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Quick facts

Capital: Beijing

Population (approx): 1,303,701,000

Area: 9,596,960 sq km

Language: Chinese (Mandarin), Cantonese, local
languages and dialects

Religion: Taoist, Buddhist, Muslim

Currency: Yuan



Great Wall of China

China covers more than 9.5 million sq km and is the most populous country in the world. Most people live in the east and southeast where the land is green and fertile. Hills, rivers, mountains and barren deserts of sand and rock cover other parts of the country. The Himalaya, Karakoram, Pamir and Tian Shan mountain ranges separate China from South and Central Asia.

Shanghai is the largest city in China and is one of the world's largest seaports.

The Great Wall of China is 3,460 km long and is the longest wall in the world. It was built to protect China's northern borders against tribes from central Asia.

One in five people in China live in the cities, the rest live in the countryside where they grow wheat and rice and raise pigs and other livestock. Paddies are flooded fields where rice is grown.

Cantonese and other Chinese languages are spoken in the southeast coastal areas, but the official language of China is Mandarin.

One of the main ingredients of Chinese food is rice, as are noodles and vegetables.

Chinese people use chopsticks when eating food. They are two sticks which are held in one hand and pinched together to pick up food.

Bicycles are the main method of transport in China, carrying people and luggage.

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Answer the following questions.

1. What is the capital of China?

2. Which currency is used in China?

3. What is the largest city in China?

4. Name three mountain ranges in China.

5. Rice is grown in flooded fields. What are these fields called?

6. What is the official language of China?

7. How long is the Great Wall of China?

8. What do Chinese people use to eat food?
