



Geography Matters

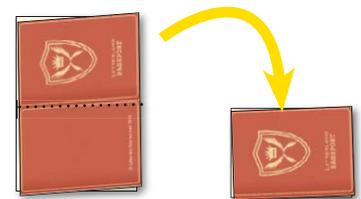
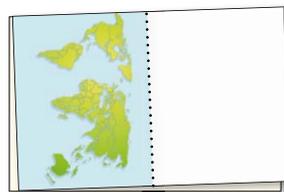
Activity: Make your own Letterland passport!

Travel the world with your very own Letterland passport! Add stamps as you visit new places. You could also draw the Letterland friends that you meet along the way!

You will need: A grown up to help you, paper and a pair of scissors.



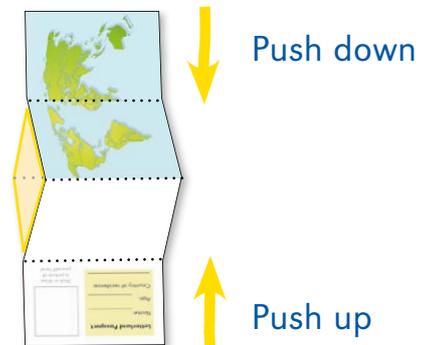
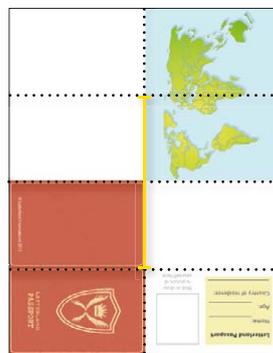
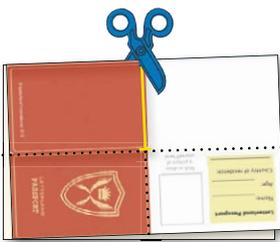
We advise the use of safety scissors, or if your child is very young, do any cutting required for them.



1 Print out the passport design on page 2. If your printer adds a white border, cut this off.

2 Take your sheet of paper and fold it in half.

3 Fold it in half again, and then again once more.



5 Open up so the sheet is folded in half. Cut down half way from the fold.

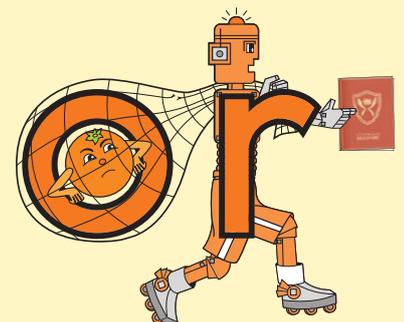
6 Unfold completely.

7 Fold lengthways, then push the paper as shown.

8 Your 8 page Letterland passport is complete! Don't forget to write your name inside.



Orvil Or has a passport. He likes to get stamps when he visits new places!



Letterland Passport

Name: _____

Age: _____

Country of residence:



Stick or draw
a picture of
yourself here!

Stick your Letterland stamps here!



World Map

Put a dot on the country
that you live in.

How many countries
can you name?

