

This document is not intended to spread any kind of political views and is only meant to serve as an indisputable authority should an issue arise regarding questions having to do with countries in the Pokemon Showdown! Trivia room.

The following is a list of entities referred to as countries. This differs from the term *independent state*, which is a country with recognized, *de jure* sovereignty over its area and at least partial *de facto* control over its claimed area. Not all entities called countries are independent states nor do they claim to be so. If you wish to exclude entities called countries that are not independent, use *independent state*, *independent country* or another type of specifier, such as *United Nations member state*.

If the answer to your question is a country, you are required to accept any form of the country's name given below. You can also accept a term not listed if properly justified.

Askers should also reasonably accept abbreviations for states of countries where applicable.

Common name	Full or other name(s)	Accepted official answer(s)	Independent?
Afghanistan	Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan	afghanistan	Yes
Albania	Republic of Albania	albania	Yes
Algeria	People's Democratic Republic of Algeria	algeria	Yes
Andorra	Principality of Andorra, Principality of the Valleys of Andorra	andorra	Yes
Angola	Republic of Angola	angola	Yes
Antigua and Barbuda	-	antiguaandbarbuda	Yes
Argentina	Argentine Republic, Argentine Nation	argentina	Yes
Armenia	Republic of Armenia	armenia	Yes
Aruba	-	aruba	No ¹
Australia	Commonwealth of Australia	australia	Yes
Austria	Republic of Austria	austria	Yes
Azerbaijan	Republic of Azerbaijan	azerbaijan	Yes
The Bahamas	Commonwealth of The Bahamas	thebahamas, bahamas	Yes
Bahrain	Kingdom of Bahrain	bahrain	Yes
Bangladesh	People's Republic of Bangladesh	bangladesh	Yes
Barbados	-	barbados	Yes

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Belarus	Republic of Belarus	belarus	Yes
Belgium	Kingdom of Belgium	belgium	Yes
Belize	-	belize	Yes
Benin	Republic of Benin	benin	Yes
Bhutan	Kingdom of Bhutan	bhutan	Yes
Bolivia	Plurinational State of Bolivia	bolivia	Yes
Bosnia and Herzegovina	-	bosniaandherzegovina, bh	Yes
Botswana	Republic of Botswana	botswana	Yes
Brazil	Federative Republic of Brazil	brazil	Yes
Brunei	Nation of Brunei, the Abode of Peace; Brunei Darussalam	brunei, bruneidarussalam	Yes
Bulgaria	Republic of Bulgaria	bulgaria	Yes
Burkina Faso	-	burkinafaso	Yes
Burundi	Republic of Burundi	burundi	Yes
Cambodia	Kingdom of Cambodia	cambodia	Yes
Cameroon	Republic of Cameroon	cameroon	Yes
Canada	-	canada	Yes
Cape Verde	Cabo Verde, Republic of Cabo Verde	capeverde, caboverde	Yes
Central African Republic	-	centralafricanrepublic, car	Yes
Chad	Republic of Chad	chad	Yes
Chile	Republic of Chile	chile	Yes
China	People's Republic of China	china, prc	Yes
Colombia	Republic of Colombia	colombia	Yes
Comoros	Union of the Comoros	thecomoros, comoros	Yes
Côte d'Ivoire	Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Ivory Coast	cotedivoire, ivorycoast	Yes
Democratic Republic of	Congo-Kinshasa, DR Congo	democraticrepublicofthecongo,	Yes

the Congo		drc, droc, drcongo, congokinshasa	
Republic of the Congo	Congo-Brazzaville, Congo Republic	republicofthecongo, congorepublic, congobrazzaville	Yes
Cook Islands	-	cookislands	No ²
Costa Rica	Republic of Costa Rica	costarica	Yes
Croatia	Republic of Croatia	croatia	Yes
Cuba	Republic of Cuba	cuba	Yes
Curaçao	Country of Curaçao	curacao	No ³
Cyprus	Republic of Cyprus	cyprus	Yes
Czechia	Czech Republic	czechia, czechrepublic	Yes
Denmark	Kingdom of Denmark	denmark	Yes/No ⁴
Djibouti	Republic of Djibouti	djibouti	Yes
Dominica	Commonwealth of Dominica	dominica	Yes
Dominican Republic	-	dominicanrepublic, dr	Yes
East Timor	Timor-Leste, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	easttimor, timorleste	Yes
Ecuador	Republic of Ecuador	ecuador	Yes
Egypt	Arab Republic of Egypt	egypt	Yes
El Salvador	Republic of El Salvador	elsalvador	Yes
England	-	england	No ⁵
Equatorial Guinea	Republic of Equatorial Guinea	equatorialguinea	Yes
Eritrea	State of Eritrea	eritrea	Yes
Estonia	Republic of Estonia	estonia	Yes
Ethiopia	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia	ethiopia	Yes

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⁴ Denmark *proper* forms only a part of the Kingdom of Denmark, which is independent.

