

## Comparing information about different countries



Print and cut out the data cards on pages 2-4, which give information about various countries across the world. (The data was gathered by the US government in 2006: some is official, some is estimated.)

### Tasks

- A. List the countries in order of population.
- B. List the countries in order of size of area.
- C. What can you say about the countries by comparing these two lists?)

**United Kingdom**  
 Location: Western Europe  
 Area: 244,820 sq km  
 Population: 60,609,153  
 Median age: 39.3 years  
 Death rate:  
 10.13 deaths/1,000 population  
 Birth rate:  
 10.71 births/1,000 population  
 Life expectancy at birth:  
 78.54 years  
 Religions:  
 Christian 71.6%, Muslim 2.7%,  
 Hindu 1%, other 1.6%,  
 unspecified or none 23.1%  
 Government type:  
 constitutional monarchy

**Burma**  
 Location: Southeastern Asia  
 Area: 678,500 sq km  
 Population: 42,720,196  
 Median age: 25.7 years,  
 Birth rate:  
 18.64 births/1,000 population  
 Death rate:  
 12.16 deaths/1,000 population  
 Life expectancy at birth:  
 56.01 years  
 Religions: Buddhist 89%,  
 Christian 4%, Muslim 4%, animist  
 1%, other 2%  
 Government type:  
 military regime

D. Sort the cards by continent - use Africa, Asia, Europe, Oceania, North America and South America.

E. In which other ways could you arrange and sort the cards?



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### Finland

**Location:** Northern Europe

**Area:** 338,145 sq km

**Population:** 5,214,512

**Median age:** 40.7 years

**Birth rate:**

10.56 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

9.69 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

78.24 years

**Religions:** Evangelical Lutheran 89%, Russian Orthodox 1%, none 9%, other 1%

**Government type:** republic

### Guatemala

**Location:** Central America

**Area:** 108,890 sq km

**Population:** 14,280,596

**Median age:** 18.4 years

**Birth rate:**

34.58 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

6.79 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

65.19 years

**Religions:** Roman Catholic, Protestant, indigenous Mayan beliefs

**Government type:** constitutional democratic republic

### Kenya

**Location:** Eastern Africa

**Area:** 582,650 sq km

**Population:** 32,021,856

**Median age:** 18.6 years

**Birth rate:**

34.58 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

6.79 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

65.19 years

**Religions:** Protestant 45%, Roman Catholic 33%, indigenous beliefs 10%, Muslim 10%, other 2%

**Government type:** republic

### Burma

**Location:** Southeastern Asia

**Area:** 678,500 sq km

**Population:** 42,720,196

**Median age:** 25.7 years

**Birth rate:**

18.64 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

12.16 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

56.01 years

**Religions:** Buddhist 89%, Christian 4%, Muslim 4%, animist 1%, other 2%

**Government type:** military regime

### Canada

**Location:** North America

**Area:** 9,984,670 sq km

**Population:** 32,507,874

**Median age:** 38.2 years

**Birth rate:**

10.91 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

7.67 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

79.96 years

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 46%, Protestant 36%, other 18%

**Government type:** confederation with parliamentary democracy

### Uzbekistan

**Location:** Central Asia

**Area:** 447,400 sq km

**Population:** 26,410,416

**Median age:** 22.1 years

**Birth rate:**

26.12 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

7.95 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

64.09 years,

**Religions:** Muslim 88% (mostly Sunnis), Eastern Orthodox 9%, other 3%

**Government type:** republic



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### New Zealand

**Location:** Oceania

**Area:** 268,680 sq km

**Population:** 3,993,817

**Median age:** 33.4 years

**Birth rate:**

14.04 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

7.54 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

78.49 years,

**Religions:** Anglican 24%,  
Presbyterian 18%, Roman Catholic  
15%, other Protestant 10%,  
unspecified or none 33%

**Government type:** parliamentary  
democracy

### Chile

**Location:** South America

**Area:** 756,950 sq km

**Population:** 15,823,957

**Median age:** 29.8 years

**Birth rate:**

15.77 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

5.71 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

76.38 years

**Religions:** Roman Catholic 89%,  
Protestant 11%, Jewish negligible

**Government type:** republic

### Zambia

**Location:** Southern Africa

**Area:** 752,614 sq km

**Population:** 10,462,436

**Median age:** 16.6 years

**Birth rate:**

38.99 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

24.35 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

35.18 years

**Religions:** Christian 50%-75%,  
Muslim and Hindu 24%-49%,  
indigenous beliefs 1%

**Government type:** republic

### Netherlands

**Location:** Western Europe

**Area:** 41,526 sq km

**Population:** 16,318,199

**Median age:** 38.7 years

**Birth rate:**

11.41 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

8.67 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

78.68 years

**Religions:**

Roman Catholic 31%, Protestant  
21%, Muslim 4.4%, other 3.6%,  
unaffiliated 40%