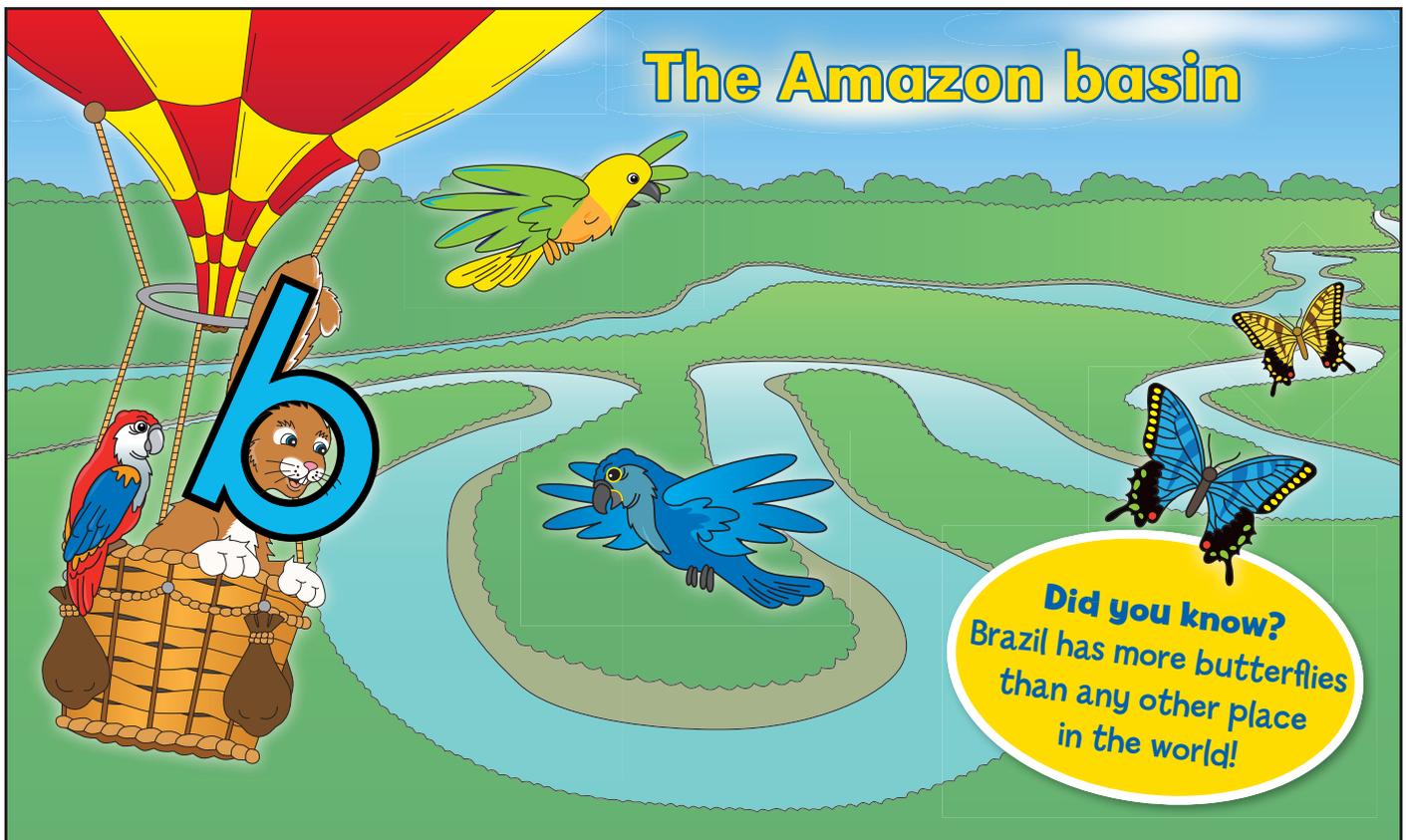


Stick your Letterland stamps here!

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Geography matters:

Bouncy Ben bounces over to Brazil!



Did you know?
Brazil has more butterflies than any other place in the world!

Hi **buddy!**
I've **been** having a **brilliant** time **bouncing** around **Brazil!** It **borders** many other countries but is the **biggest** tropical country in the world! I flew over the Amazon **basin** in a **big** **balloon** - the view was **breathtaking!** I could see hundreds of **beautiful** **birds** and some **bright** **blue** **butterflies**. I have **been** eating **black** **beans**, **broad** **beans** and **butter** **beans**, **but** I like the fried **banana** **best** of all! **Before** I leave **Brazil** I am going to a **big** carnival to watch some **Brazilian** samba dancing. Next time I visit **Brazil** I will be **bringing** my **brothers** along! **Bye** **bye!** **Bouncy** **Ben**

Brazil

National flag:



