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# Country Quiz

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Estimated play time: Approximately 15 minutes

Number of players: Unlimited

Supplies needed: Scoring board/pad; noisemakers

Suitable for visually impaired players.

## Overview:

In this series of quizzes, posted every so often, we test your knowledge of world countries. This week, it's **DENMARK**.

## Instructions:

1. This game can be played by individuals or in teams.
2. Read the first question. Discussion is permitted among teammates. Prior to the start of the game, a method to signal when a team is ready to answer must be determined. Ringing bells and New Year's blowers are just two inexpensive noisemakers. Raised hands work, but the host must be vigilant to watch for whose hand went up first. The host always has the final say in any disputes.
3. After a player/team is recognized as the first to signal, they may give an answer. If the first answer is incorrect, the other teams may "buzz" in and answer.
4. Scoring: Give 10 points for each correct answer.

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## QUESTIONS

1. What is the capital of Denmark?
2. Denmark is made up of a peninsula and many smaller islands that jut into the North Sea. Its only land border is with this country to the south.
3. The Øresund Bridge is an eight-mile-long combined railway and automobile highway that connects Copenhagen with the city of Malmö in this nearby country to the north.
4. This large island, which is actually considered to be part of North America, is an autonomous country within the Kingdom of Denmark.
5. Between the 8th and 10th centuries, the Danes were known by this name. They were the Norse explorers, warriors, pirates, and traders who used their legendary long ships, powered by oarsmen, to travel as far east as Constantinople (now Istanbul) and as far west as Iceland, Greenland, and Newfoundland.
6. What two colors are in the flag of Denmark?
7. Denmark is world famous for the quality of its ceramics, especially this brand of blue and white dinnerware that has been produced since the 1700s.
8. Bang & Olufsen is now an international company that was founded in Struer, Denmark in 1925. What product is Bang & Olufsen best known for in North America?
9. This toy company was founded in 1932 by a Danish carpenter. His first building bricks were made of wood, but plastic was introduced in 1947. Today the company has revenues of more than \$4 billion, and employs more than 9,000 people around the world.
10. Can you name William Shakespeare's longest (and arguably most influential) play, which is set in the kingdom of Denmark? It dramatizes the revenge a young prince takes on his uncle for the murder of his father, the king.

11. Can you identify these Danes and Danish-Americans?
- a. Born in Copenhagen in 1909, this pianist and comedian escaped the Nazi occupation of Denmark and moved to the United States in 1940.
  - b. Born in Odense, Denmark in 1805, his fairy tales, including “The Little Mermaid,” “The Ugly Duckling,” and “Thumbelina,” are still read to children around the world.
  - c. Karen Blixen, who wrote under the male pen name Isak Dinesen, was born in Rungsted, Denmark in 1885. She is best known for this memoir of her nearly two decades living in Kenya, which became an Academy Award-winning film starring Meryl Streep.
  - d. This Danish-American politician represented Texas in the House and the Senate, ran for vice president as Michael Dukakis’ running mate, and served as Secretary of the Treasury under President Bill Clinton.
  - e. Niels Bohr, who won the 1922 Nobel Prize in Physics, escaped the Nazi occupation of Denmark in 1943 and went to Britain, where he worked on this secret US-led project to build an atom bomb.

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## ANSWERS

1. Copenhagen
2. Germany
3. Sweden
4. Greenland
5. Vikings
6. Red and white. The Danish flag is red with a white cross.
7. Royal Copenhagen
8. Audio equipment, especially loudspeakers
9. Lego
10. *Hamlet*
11. Danes and Danish-Americans
  - a. Victor Borge
  - b. Hans Christian Andersen
  - c. *Out of Africa*
  - d. Lloyd Bentsen
  - e. The Manhattan Project