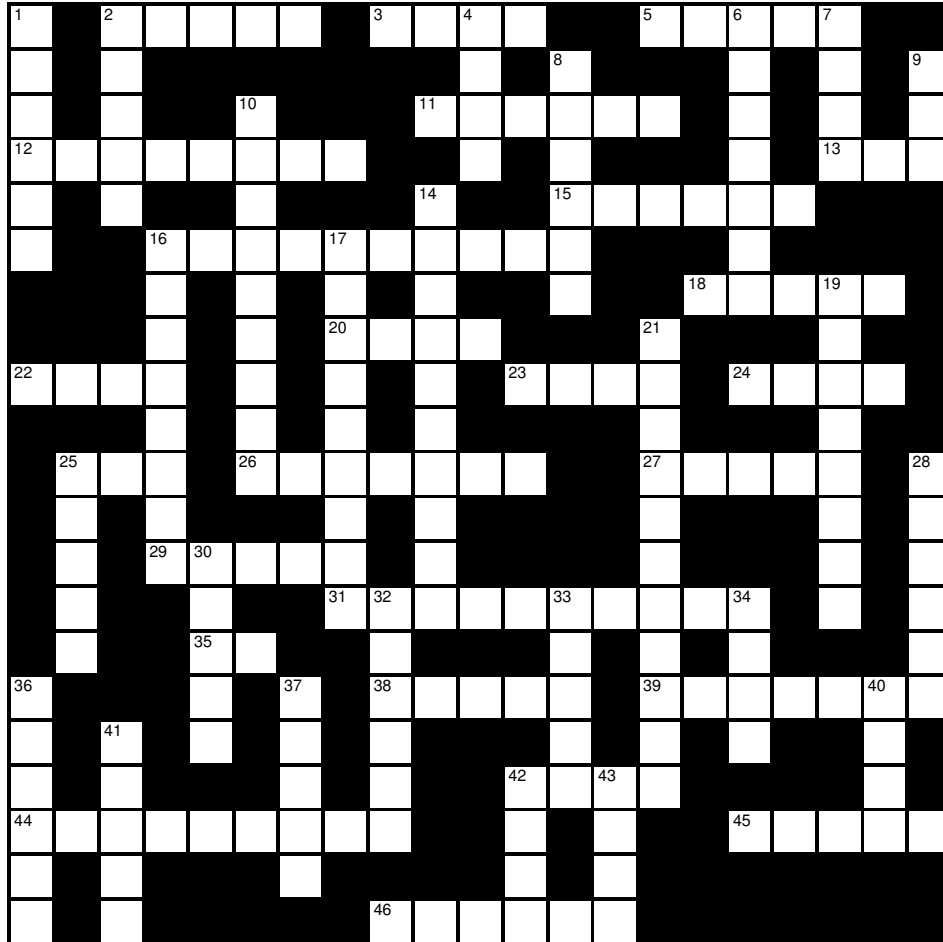
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- 6 newest 3 (6)
- 8 plan 1 (4)
- 9 scheme 1 (4)
- 10 manufacturers 2 (6)
- 12 appear 1 (4)
- 13 odd 6 (7)
- 14 redeem 1 (4)
- 15 makes 2 (6)

Down

- 1 repair 1 (3)
- 2 reckoned 1 (9)
- 4 previous 1 (4)
- 5 say 2 (5)
- 7 undertaking 5 (4)
- 11 heads 3 (6)
- 12 observes 3 (4)
- 13 upwards 4 (2)

Large Crossword:

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- 2 liquid 3 (5)
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- 5 functions 2 (5)
- 11 just 1 (6)
- 12 channel 3 (8)
- 13 combination 4 (3)
- 15 neatly 4 (6)
- 16 groundbreaking 1 (10)
- 18 clean 2 (5)
- 20 minute 5 (4)
- 22 only 1 (4)
- 23 plan 1 (4)
- 24 couple 6 (4)
- 25 each 2 (3)
- 26 caught 2 (7)
- 27 reckon 4 (5)
- 29 point 3 (5)

- 31 learnt 3 (10)
- 35 upwards 4 (2)
- 38 odour 2 (5)
- 39 but 2 (7)
- 42 assist 3 (4)
- 44 delicate 3 (9)
- 45 correct 4 (5)
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- 9 repair 1 (3)

- 10 significant 1 (9)
- 14 ideas 3 (10)
- 16 images 4 (8)
- 17 reckoned 1 (9)
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- 25 put 2 (5)
- 28 bigger 4 (6)
- 30 strong 3 (5)
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- 33 worth 5 (5)
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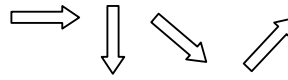
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Word Searches:

Easy
(4 directions)



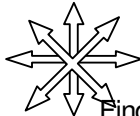
Word List from this week's edition:

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|-----------|------------|
| although | obviously |
| appears | originally |
| bacteria | pioneering |
| building | principles |
| capacity | reality |
| complete | ruin |
| criticism | spongy |
| devices | tough |
| features | unusual |
| mechanism | value |

Find the words in the list hidden in the puzzle grid below.



