Countries and Their Borders

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- PYQs, Decoded: All key concepts from past exams, organized and simplified.
- Revise in Record Time: Short, precise, and designed for last-minute review.
- Focus on What Matters: Master high-probability topics and boost your confidence.

Country Areas (Size & Ranking)

Global Area Ranking



- The descending order of area (largest to smallest) for the specified countries is:
 - Canada > USA > China > Brazil
- The correct ascending order of area (smallest to largest) for the specified countries is:
 - o India < Argentina < Australia < Brazil
- Among Russia, Brazil, Canada, and France, France is not larger than India in area.

Regional Area Comparison (South Asia)

• The smallest country in South Asia by area is the Maldives.

Geographical Features (Coastlines & Borders)

Coastlines

- Among India, Canada, Australia, and Brazil, Canada has the longest coastline.
- A "country without borders" refers to an island nation.
- The largest **island country** by geographical area is **Australia**.

International Land Borders

- The country that shares the longest territorial border with India is Bangladesh.
- China shares a border with Pakistan.
- China does not share a border with Bulgaria.
- Israel shares borders with Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, and Egypt.

Borders with the Caspian Sea

- Countries that border the Caspian Sea are: Russia, Azerbaijan, Iran, Turkmenistan, and Kazakhstan.
- Armenia and Iraq do not share a border with the Caspian Sea.

Regional Geography

Africa

- The Horn of Africa
 - o **Definition:** A peninsula in East Africa.
 - Countries Included: Primarily consists of Somalia, Ethiopia, and Djibouti. Eritrea is also often included.
 - Countries Excluded: Sudan, Algeria, Morocco, Western Sahara, Libya, Egypt, Zimbabwe, Botswana, and Angola are not part of the Horn of Africa.

Southern Africa

 Zambia's Borders: Zambia shares borders with Tanzania, Angola, and Namibia. It does not share a border with Botswana.

West African Coast

- Countries on the western coast include Liberia, Gabon, and Angola.
- Botswana is a landlocked country in Southern Africa and is not on the western coast.

Europe

Balkan Countries

- Bordering the Adriatic Sea: The Adriatic Sea borders Bosnia
 Herzegovina, Croatia, and Albania.
- Balkan vs. Non-Balkan:
 - Balkan countries include Slovenia, Bulgaria, Bosnia Herzegovina, Croatia, and Macedonia.
 - Austria is not a Balkan country; it is a Central European country.

British Isles

- o Great Britain comprises only England, Wales, and Scotland.
- The United Kingdom comprises England, Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland.
- England covers less than 60% of the total area of the United Kingdom.

Scandinavian Countries

- The core Scandinavian countries are Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.
- Finland is a Nordic country, but is **not** always included in the strict definition of Scandinavia.

Asia

Afghanistan's Borders:

- Afghanistan shares borders with Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.
- Afghanistan does not share a border with Russia.

• Myanmar's Borders:

- India, China, Bangladesh, Thailand, and Laos border Myanmar.
- o It does **not** border Vietnam, Cambodia, or Malaysia.

Americas and Oceania

Central America:

- Central American countries include Panama, Honduras, and Guatemala.
- Sierra Leone is a country in West Africa and is not in Central America.

Oceania:



- Oceania is a geographical region that includes sub-regions like
 Melanesia, Micronesia, and countries like Australia.
- Indonesia is a Southeast Asian country and is not included in Oceania.

Eastern European Borders

Lithuania's Borders:

- Lithuania shares borders with Poland, Belarus, and Latvia.
- Lithuania does **not** share a border with Ukraine.

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- Countries and their Borders Old Year Questions
- Countries and their Borders One Liner Questions & Answers