Population: 205, 053, 000

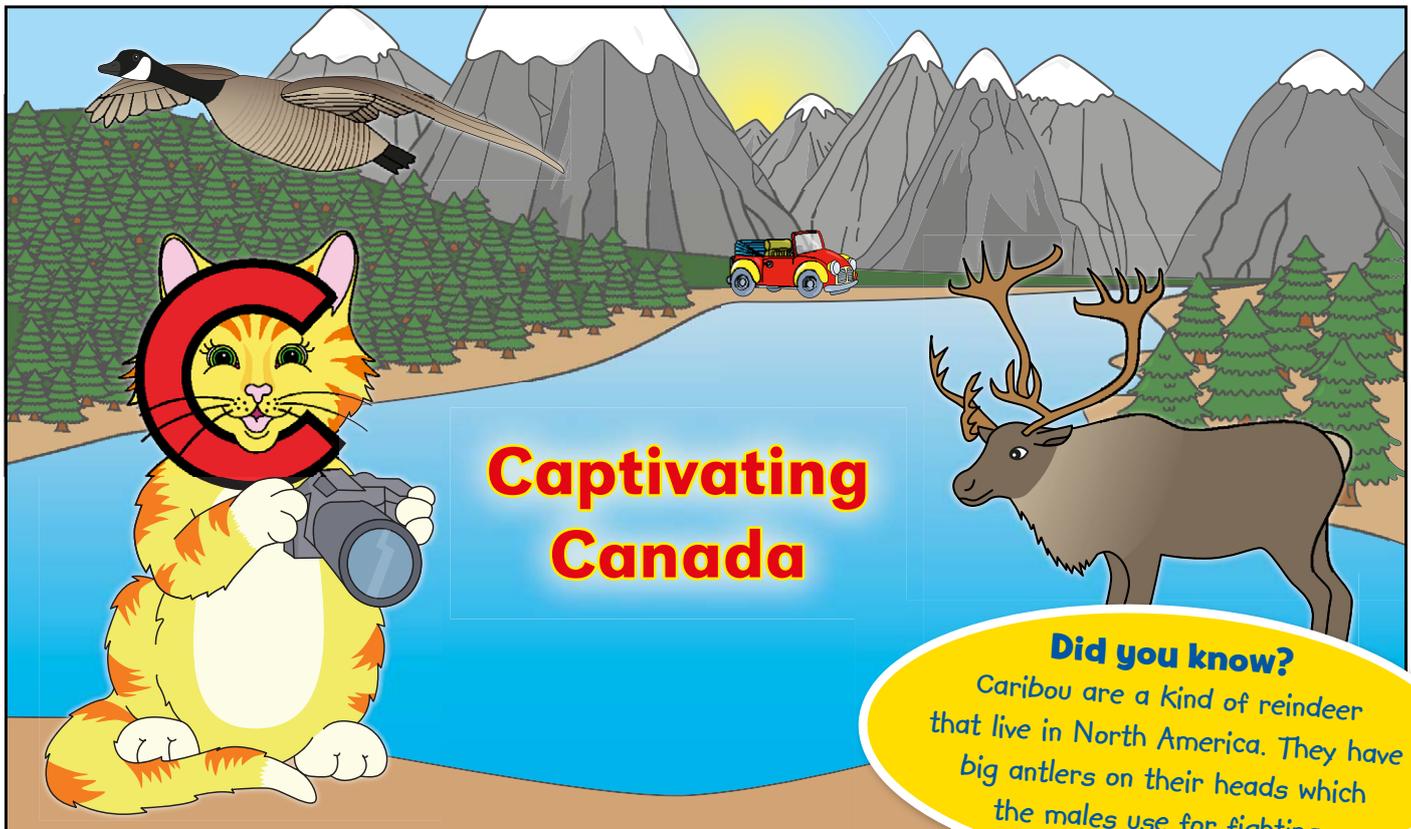
Capital city: Brasília

Famous landmarks: 'Christ the Redeemer' statue, Rio de Janeiro



When you have finished reading about Ben's break, cut out this stamp or ask an adult to help you. Then stick it in your Letterland passport!