Difficult
(8 directions)



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Sudoku Puzzles:

Easy

Use: the letters in the word SUIT and the numbers 5-9.

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6			9				
	5			S	I	U	T
S				6		9	
		I			9		U
	8	5					I
						S	U
I			T				
		7			U	T	I
							6

Medium

Use: the letters in the word WRONGLY and the numbers 1-9.

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		7				6		R		1	4	3	9		
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11. Who was the Greek Goddess of Victory?
12. What rank in the Royal Navy is the equivalent of the army’s Field Marshall?
13. What, in population terms, is the largest Spanish speaking country in the world?
14. In which country would you find both the rivers *Oder* and *Vistula*, which flow into the Baltic Sea?
15. Which South American country is named after an Italian City ?

Featured Country: Tajikistan

Area:

Population:

Capital:

Language:

Type of Government:

President:

Prime Minister:

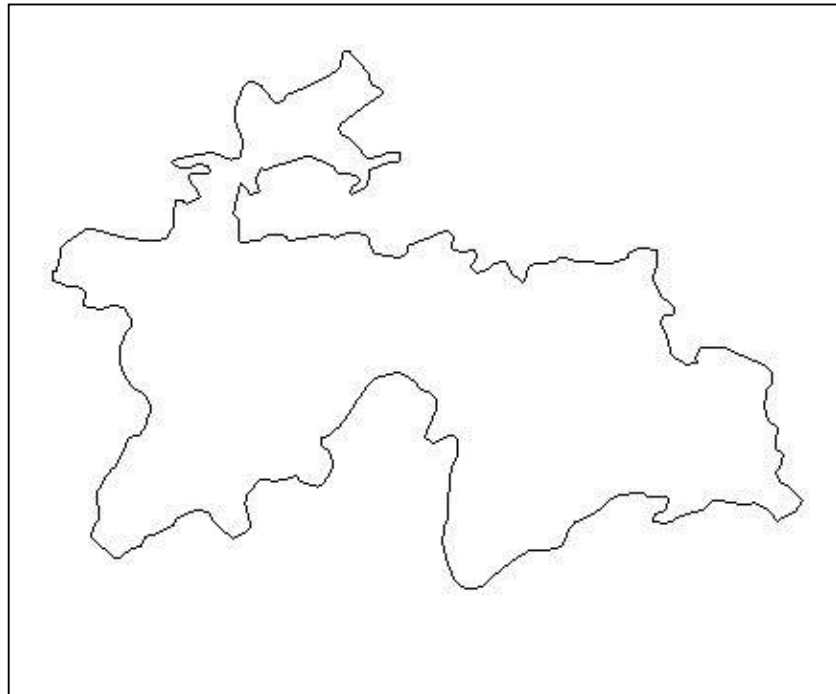
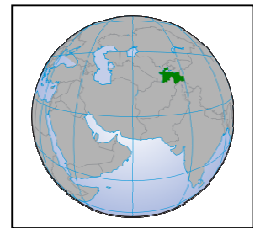
Currency:

National Flag:



Locate the following features on the map:

- *Capital*
- *Bordering countries*
- *Highest Point*
- *Alay Mountains*
- *Daryoi Panj*
- *Vakhsh River*



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Secret Codes

Type of Code: Half-reversed alphabet

Instructions: Write out the letters from A to M, and write the letters from N to Z directly below them.

A stands for N, and N stands for A,
B stands for O, and O stands for B,
C stands for P, and P stands for C,
and so on.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

JULQ BCRBCYEO EPBZE ON XREF? GUR LXAEN QGURQ BHTU

Type of Code: Pigpen

Instructions: The whole alphabet is written in four grids, as shown. Each letter is represented by the part of the box that it is found in.

