

China – or not?



Here are a set of 20 statements about China – indicate whether you think the statement is true [T], false [F] or you are unsure [U].

Answers are at the end!



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- China is the largest country in the world (by area).
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- China has the largest population in the world.
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- 3. Half of all the world's cement is used in China each year.
- In China, the people who speak Mandarin Chinese cannot be understood by those that speak Cantonese Chinese.
- 5. It is considered bad luck in China if fish or chicken is served without its head and tail.





- 6. About 60% of the Chinese people live in large towns and cities.
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- 7. In order to prepare the dish called Peking Duck, the duck has first to be inflated with a pump!
- 8. In China, there are many different political parties to vote for.
- 9. Aircraft, helicopters, machine guns and grenades made in China are sold to many different countries around the world.
- 10. China is in the southern hemisphere.





- 11. The capital of China is called Shanghai.
- 12. Since the year 2000, China has built and launched 22 satellites into space using its own designed and built rockets.
- 13. The last emperor of China was only two years old when he became emperor.
- 14. Between 1979 and 1986, couples in China were only allowed by law to have a single child.
- **15.** The Chinese invented toilet paper and fireworks.



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- **16.** 2007 is known as the year of the dragon and 2008 as the year of the snake.
- 17. Only about 15% of the land in China can be used for growing food.
- **18.** The Chinese flag is red with 10 small stars in the top left-hand corner.
- 19. Hong Kong was ruled by the British until 1997 when it was given back to China.
- 20. The Emperor of China used to live in the Forbidden City.





China – or not? - Answers

- China is the largest country in the world (by area).
 [F] It is the fourth largest in the world.
- China has the largest population in the world.
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- Half of all the world's cement is used in China each year.
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- In China, the people who speak Mandarin Chinese cannot be understood by those that speak Cantonese Chinese.
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- 5. It is considered bad luck in China if fish or chicken is served without its head and tail.





- 6. About 60% of the Chinese people live in large towns and cities.
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 Only about 30% of the population live in towns and cities.
- 7. In order to prepare the dish called Peking Duck, the duck has first to be inflated with a pump!



- In China, there are many different political parties to vote for.
 [F]
 There is only one political party (The Communist Party)
- 9. Aircraft, helicopters, machine guns and grenades made in China are sold to many different countries around the world.
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- 10. China is in the southern hemisphere.
 [F]
 China is in the northern hemisphere





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 The capital of China is called Beijing (it used to be called Peking)
- 12. Since the year 2000, China has built and launched 22 satellites into space using its own designed and built rockets.



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[F] 2007 was the year of the pig and 2008, the year of the rat

- 17. Only about 15% of the land in China can be used for growing food.
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- **18.** The Chinese flag is red with 10 small stars in the top left-hand corner.

[F] The Chinese flag has only one large star and four small stars

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