

A report on a developing country

The Assignment

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name the country being studied 	
<p>The country of which I have chosen to study is The People's Republic of China (known as China).</p>	 <p>Flag of China</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State the spatial dimensions of the country: Where is the country? On which continent? How large is it? Who are its neighbours? Latitude and Longitude. 	
 <p style="text-align: center;">Map of China</p>	<p>China is located in Asia. China is the largest country in eastern Asia; China has a land size of a total of 9,596,960 sq km, which includes 9,326,410 sq km of land and 270,550 sq km of water. China is slightly smaller than the United States of America. It shares its borders with fifteen countries and two regional borders. China shares its borders with <i>total</i>: 22,117 km <i>border countries</i>: Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, India, Kazakhstan, North Korea, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, Russia, Tajikistan, and Vietnam. China also borders Hong Kong and Macau, a special administrative region. China's global coordinates are 35° 00' N, 105° 00' E. China is the world's fourth largest country. China also borders the East China Sea, Korea Bay, Yellow Sea, and South China Sea, which is a total of 14,500 km of coastline.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe the physical geography of the country: Landforms, major rivers, climate, natural resources, and biosphere. 	
<p>China is a vast land with many varieties in environment. The southern parts of China are tropical and the northern parts of China are subarctic areas. A large portion of China is mostly mountains. In China there are high plateaus and deserts in the western region of China. There are also deltas, plains, and hills in the eastern side of China. China also has fertile lowlands and offshore islands. The main rivers of China are the Yellow River (Huang He) and the Yangtze River, which originates from the southern branch of the Kunlun Mountains. China has five point eight percent of the world's total water supply. The climate greatly varies from China's northernmost province of Heilongjiang, which has a subarctic like climate. China's most southerly point, Hainan Island is a tropical place nearly all year round. China has a mostly dry and moist winter. In summer, temperatures can reach up to 30°C. Rainfall varies between the different parts of China but the Qinling</p>	 <p style="text-align: center;">Geography Map of China</p>

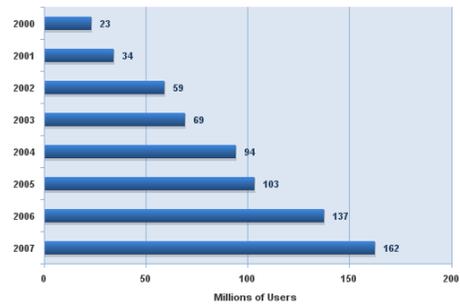
<p>mountains experiences plentiful amounts of rainfall especially during the summer monsoon season. China is rich in natural resources. China has coal, iron ore, mines and petroleum, natural gas rigs. China also has mercury, tin, aluminium, lead, zinc, uranium, and other metals. China has the world's largest hydropower potential.</p>	 <p>China's lakes and mountainous landscapes</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Describe the human geography of the country: Population, growth rates, races, language, culture, work, and location of people, towns and cities.	
 <p>Chinese Traditional Dancers</p>  <p>Chinese chess is a traditional game played in China.</p>	<p>China has a massive population with many unregistered births and deaths each year. The population estimated for July 2008 is 1,330,044,605. The growth rate for China is currently 0.629%, which is also estimation.</p> <p>China mainly comprises for the Han Chinese, which is 91.5% of the population. There are also smaller tribal ethnic groups including the Zhuang, Manchu, Hui, Miao, Uyghur, Tujia, Yi, Mongol, Tibetan, Buyi, Dong, Yao, Korean, and other nationalities which form the remaining 8.5% of China's population. The languages spoken in China vary from different places. The official language is the Mandarin (Putonghua, as known in China). Cantonese is also known as Yue which is spoken commonly in the south eastern areas of China like Hong Kong. There are also other minority languages like Wu (Shanghainese), Minbei, Hokkien, Xiang, Gan, Hakka dialects.</p> <p>Chinese culture has long roots in history and society. Confucianism was the official philosophy throughout most of Imperial China's history. China's traditional morals were derived from Confucianism. Confucianism was started by a Confucius, a Chinese philosopher who believed that children should honour their parents and that the people should be loyal to their country. There have been conflicts between philosophers in the past with the Neo-Confucians believing that Legalism departed from the original spirit of Confucianism. Most Chinese people are farmers and herders. About one-fifth of China's population live in urban areas. Although Beijing, is the capital of China, it is the second largest city with 6,619,000 people following Shanghai, which has 9, 005, 600 people.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Compare the average quality of life in your chosen country with the quality of life in Australia:	

Literacy, educational opportunities, life expectancy, medical services, access to fresh water, consumer goods, internet access

Australia is one of the richest nations on the Earth. China on the other hand has vast lands but on average its economy and wealth of its people are much lower than Australians. The life expectancy of the Chinese is about 10 years shorter than Australians. Australian males live to 77 and women live to 83. But in China, men live to 70 and women live to 73. Australia has more medical facilities than China with each doctor receiving an average of 480 patients compared to a Chinese doctor receiving 620 patients. In China, about 75% to 85% of the population have access to fresh water compared to Australia which has 100% access to fresh water. China one of the world's largest producer of consumer goods. China produces over 30% of the world's toys and bags. China also manufactures over 60% of the world's bicycles and microwaves. Although internet is partially censored in China about 253,000,000 people are users of the internet.



An inner city Chinese market.
Internet Users in China



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Table showing internet users in China.

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