

Country profile 国家概况

China is a country in Asia. Here are some facts about China.



Country: China, 中国 (Zhongguo)
China is officially called the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Capital: Beijing

Located in northern China, Beijing is the political and cultural centre of China.



Size: Around 9,600,000 km²
China looks like a huge rooster on the map. There are many rivers, lakes, mountains and forests in China.



the Himalayas



the Yellow River

Population: Over 1.3 billion
China has the largest population in the world.

Ethnic groups: 56

Besides the largest ethnic group, Han, which makes up over 90% of the population, there are also 55 ethnic minorities.



Language: There is only one writing system in China, but people speak different dialects.

Written	Spoken	
	Official	Main dialects
Standardized Chinese characters	Putonghua (Standardized form of the spoken Chinese based on Mandarin)	Mandarin, Wu, Xiang, Gan, Hakka, Min, Cantonese