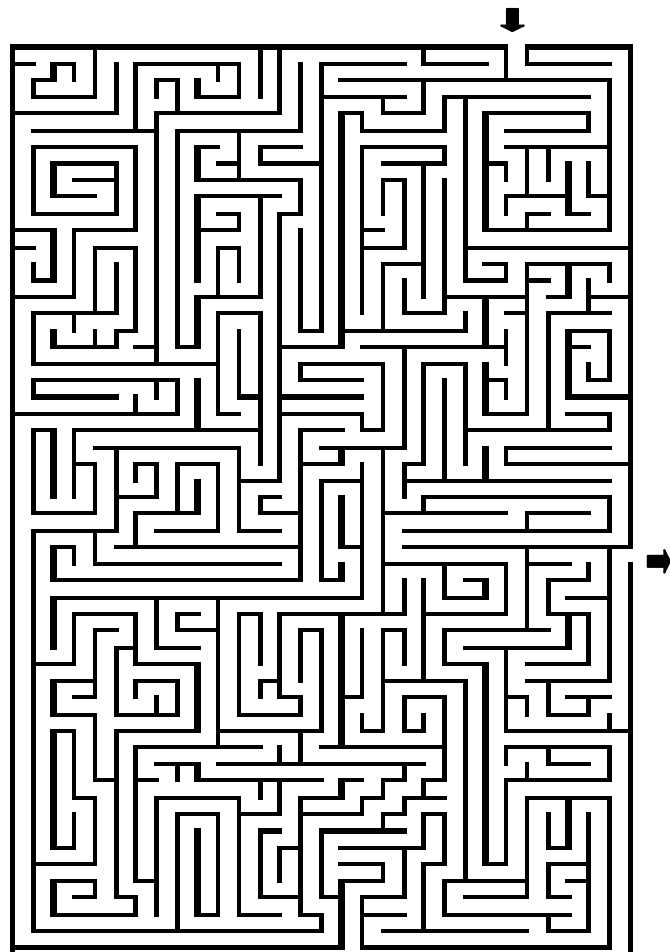
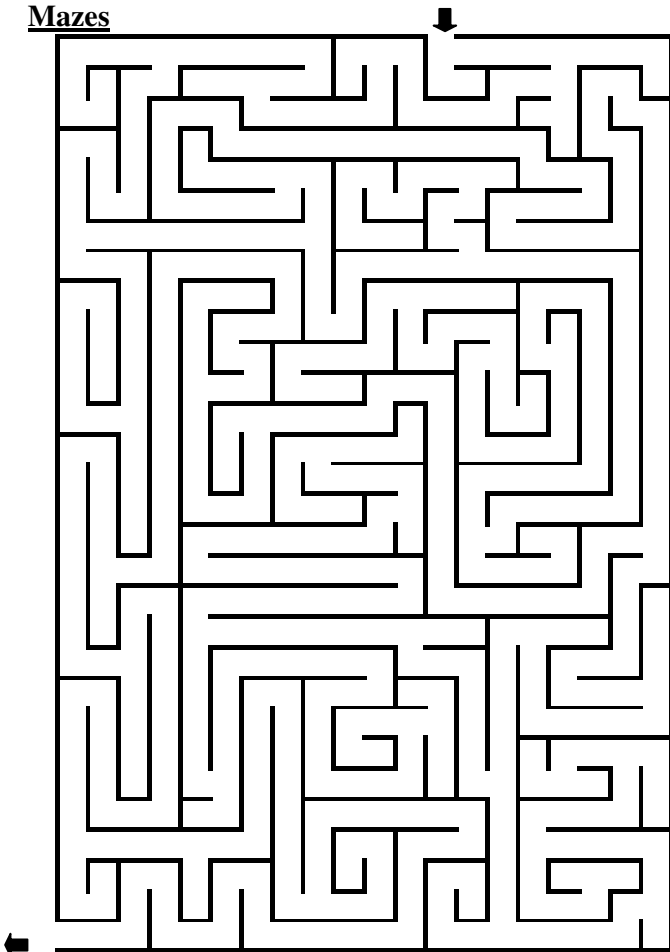
e.g The message "X marks the spot" looks like this:

> 3 1 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 >
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A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R

S	W
T	X
U	Y
V	Z

Mazes



TUTOR / TEACHER PAGES

Ten Questions – ANSWERS (Exact wording may differ.)

(1) According to the information given in Article 1, is this the first time in France that a national monument has been turned into a hotel? How do you know that from the text? (Inference) **Yes.**

The text says that it is a “pioneering” project.