Geography matters: Clever Cat camps out in Canada!



Did you know?
Caribou are a kind of reindeer that live in North America. They have big antlers on their heads which the males use for fighting.

Well hello there!
I've had a crazy time camping out in Canada! I set up my camp by the Canadian Rocky Mountains. It wasn't very comfortable but the view was captivating! I caught sight of some caribou and Canadian geese. There were also some cool Canadian cats - a cougar and a Canada Lynx. I captured lots of creatures with my camera. I want make a crafty and creative collage for my cousin with the pictures when I get back! After camping I cruised along in my car to catch some curling, cricket and Canadian football. I also managed to sample some Canadian cuisine. Now I think it's time to head back to my cottage and have a cup of cocoa on a comfy cushion!
Clever Cat

Canada

National flag:



Population: 35, 706, 000

Capital city: Ottawa

Famous landmarks: Niagara Falls



When you have finished reading about Clever Cat's Canadian adventure, cut out this stamp or ask an adult to help you. Then stick it in your Letterland passport!

Geography matters: Firefighter Fred plays football in France



Bonjour!

I've had a fantastic time in France! First of all, I visited a football stadium called the Stade de France. I learned some new fancy footwork from the French team! Then I was fortunate enough to sample some fine French food. The fancy fresh fish and fragrant fromage were full of flavour!

There are a lot of famous museums in France. I found them fascinating! I liked the framed paintings of flowers and fruit the best.

By far the best part of my trip was my visit to the Eiffel Tower - the most famous landmark in France. From the top I could see for miles and miles! At night time they set off some fabulous fireworks from the top- it was so much fun! Firefighter Fred

France

National flag:



Population: 64, 063, 000

Capital city: Paris

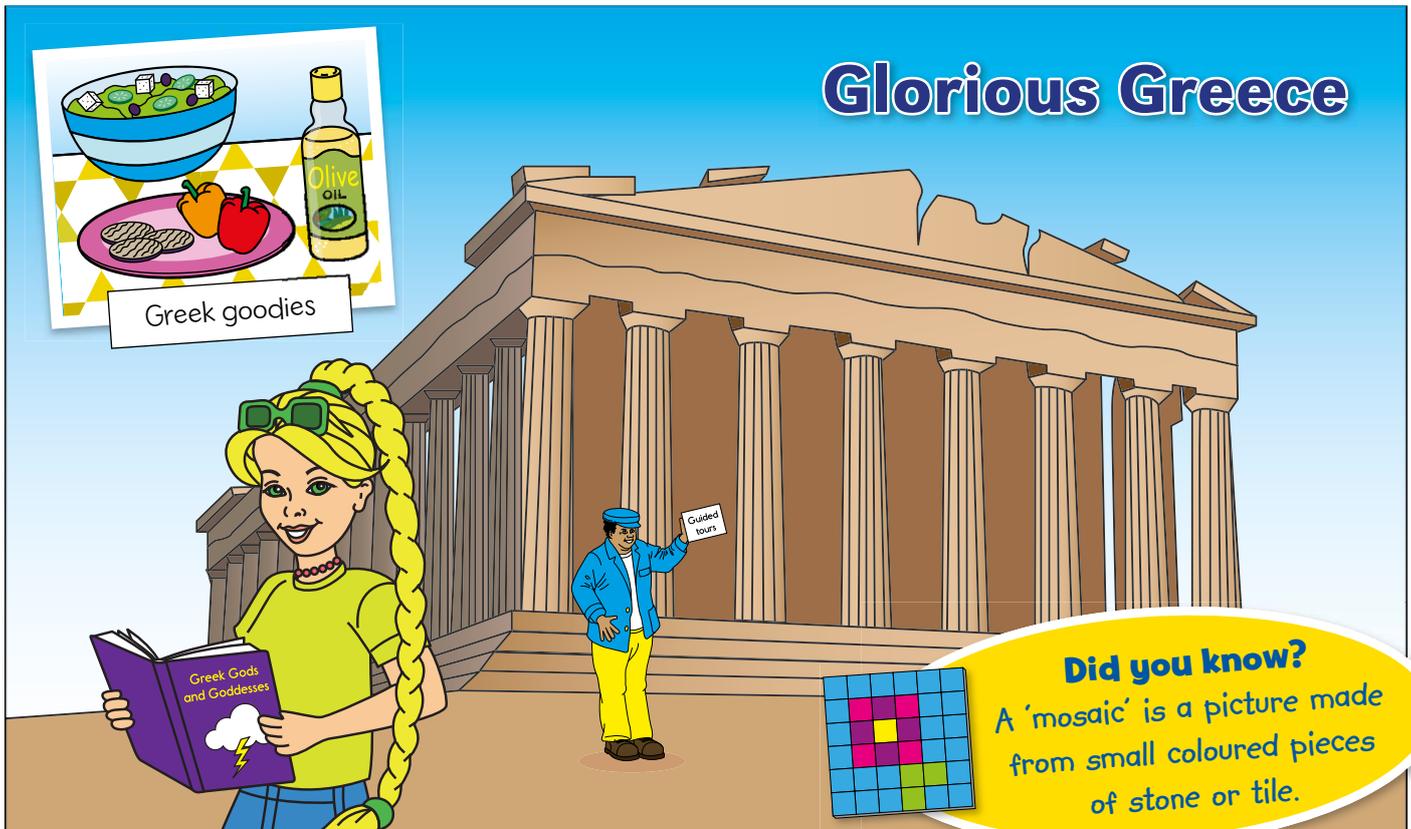
Famous landmarks: The Eiffel Tower



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Geography matters: Golden Girl goes to Greece

Glorious Greece



Did you know?
A 'mosaic' is a picture made from small coloured pieces of stone or tile.

Greetings!

I've had a **g**reat time in **G**reece! The weather has been **g**lorious and the food is so **g**ood. I've **g**obbled up lots of **G**reek salads, with **g**oat's cheese and black olives, but I still think **g**reen olives are the best! I also tried some **g**alaktoboureko - a dessert made with custard and pastry. It was very **g**ood!

There are a lot of **G**reek temples here, with **g**rand stone columns and **g**littering mosaics. My **g**uide told me about the **G**reek **G**ods and **G**oddesses. The stories were quite **g**ripping, so I got a book about them to read in my **g**arden when I **g**et back! **G**reece is also where the Olympic **G**ames started. I **g**ot to visit the old sporting **g**rounds and imagine what it was like to win a **g**old medal. It must have been **g**lorious!

Love from **G**olden **G**irl

Greece

National flag:



Population: 10, 932, 000

Capital city: Athens

Famous landmarks: Ancient Greek ruins



When you have finished reading about Golden Girl's Greek adventure, cut out this stamp or ask an adult to help you. Then stick it in your Letterland passport!

Geography matters:

Munching Mike in marvellous Mexico!



Hello **my** friend!

I'm having a **marvellous** time **making** **my** way across **Mexico**! I have **managed** to visit some **magnificent** **mountains** and **muddy** **mangrove** swamps. I **marked** each place on my **map**.

There are **many** **mammals** living in **Mexico** - I like the **mischievous** **monkeys** **most**! I have **munched** lots of **mangoes**, and tried some 'menudo' - a traditional **Mexican** soup. **My** **Mum** took me to see some **majestic** **monuments**. They were built by the **Mayan** people, **many** years ago. **Must** dash - the **mariachi** **musicians** are **about** to play.

Maybe they'll let **me** play the **maracas**!

