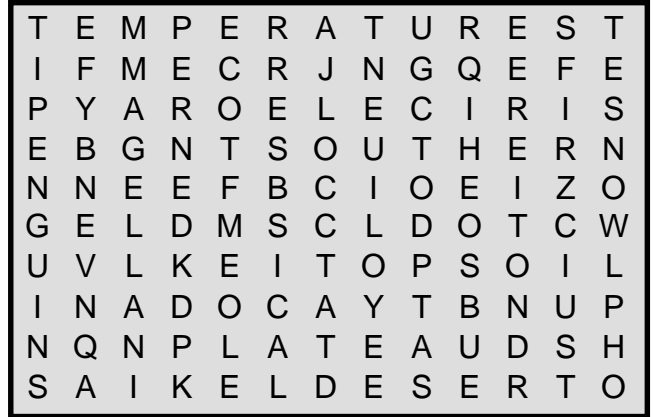


# ARGENTINA

**Directions:** Section 1 below gives information about the land and climate of Argentina. Fill in the space in each sentence with the missing word, name, or term. All answers are hidden on the word search puzzle, either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. Circle the answers on the puzzle first, then use these words to complete the sentences.

## Land and Climate



- (1) Argentina is located in the \_\_\_\_\_ part of South America.
- (2) The rugged \_\_\_\_\_ Mountains stretch along the western border.
- (3) A bare, windswept \_\_\_\_\_ called Patagonia extends across the south.
- (4) A fertile, grassy plain known as the Pampa covers central Argentina. It has some of the world's richest \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) The Pampa has more than two-thirds of Argentina's people and most of its \_\_\_\_\_, industries, and transportation facilities.
- (6) Dolphins, \_\_\_\_\_, and sea lions are found along the coast.
- (7) The island of Tierra del Fuego lies at the southern tip of South America. The island, which is divided between Argentina and Chile, is separated from the mainland by the Strait of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (8) Argentina has a mild climate. Because the country is below the equator, the north has the highest \_\_\_\_\_, and the south the lowest.
- (9) Most of the country receives enough rainfall to grow crops. But much of Patagonia is a \_\_\_\_\_, getting less than 10 inches of rain a year.
- (10) In winter, cold air from Antarctica sometimes sweeps northward, bringing light \_\_\_\_\_ to parts of the country.

## People

- (11) About a third of the people in Argentina live in Buenos Aires and its \_\_\_\_\_. About a fourth live in the Pampa.
- (12) Large regions of the country have few people because of the unfavorable \_\_\_\_\_ and rugged terrain.
- (13) About 85 percent of the population are of \_\_\_\_\_ ancestry. Most of the rest are mestizos.
- (14) Unlike most other Latin American countries, Argentina has few Indians today. By the late 1800s, many had been killed by the Europeans or had died of European \_\_\_\_\_.



- (15) \_\_\_\_\_ is the official language.
- (16) About 90 percent of Argentines live in cities and towns. Both immigrants and people from rural areas have moved to urban areas in search of jobs and a better way of life. But many have failed to find work, and must live in shacks in \_\_\_\_\_ on the outskirts of the cities.
- (17) People in rural areas generally have a lower standard of living. Some own small farms. Others work on huge \_\_\_\_\_ that cover much of the Pampa and Patagonia.
- (18) The majority of Argentines dress like people in the United States. Most eat well, including plenty of meat, especially \_\_\_\_\_.
- (19) In summer, people enjoy the white, sandy beaches along the Atlantic coast. In winter, many Argentines \_\_\_\_\_ in the Andes.
- (20) Soccer is the most popular sport. Other favorite sports include basketball, boating, rugby, automobile racing, horse racing, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (21) Many people enjoy plays, motion pictures, concerts, ballets, operas, and religious \_\_\_\_\_.
- (22) Most Argentines 15 and older are \_\_\_\_\_, meaning they can read and write.
- (23) About 90 percent of the people are Roman Catholics, but many do not actively practice their \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Economy**

