



# National Geographic Bee

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## Getting Geographic: A to Z Geo-Scavenger Hunt

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Building a strong “geo-vocabulary” is an important part of learning geography. But simply memorizing terms and place locations can be tedious and even boring. One solution to this learning challenge is to turn the task into a game in which students take charge of their own learning. For example, students can participate in an atlas-based scavenger hunt to learn new information and also become more familiar with the atlas as an important tool of geography.

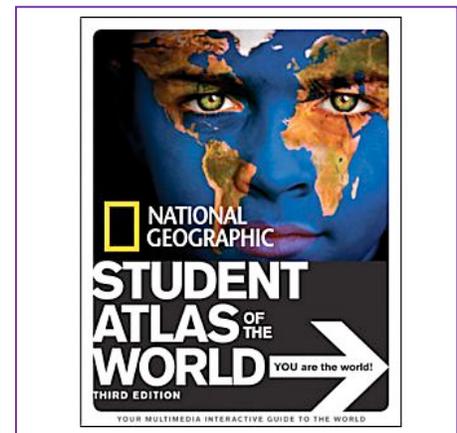
### Conducting a Geo-Scavenger Hunt

a) Divide students into teams of two or three. Then provide each team with several atlases and copies of **ACTIVITY #18-HANDOUT 1**.

b) Explain to students that their task is to use the atlases and the clues provided in the handout to identify 26 place locations that begin with the letters of the alphabet – A to Z.

### Geo-Scavenger Hunt Key

- A: Atacama
- B: Baikal
- C: Cuba
- D: Darfur
- E: Elba
- F: Faroe Islands
- G: Guadalcanal
- H: Hatteras
- I: Iguaçu
- J: James River
- K: Karakum
- L: Limpopo



- M: Marquesas Islands
- N: Nile River
- O: Ob River
- P: Paraná River
- Q: Queen Maud Land
- R: Rhine River
- S: Sumatra
- T: Thames River
- U: Ucayali River
- V: Viti Levu
- W: Weddell Sea
- X: Xizang
- Y: Yalu River
- Z: Zanzibar

### Extending the Activity

a) Distribute blank world physical maps [available at:

[education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/outline-map/](http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/outline-map/)].

b) Have students use the atlases to locate and label each of the place locations identified in the Geo-Scavenger Hunt on blank world maps.

## A to Z Geo-Scavenger Hunt

Desert known as the driest place on Earth	A
Deepest lake on Earth	B
Largest island in the Caribbean	C
War-torn region of western Sudan	D
Italian island where Napoleon lived in exile	E
Danish province in the North Atlantic Ocean	F
Largest island in the Solomon group	G
Barrier island; site of famous lighthouse and many shipwrecks	H
Waterfall located on the border between Argentina and Brazil	I
River that was an important transportation link in colonial Virginia	J
Central Asian desert that makes up much of Turkmenistan	K
River separating South Africa from Botswana and Zimbabwe	L
French Polynesian island group that includes Nuku Hiva	M

River that flows through 9 African countries, then enters the Mediterranean	N
Siberian river that flows north into the Arctic Ocean	O
Second longest river in South America	P
Sector of Antarctica named for a Norwegian queen	Q
European river that flows from the Swiss Alps to the North Sea	R
Sixth largest island in the world	S
Longest river in the United Kingdom	T
Peruvian river that is a contributing source of the Amazon	U
Largest island in the Republic of Fiji	V
Deep bay bounded by the Antarctic Peninsula and Coats Land	W
Autonomous region of China, also known as Tibet	X
River that forms part of the border between North Korea and China	Y
Part of Tanzania that includes the islands of Unguja and Pemba	Z