Munching **Mike**



Mexico

National flag:



Population: 119,713,000

Capital city: Mexico City

Famous landmarks:

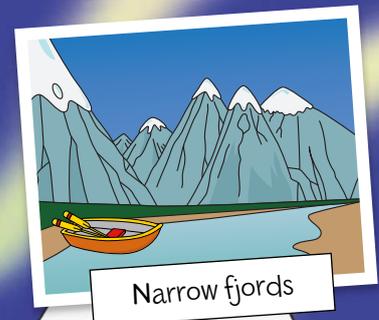
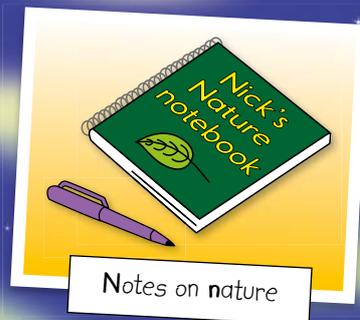
Chichen Itza archaeological site



When you have finished reading about Mike's Mexican adventure, cut out this stamp or ask an adult to help you. Then stick it in your Letterland passport!

Geography matters: Noisy Nick navigates Norway

The Northern Lights



Did you know?
The Northern Lights are also known as the 'Aurora Borealis', which means 'light coming in from the North'!

Hello there!
I've had such a nice time in Norway and I've got lots of news for you! I went on a boat in the narrow fjords. They are like long thin lakes. The fjords were tricky to navigate. I noticed native animals like reindeer and arctic foxes. I tried not to be noisy when they were nearby! Instead, I made lots of notes in my Nature Notebook. It's November now and it's so cold my nose is nearly numb. I need a nice warm drink! I have tried new foods like 'Nøkkelost' - a type of Norwegian cheese. The cookies made with nutmeg were my number one treat! Now, I can't go without telling you about the Northern Lights. They are a natural light show in the night's sky made up of numerous colours. I will never forget seeing them! Love Noisy Nick

Norway

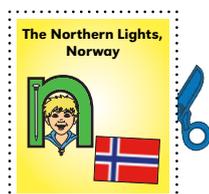
National flag:



Population: 5, 139, 000

Capital city: Oslo

Famous landmarks: Norwegian fjords



When you have finished reading about Noisy Nick's Norwegian adventure, cut out this stamp or ask an adult to help you. Then stick it in your Letterland passport!

Geography matters: Sammy Snake sightsees in Spain!



Buenos días!

I'm having a **s**uper time **s**lithering around **s**unny **S**pain! I have managed to **s**tay cool by **s**wimming, **s**norkelling, and **s**ailing on the Mediterranean **S**ea. I've also been wearing my **s**unhat, **s**unglasses and **s**uncream to protect myself from the **s**corching hot **s**un. I have **s**ampled lots of **s**crumptious **s**eafood flavoured with **s**affron and **s**moked paprika. The **s**weet, **S**panish **s**trawberries are also **s**uperb. On the **s**andy beach, I **s**potted several **s**pecies of **s**nake! It's **s**plendid to have some **S**panish friends. I've had **s**uch a busy summer holiday, now I think it's time for a **s**iesta! See you **s**oon! **S**ammy **S**nake.

Spain

National flag:



Population: 48, 547, 000

Capital city: Madrid

Famous landmarks:

Sagrada Família Church, Barcelona



When you have finished reading about Sammy's summer holiday, cut out this stamp or ask an adult to help you. Then stick it in your Letterland passport!

Geography matters:

Talking Tess travels to the Taj Mahal, India!



Hello friend!

I have had a **terrific time** travelling to the **Taj Mahal** in India! It is summer here at the moment. **Temperatures can top 50 degrees!**

I have **tried some traditional Indian tea**. I also **tasted tandoori chicken** which is made using **turmeric** and other spices. Both were **tremendously tasty!** I didn't have **time to see any tigers** - I'll have **to try again** on my next **trip!**

Talk soon! Talking Tess

India

National flag:



Population: 1, 282, 390, 303

Capital city: New Delhi

Famous landmarks: Crown Palace



When you have finished reading about Tess's trip, cut out this stamp or ask an adult to help you. Then stick it in your Letterland passport!