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Exploring the
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1 National boundary of China

A Geographical location

- China is located in the eastern part of Asia (name the continent) and to the west of the Pacific Ocean (Figure 1).
- China lies in the northern and eastern hemispheres. It has a (wide/ small) latitudinal and longitudinal extent (Figure 2). Its latitude extends from south to north for about 50° and its longitude extends from east to west for about 60°.



Figure 1 The location of China in the world

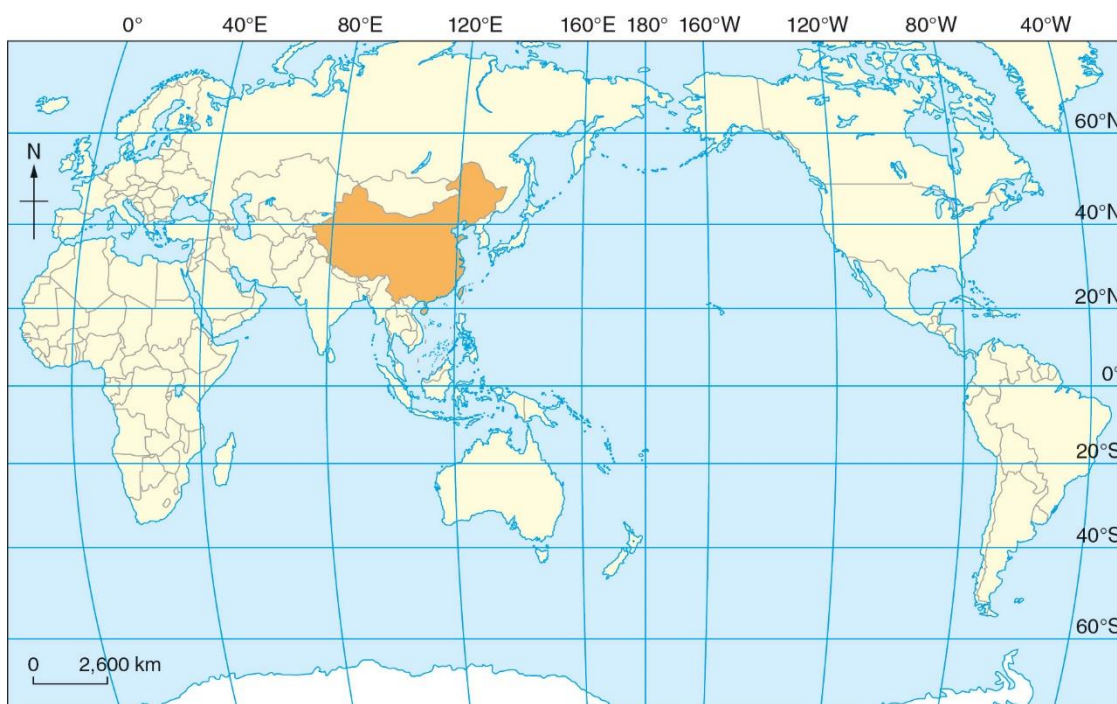


Figure 2 The latitudinal and longitudinal extent of China

B Territory of China

- With a land area of about 9.6 million km², China is the third largest country in the world.
- With a land boundary of over 22,000 km, China shares the same land boundary with over ten countries. It also shares maritime borders with seven countries (Figure 3).
- There are four major seas in China. They are the Bo Hai and the Huang Hai in the north-east, the Dong Hai in the east and the Nan Hai in the south.



Figure 3 The territory of China and its neighbouring countries

C Administrative areas

- Refer to Figure 4. There are 34 provincial-level administrative areas in China, including 23 provinces (省), 4 municipalities (直轄市), 5 autonomous regions/Zizhiqu (自治區) and 2 Special Administrative Regions (特別行政區).
- Beijing is the capital of China.