**Government type:**

constitutional monarchy

### Iran

**Location:** Middle East

**Area:** 1.648 million sq km

**Population:** 69,018,924

**Median age:** 23.5 years

**Birth rate:**

17.1 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

5.53 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

69.66 years

**Religions:**

Shi'a Muslim 89%, Sunni Muslim 9%,  
Zoroastrian, Jewish, Christian, and  
Baha'i 2%

**Government type:**

theocratic republic

### Dominican Republic

**Location:** Caribbean

**Area:** 48,730 sq km

**Population:** 8,833,634

**Median age:** 23.7 years

**Birth rate:**

23.6 births/1,000 population

**Death rate:**

7.1 deaths/1,000 population

**Life expectancy at birth:**

67.63 years

**Religions:**

Roman Catholic 95%

**Government type:**

representative democracy



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### China

**Location:** Eastern Asia  
**Area:** 9,596,960 sq km  
**Population:** 1,298,847,624  
**Median age:** 31.8 years  
**Birth rate:**  
12.98 births/1,000 population  
**Death rate:**  
6.92 deaths/1,000 population  
**Life expectancy at birth:**  
71.96 years  
**Religions:**  
Daoist (Taoist), Buddhist, Muslim  
1%-2%, Christian 3%-4% note:  
officially atheist  
**Government type:** Communist state

### Suriname

**Location:** South America  
**Area:** 163,270 sq km  
**Population:** 436,935  
**Median age:** 25.8 years  
**Birth rate:**  
18.87 births/1,000 population  
**Death rate:**  
6.99 deaths/1,000 population  
**Life expectancy at birth:**  
69.1 years  
**Religions:** Hindu 27.4%, Muslim  
19.6%, Roman Catholic 22.8%,  
Protestant 25.2%, indigenous beliefs  
5%  
**Government type:** constitutional  
democracy

### United Kingdom

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**Area:** 244,820 sq km  
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10.13 deaths/1,000 population  
**Birth rate:**  
10.71 births/1,000 population  
**Life expectancy at birth:**  
78.54 years  
**Religions:**  
Christian 71.6%, Muslim 2.7%, Hindu  
1%, other 1.6%, unspecified or none  
23.1%  
**Government type:**  
constitutional monarchy

### Albania

**Location:** Southeastern Europe,  
**Area:** 28,748 sq km  
**Population:** 3,544,808  
**Median age:** 28.2 years  
**Birth rate:**  
15.08 births/1,000 population  
**Death rate:**  
5.02 deaths/1,000 population  
**Life expectancy at birth:**  
77.06 years  
**Religions:**  
Muslim 70%, Albanian Orthodox  
20%, Roman Catholic 10%  
**Government type:**  
emerging democracy

### Nigeria

**Location:** Western Africa  
**Area:** 923,768 sq km  
**Population:** 131,859,731  
**Median age:** 18.7 years  
**Birth rate:**  
40.43 births/1,000 population  
**Death rate:**  
16.94 deaths/1,000 population  
**Life expectancy at birth:**  
47.08 years  
**Religions:**  
Muslim 50%, Christian 40%,  
indigenous beliefs 10%  
**Government type:**  
federal republic

### Morocco

**Location:** Northern Africa  
**Area:** 446,550 sq km  
**Population:** 33,241,259  
**Median age:** 23.9 years  
**Death rate:**  
5.58 deaths/1,000 population  
**Birth rate:**  
21.98 births/1,000 population  
**Life expectancy at birth:**  
70.94 years  
**Religions:**  
Muslim 98.7%, Christian 1.1%,  
Jewish 0.2%  
**Government type:**  
constitutional monarchy