- (24) \_\_\_\_\_ industries and manufacturing account for most of Argentina's gross domestic product (GDP).
- (25) Fertile \_\_\_\_\_ is the country's most important natural resource.
- (26) Argentina's factories produce most of the nation's \_\_\_\_\_ goods, including food, clothing, and household items.
- (27) Service industry workers are employed by government agencies, schools, hospitals, stores, hotels, \_\_\_\_\_, and companies in the fields of transportation and communication.
- (28) Buenos Aires and its suburbs have most of the nation's \_\_\_\_\_.
- (29) The Pampa is the main agricultural region. The leading farm products are beef, corn, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (30) Huge estates spread over much of the Pampa. Owners of these estates rent land to \_\_\_\_\_ farmers and hire workers to tend livestock or to help with planting and harvesting.
- (31) Many families farm small plots of land and raise only enough crops to feed themselves. They are called \_\_\_\_\_ farmers.
- (32) Petroleum is the leading mineral resource. Iron ore, lead, zinc, and uranium are mined in the \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (33) Much of Argentina's electricity is supplied by \_\_\_\_\_ plants.
- (34) Argentina's main trading partners are Brazil, the United States, and the countries of Western Europe. Farm products make up about two-thirds of the country's total exports. Chemicals and machinery are among the leading \_\_\_\_\_.
- (35) \_\_\_\_\_, highways, and air routes link Buenos Aires with most of the country's cities and towns.

**History**

- (36) Indians lived in Argentina long before the Europeans arrived in the 1500s. Some Indians settled in one place and grew crops, but most roamed the land in search of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (37) In 1516, the Spanish explorer Juan Diaz de Solis became the first European to reach Argentina. The Spaniards founded \_\_\_\_\_ in 1580.
- (38) Spain ruled Argentina for nearly 300 years. The Spanish settlers were disappointed that they could not find gold and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (39) The Spanish forced the Indians to work for them by farming the land and weaving \_\_\_\_\_ into cloth.
- (40) Many Indians died of European \_\_\_\_\_ or were killed by Europeans.
- (41) In the early 1800s, Jose de San Martin led the fight against Spain that resulted in Argentina gaining its independence. Argentines today regard San Martin as their greatest \_\_\_\_\_.
- (42) A \_\_\_\_\_ was written that was modeled after the United States Constitution.
- (43) In the late 1800s, the economy was helped by the arrival of thousands of immigrant farm workers. Also, the British invested money to help build railroads to carry farm products from the \_\_\_\_\_ to Buenos Aires.
- (44) In 1982, Argentina and Great Britain fought air, sea, and land battles for control of the Falkland Islands. Britain, which has ruled the islands since 1833, defeated the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (45) Through the years, Argentina has often been ruled by military dictatorships. It has also had to deal with such problems as large debts, inflation, corruption in the military, strikes, \_\_\_\_\_, and anti-government protests.

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## Argentina

### Multiple-Choice

- (1) \_\_\_\_ Argentina is located: (a) in Central America south of Mexico (b) in the southern part of South America (c) in the West Indies
- (2) \_\_\_\_ Argentina's climate is characterized by: (a) year-around rainfall throughout the country (b) warmer temperatures in the north than in the south (c) hot summers and bitterly cold winters
- (3) \_\_\_\_ Most people 15 and older are: (a) literate (b) skilled workers (c) mestizos
- (4) \_\_\_\_ The gross domestic product of Argentina is derived mainly from: (a) gold, silver, and petroleum (b) farm products (c) service industries and manufacturing
- (5) \_\_\_\_ Farmers who grow only enough food to feed their own families are called: (a) subsistence farmers (b) migratory farmers (c) commercial farmers

### Completion

- (6) About 1 out of every 3 Argentines lives in \_\_\_\_\_, the national capital, and its suburbs.
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is the official language.
- (8) About 90 percent of the people belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ Church.
- (9) The Spanish settlers in Argentina forced the \_\_\_\_\_ to work for them.
- (10) \_\_\_\_\_ led the fight against Spain that resulted in Argentina gaining its independence.

### Matching

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| (11) ____ Patagonia        | (a) area of fertile soil in central Argentina                                     |
| (12) ____ Pampa            | (b) island separated from the mainland of South America by the Strait of Magellan |
| (13) ____ Tierra del Fuego | (c) where vacationers enjoy white, sandy beaches                                  |
| (14) ____ Atlantic coast   | (d) located along Argentina's western border                                      |
| (15) ____ Andes Mountains  | (e) a bare, windswept plateau in southern Argentina                               |

### True-False

- (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Climate and physical features have no effect on where people live in Argentina.
- (17) \_\_\_\_\_ Indians make up the largest ethnic group in the country today.
- (18) \_\_\_\_\_ Millions of people have left the cities and moved to rural areas in search of jobs and a higher standard of living.
- (19) \_\_\_\_\_ Chemicals and machinery are among Argentina's leading exports.
- (20) \_\_\_\_\_ During its history, the nation has often been ruled by military dictators.