What can you say about the geography in English...?

NORTH AMERICA
TOPOGRAPHY – WHAT CAN YOU SAY?
- Oceans?
- Seas?
- Bays?
- Rivers?
- Lakes?
- Mountain ranges?
NORTH AMERICA – HOW MANY COUNTRIES?
NORTH AMERICA – HOW IS IT DIVIDED?

- **There are 3 large countries in North America.**
  - **The USA**, where most of the 330 million people speak English.
  - **Canada**, where most of the 30 million people speak English too, except in Quebec, where they speak French, and in Nunavut, where they speak Inuit.
  - **Mexico**, where most of the 110 million people speak Spanish.

- **There are also many small countries in Central America and the Caribbean Sea.**

- **You can find all the climate zones, from tropical to Arctic in North America.**

- **We will concentrate on the USA and Canada.**
1.1 Tropical Moist Broadleaf Forests
1.2 Tropical Dry Broadleaf Forests
2.1 Temperate Broadleaf and Mixed Forests
2.2 Temperate Coniferous Forests
3.1 Temperate Grasslands, Savannas, and Shrublands
3.2 Flooded Grasslands
4.1 Mediterranean Forests, Woodlands, Savanna, and Scrub
4.2 Deserts and Xeric Shrublands
6.1 Taiga and Boreal Forests
6.2 Tundra
SEAS AND OCEANS AROUND N. AMERICA

- The east coast of the USA and Canada, from Florida in the south-east to Newfoundland in the north-east, lies on the Atlantic Ocean.
- The north of Canada and Alaska lie on the Arctic Ocean. Hudson’s Bay is a part of this frozen ocean.
- The south coast of the USA, from Florida to Texas lies on the Gulf of Mexico, part of the Caribbean Sea.
- The west coast of the USA and Canada, from San Diego, California to Nome, Alaska lies on the Pacific Ocean. The American state of Hawaii is on a group of volcanic islands 4,000km south-west of Los Angeles.
THE BIGGEST NATURAL LAKES ARE THE FIVE GREAT LAKES ON THE BORDER BETWEEN THE USA AND CANADA.

LAKE SUPERIOR IS IN THE USA AND CANADA. IT IS THE BIGGEST.

LAKE MICHIGAN IS ALL IN THE USA AND THE CITY OF CHICAGO IS ON THE S.W. BANK.

LAKE HURON IS IN THE USA AND CANADA. IT HAS THE BIGGEST ISLAND – MANITOULIN ISLAND.

LAKE ERIE IS CONNECTED TO LAKE ONTARIO BY THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER AND NIAGARA FALLS.

THE CANADIAN CITY OF TORONTO IS ON LAKE ONTARIO AND THE CITY OF MONTREAL IS ON THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER, ON ITS WAY TO THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.
USA/CANADA – THE GREAT LAKES

LAKE SUPERIOR
LAKE ONTARIO
LAKE MICHIGAN
LAKE HURON
LAKE ERIE
LAKE WINNIPEG AND LAKE MANITOBA ARE IN THE CANADIAN PROVINCE OF MANITOBA.

TWO LARGE LAKES, THE GREAT SLAVE LAKE AND THE GREAT BEAR LAKE ARE IN THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORY OF CANADA.

THE LARGEST MAN-MADE LAKE IS LAKE MEAD, ON THE COLORADO RIVER, IN THE STATES OF NEVADA AND ARIZONA.

THE GREAT SALT LAKE IN UTAH IS A VERY SPECIAL LAKE AS IT IS EXTREMELY SALTY. DON’T DRINK ITS WATER!!
CANADA - LAKES
GREAT SALT LAKE AND LAKE MEAD IN USA.
THE 4TH LONGEST RIVER IN THE WORLD IS THE MISSISSIPPI/MISSOURI SYSTEM. IT FLOWS FROM MONTANA TO THE GULF OF MEXICO NEAR NEW ORLEANS. THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS LIES AT THE CONFLUENCE OF THE TWO RIVERS.

THE RIO GRANDE RIVER LIES ON THE BORDER BETWEEN THE USA AND MEXICO AND ENTERS THE SEA NEAR BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS.

