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a) Nepal
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c) Port Macquarie
d) Newcastle

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b) Hopper
c) Dosa
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c) South Africa
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a) Honey
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a) Mali
b) Morocco
c) Ethiopia
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Answer: b) Phnom Penh. Cambodia's capital and largest city, Phnom Penh sits at the meeting point of the Mekong and Tonlé Sap rivers.

2. Which language is spoken by the most people in South America?

a) Spanish
b) Portuguese
c) English
d) French

Answer: b) Portuguese. Brazil is South America's most populous country, making Portuguese the continent's most widely spoken language by population.

3. True or False: Tomatoes are native to Italy.

Answer: False. Tomatoes originated in the Americas and were introduced to Europe in the 16th century, eventually becoming a cornerstone of Italian cuisine.

4. The word "karaoke" comes from Japanese and literally means what?

a) Empty orchestra
b) Singing together
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Answer: a) Empty orchestra. In Japanese, kara means "empty" and oke is short for "orchestra" – which is exactly what you're left with when it's your turn to grab the microphone!

5. Which Australian state is home to the town of Coober Pedy, famous for its underground homes?

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Answer: d) South Australia. Coober Pedy is famous for its opal mining and underground homes, built below ground to escape the extreme heat of the outback.

6. Which Indonesian dish combines cooked vegetables with a rich peanut sauce?

a) Gado-gado
b) Nasi goreng
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Answer: a) Gado-gado — a popular Indonesian dish featuring a mixture of vegetables served with a peanut-based sauce, often accompanied by ingredients such as tofu, tempeh and egg.

7. Which country is home to the ancient rock-hewn churches of Lalibela?

a) Ethiopia
b) Egypt
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Answer: a) Ethiopia. Lalibela is famous for its remarkable medieval churches carved directly into solid rock.

8. True or False:
Pineapples grow on trees.

Answer: False. Pineapples actually grow from small plants close to the ground, with each plant generally producing just one pineapple at a time.

9. The pavlova is named after Anna Pavlova, who was famous for doing what?

a) Singing opera
b) Dancing ballet
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Answer: b) Dancing ballet. Anna Pavlova was a famous Russian ballerina who toured Australia and New Zealand in the 1920s. The pavlova dessert was named in her honour, although Australia and New Zealand have long debated which country invented it.

10. The Dalmatian dog breed takes its name from a coastal region in which country?

a) Croatia
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Answer: a) Croatia. The breed takes its name from Dalmatia, a historic region along Croatia's Adriatic coast.

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Answer: True - in the modern Hawaiian alphabet there are five vowels, seven consonants and the 'okina.

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12. What is the name of the flatbread traditionally cooked in a tandoor and eaten across South and Central Asia?

Answer: Naan. This soft, leavened flatbread is traditionally baked against the hot inner wall of a tandoor oven and is enjoyed across South and Central Asia.

13. Which country has the world's only non-rectangular national flag?

a) Nepal
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Answer: a) Nepal's flag is the only national flag in the world that isn't rectangular or square. It's made up of two joined triangular pennants and features symbols of the sun and moon.

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a) Byron Bay
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Answer: b) Coffs Harbour. This giant yellow Aussie icon has been stopping road-trippers in Coffs Harbour since 1964. At around 13 metres long, it helped kick-start Australia's great love affair with oversized roadside attractions!

15. Which bowl-shaped Sri Lankan pancake is traditionally made from fermented rice flour and coconut milk?

a) Roti
b) Dosa
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Answer: b) Hopper - also known as appa, are a popular Sri Lankan food made from a fermented batter, cooked in a small curved pan to create their distinctive bowl shape.

16. The popular tourist destination of Zanzibar is part of which African country?

a) Kenya
b) Tanzania
c) South Africa
d) Madagascar

Answer: b) Tanzania. Zanzibar is a tropical archipelago off the coast of Tanzania, famous for its white-sand beaches, turquoise waters and historic Stone Town.

17. Which African country has three capital cities?

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Answer: a) South Africa spreads its capital duties across three cities: Pretoria is the administrative capital, Cape Town the legislative capital, and Bloemfontein the judicial capital.

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a) Honey
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Answer: b) Condensed milk. Traditional Vietnamese coffee is often brewed slowly through a small metal phin filter and served with sweetened condensed milk, creating that famously strong, rich and sweet flavour.

19. Which country is home to the city of Timbuktu?

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Answer: a) Mali. Timbuktu is an ancient city in Mali on the edge of the Sahara Desert. Once a major centre of trade and Islamic scholarship, its name later became shorthand in English for somewhere incredibly far away or remote — as in, "from here to Timbuktu!"

20. Which country has more pyramids than Egypt?

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b) Mexico
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Answer: a) Sudan. Surprise! Sudan is home to more pyramids than Egypt, with more than 200 built by the ancient Kingdom of Kush.