(2) According to the information given in Article 1, if you were travelling south towards Paris, would you have to turn left or right to head towards Versailles? (Reorganisation) **Right**

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(4) Presuming you do not know exactly when the French Revolution actually took place, what would have been the earliest and latest possible dates for it, based just on the information given in Article 1? (Reorganisation) **Sometime between 1690 and 1810**

(5) Explain in writing the pun in the headline of Article 2. (Grammatical) **The expression “a bright idea” refers to both a clever concept, and the fact that the device works by using light.**

(6) Write out the first paragraph of Article 2. Put a single line through all the nouns and pronouns, highlight all the verbs, and underline all the articles and adjectives. (Grammatical) **A new device has hit the market that its makers claim has the capacity to kill 99.9% of the germs that cause feet to smell.**

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(8) According to the information given in Article 2, what is the maximum amount of sweat a pair of feet could produce in a week? (Reorganisation) **$\frac{1}{3} \times 2 \times 7 = 4\frac{2}{3}$ litres = approx. 4.67 L**

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(10) List all the Christian names given in Article 6 in alphabetical order. (Grammatical) **Abraham, Ann, Charity, Charles, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Fluck, Freke, Gentle, Jane, John, Levi, Mary, Nicholas, Priscilla, Richard**

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Small Crossword

1	F	R	2	E	S	H		3	S	M	E	4	L	L	
	I		S				5	C				A			
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			T											K	
12	S	E	E	M											U
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Large Crossword

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Easy Sudoku Puzzle

U	I	S	7	T	6	5	9	8
6	T	8	9	U	5	I	7	S
7	5	9	8	S	I	U	6	T
S	7	U	I	6	8	9	T	5
T	6	I	S	5	9	8	U	7
9	8	5	U	7	T	6	S	I
5	9	T	6	I	7	S	8	U
I	U	6	T	8	S	7	5	9
8	S	7	5	9	U	T	I	6

Medium Sudoku Puzzle

G	5	2	1	3	4	N	L	9	W	O	6	7	8	Y	R
R	8	6	3	1	9	G	O	N	7	Y	4	W	L	2	5
Y	L	7	O	8	2	W	6	G	R	5	1	4	3	9	N
9	N	4	W	Y	5	7	R	3	8	2	L	G	6	O	1
L	G	N	6	5	1	2	W	8	9	3	Y	R	O	7	4
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7	1	9	5	R	6	L	3	4	2	W	O	Y	N	G	8
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O	2	Y	7	N	R	3	G	W	4	6	5	1	9	8	L
N	4	8	R	O	W	6	1	2	L	G	9	3	7	5	Y
W	9	3	L	2	Y	4	5	7	O	1	8	N	G	R	6
4	W	1	Y	6	L	5	9	O	G	N	R	8	2	3	7
6	7	O	N	G	3	R	2	L	1	8	W	5	Y	4	9
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10. In Scrabble, how many letters have a value of 2? **Two ("D and G")**
11. Who was the Greek Goddess of Victory? **Nike**
12. What rank in the Royal Navy is the equivalent of the army's Field Marshall? **Admiral of the Fleet**
13. What, in population terms, is the largest Spanish speaking country in the world? **Mexico**
14. In which country would you find both the rivers *Oder* and *Vistula*, which flow into the Baltic Sea? **Poland**
15. Which South American country is named after an Italian City? **Venezuela (Little Venice)**

Featured Country: Tajikistan

Area: 143 100 km²

Population: 7 995 754 ('10 est.)

Capital: Dushanbe

Language: Tajik

Type of Government:

Unitary semi-presidential republic

President: Emomalii Rahmon

Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah

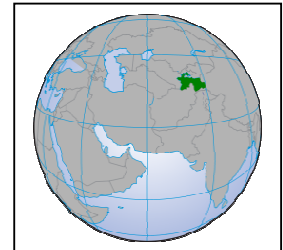
Prime Minister: Oqil Oqilov

Currency: Somoni (TJS)

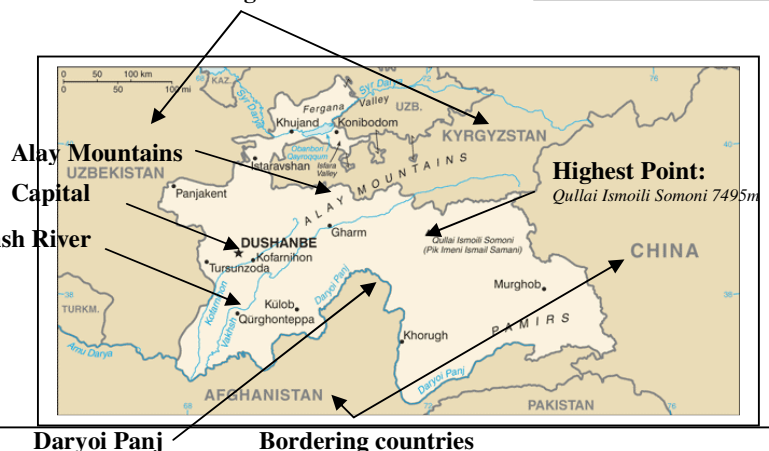
National Flag:



Locate the following features on the map:



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Secret Codes

1. Why do people become bakers? Because they knead the dough.
2. How can you tell when a bucket gets sick? It becomes a little pale.