THE BIGGEST RIVERS ON THE EAST COAST ARE THE ST. LAWRENCE RIVER IN CANADA AND THE HUDSON RIVER WHICH FLOWS SOUTH TO NEW YORK CITY.

THE LARGEST RIVERS IN THE WEST ARE THE COLORADO RIVER, WHICH FLOWS THROUGH THE GRAND CANYON, ON ITS WAY TO THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA,

... AND THE COLUMBIA/ SNAKE RIVER SYSTEM, WHICH ENTERS THE PACIFIC NEAR PORTLAND, OREGON. THE SNAKE RIVER STARTS IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK AND THE COLUMBIA RIVER STARTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA IN CANADA.
MAIN RIVERS IN THE UNITED STATES
The Yukon River starts in the Rocky Mountains in British Columbia and flows through Yukon Territory and Alaska to the Pacific Ocean near Alakanuk, Alaska.

The Mackenzie River starts in the Great Slave Lake and flows north to the Arctic Ocean near Inuvik in the Northwest Territories of Canada.
GEOGRAPHICAL REGIONS 1

- **THE COASTAL PLAIN** is all the lowlands near the sea and rivers from Massachusetts in the north-east, to Florida in the south-east and Texas in the south.

- **THE APPALACHIAN MOUNTAINS** are the mountains and uplands from Georgia in the south-east of the USA to Maine in the north-east, and to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland in the east of Canada. The highest peak is **MOUNT MITCHELL** in North Carolina at 2014 metres.

- **THE CANADIAN SHIELD** is a massive plateau area of central and north Canada where the rivers flow to Hudson’s Bay.

- **THE INTERIOR LOWLANDS** reach from the Great Lakes in the north-east, to Texas in the south, and north through Canada to the Arctic Ocean.
THE GREAT PLAINS reach from Texas in the south to Alberta, Canada in the north. Millions of bison lived on these prairies in the past, but now there are only farmers and tornadoes!

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS run north from New Mexico and Colorado in the south to Alaska in the north. MOUNT MCKINLEY in Alaska is the highest mountain in North America at 6195 metres.

THE BASIN AND RANGE REGION runs from Arizona and Mexico in the south-west USA, with deserts, mesa hills and mountains, through Nevada and Oregon and runs up through Canada to include most of central Alaska with mountains, forests and tundra.

THE COASTAL RANGES are the mountains along the Pacific coast from Baja California in Mexico, to California, Oregon and Washington in the USA, to British Columbia in Canada and on to the south coast of Alaska, including the ALEUTIAN ISLANDS in the North Pacific Ocean.
EVERGLADES NP IN FLORIDA-MANGROVES, ‘RIVER OF GRASS’, LOTS OF ALLIGATORS!
NIAGARA FALLS – HORSESHOE AND AMERICAN FALLS - 52M HIGH ON USA-CANADA BORDER –
DO NOT SWIM HERE IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!
MOUNT RUSHMORE – SOUTH DAKOTA – 4X 18M
PRESIDENTS HEADS CARVED ON A HILLSIDE!
YELLOWSTONE NP – OLDEST IN WORLD - FROM 1872. GEYSERS, MUDPOTS AND ANIMALS.
ARCHES NP – UTAH – 2,000 SANDSTONE BRIDGES AND OTHER LANDFORMS IN DESERT.
GRAND CANYON – ARIZONA – 450KM LONG, 2KM DEEP VALLEY ON THE COLORADO RIVER.
DEATH VALLEY – CALIFORNIA – 86M BELOW SEA LEVEL. TEMPERATURE UP TO 57°C!
ALASKA – BIGGEST STATE. MT. MCKINLEY – 6,000M+. NATIVE AMERICANS, INUIT, CARIBOU, GRIZZLY BEARS AND MASSIVE OIL RESERVES.
MAUNA LOA AND MAUNA KEA – ARE TWO HUGE ACTIVE VOLCANOES IN HAWAII – 4000M HIGH.
SEE YOU NEXT TIME IN THE COMPUTER ROOM.

- Geography is fun, isn't it?
- We can all play Geography games on the computer next time!!!

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