Figure 4 Locations of administrative areas in China

Table 1 Full list of administrative areas, their short names and provincial capitals

Administrative area	Short name	Provincial capital	Administrative area	Short name	Provincial capital
Heilongjiang	Hei (黑)	(Harbin)	Jiangxi	Gan (贛)	Nanchang
Jilin	Ji (吉)	Changchun	Hunan	(Xiang) (湘)	Changsha
Liaoning	Liao (遼)	Shenyang	Shaanxi	Shan/Qin (陝/秦)	Xi'an
Hebei	Ji (冀)	Shijiazhuang	Chongqing Shi	Yu (渝)	—
Tianjin Shi	Jin (津)	—	Guizhou	Gui/Qian (貴/黔)	Guiyang
Beijing Shi	Jing (京)	—	Guangxi Zhuangzu Zizhiqu	(Gui) (桂)	Nanning
Shandong	Lu (魯)	Jinan	Ningxia Huizu Zizhiqu	Ning (寧)	Yinchuan
Jiangsu	Su (蘇)	Nanjing	Gansu	Gan/Long (甘/隴)	Lanzhou
Shanghai Shi	Hu (滬)	—	Sichuan	Chuan/Shu (川/蜀)	(Chengdu)
Zhejiang	Zhe (浙)	(Hangzhou)	Yunnan	Yun/Dian (雲/滇)	Kunming
Fujian	(Min) (閩)	Fuzhou	Qinghai	Qing (青)	Xining
Guangdong	(Yue) (粵)	(Guangzhou)	Xinjiang Uygur Zizhiqu	(Xin) (新)	Ürümqi
Nei Mongol Zizhiqu	Neimenggu (內蒙古)	(Hohhot)	Xizang Zizhiqu	Zang (藏)	(Lhasa)
Shanxi	Jin (晉)	Taiyuan	Hainan	(Qiong) (瓊)	Haikou
Henan	Yu (豫)	Zhengzhou	Taiwan	Tai (台)	Taipei
Anhui	Wan (皖)	Hefei	Hong Kong SAR	(Gang) (港)	—
Hubei	E (鄂)	(Wuhan)	Macau SAR	Ao (澳)	—

Checkpoint



- In which continent is China located?
 A Asia C Europe
 B Africa D Oceania **A**
- Which ocean is China facing?
 A Arctic Ocean
 B Indian Ocean
 C Pacific Ocean
 D Atlantic Ocean **C**
- China has a wide longitudinal extent. How many time zone(s) does China have?
 A One C Three
 B Two D Four **A**
- China is the third largest country in the world. Which of the following countries is larger than China?
 A Brazil **Country with the largest land area is Russia, followed by Canada, China and the USA.**
 B Russia
 C USA
 D Germany **B**
- Which of the following countries share both land and maritime borders with China?
 1 Vietnam
 2 Malaysia
 3 North Korea
 A 1 and 2 only
 B 1 and 3 only
 C 2 and 3 only
 D 1, 2 and 3 **B**
- Which seas are located between China and the Korean Peninsula?
 1 Bo Hai
 2 Dong Hai
 3 Huang Hai
 A 1 and 2 only C 2 and 3 only
 B 1 and 3 only D 1, 2 and 3 **B**

- Which Chinese local dish does the following restaurant provide?
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- (Note: 渝味 means 'the taste of Yu'.)
- A Hunan C Guizhou
 B Shanghai D Chongqing **D**

- Refer to the map below.



Which of the following matches is/are correct?

	Administrative area	Short name	Provincial capital
1	Gansu	Gan	Xining
2	Sichuan	Shu	Chengdu
3	Jiangxi	Jiang	Nanchang

A 1 only C 1 and 3 only
 B 2 only D 2 and 3 only **B**

- In terms of land area, which of the following is the largest administrative area of China?
 A Heilong Jiang **The top three administrative areas in China in terms of land area are Xinjiang, Xizang and Nei Mongol.**
 B Xizang Zizhiqu
 C Xinjiang Uygur Zizhiqu
 D Nei Mongol Zizhiqu **C**