⁵ Constituent country of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Faroe Islands	Faeroe Islands	faroeislands, faeroeislands	No ⁶
Fiji	Republic of Fiji	fiji	Yes
Finland	Republic of Finland	finland	Yes
France	French Republic	france	Yes
Gabon	Gabonese Republic	gabon	Yes
Gambia	The Gambia, Republic of The Gambia	thegambia, gambia	Yes
Georgia	-	georgia	Yes
Germany	Federal Republic of Germany	germany	Yes
Ghana	Republic of Ghana	ghana	Yes
Greece	Hellenic Republic	greece	Yes
Greenland	-	greenland	No ⁷
Grenada	-	grenada	Yes
Guatemala	Republic of Guatemala	guatemala	Yes
Guinea	Republic of Guinea	guinea	Yes
Guinea-Bissau	Republic of Guinea-Bissau	guineabissau	Yes
Guyana	Co-operative Republic of Guyana	guyana	Yes
Haiti	Republic of Haiti	haiti	Yes
Holy See	See of Rome, Vatican, Vatican City	holysees, theholysees, vatican, thevatican, vaticancity	Yes ⁸
Honduras	Republic of Honduras	honduras	Yes
Hungary	-	hungary	Yes
Iceland	-	iceland	Yes
India	Republic of India	india	Yes
Indonesia	Republic of Indonesia	indonesia	Yes
Iran	Islamic Republic of Iran	iran	Yes

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⁸ The Holy See is the sovereign country controlling the area of the Vatican City state. For the purposes of the Trivia room, both the Holy See and the Vatican City can be used as names for the country.

Iraq	Republic of Iraq	iraq	Yes
Ireland	Ireland	ireland	Yes
Israel	State of Israel	israel	Yes
Italy	Italian Republic	italy	Yes
Jamaica	-	jamaica	Yes
Japan	-	japan	Yes
Jordan	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan	jordan	Yes
Kazakhstan	Republic of Kazakhstan	kazakhstan	Yes
Kenya	Republic of Kenya	kenya	Yes
Kiribati	Republic of Kiribati	kiribati	Yes
North Korea	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	northkorea, dprk	Yes
South Korea	Republic of Korea	southkorea, rok	Yes
Kosovo	Republic of Kosovo	kosovo	Yes ⁹
Kuwait	State of Kuwait	kuwait	Yes
Kyrgyzstan	Kyrgyz Republic	kyrgyzstan	Yes
Laos	Lao People's Democratic Republic	laos	Yes
Latvia	Republic of Latvia	latvia	Yes
Lebanon	Lebanese Republic	lebanon	Yes
Lesotho	Kingdom of Lesotho	lesotho	Yes
Liberia	Republic of Liberia	liberia	Yes
Libya	-	libya	Yes
Liechtenstein	Principality of Liechtenstein	liechtenstein	Yes
Lithuania	Republic of Lithuania	lithuania	Yes
Luxembourg	Grand Duchy of Luxembourg	luxembourg	Yes
Madagascar	Republic of Madagascar	madagascar	Yes
Malawi	Republic of Malawi	malawi	Yes

⁹Disputed. Kosovo is considered independent for the purposes of the Trivia room.

Malaysia	Federation of Malaysia	malaysia	Yes
Maldives	Republic of Maldives	themaldives, maldives	Yes
Mali	Republic of Mali	mali	Yes
Malta	Republic of Malta	malta	Yes
Marshall Islands	Republic of the Marshall Islands	marshallislands	Yes
Mauritania	Islamic Republic of Mauritania	mauritania	Yes
Mauritius	Republic of Mauritius	mauritius	Yes
Mexico	United Mexican States	mexico	Yes
Micronesia	Federated States of Micronesia	micronesia, fsm	Yes
Moldova	Republic of Moldova	moldova	Yes
Monaco	Principality of Monaco	monaco	Yes
Mongolia	-	mongolia	Yes
Montenegro	-	montenegro	Yes
Morocco	Kingdom of Morocco	morocco	Yes
Mozambique	Republic of Mozambique	mozambique	Yes
Myanmar	Republic of the Union of Myanmar	myanmar	Yes
Namibia	Republic of Namibia	namibia	Yes
Nauru	Republic of Nauru	nauru	Yes
Nepal	Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal	nepal	Yes
the Netherlands	Kingdom of the Netherlands	thenetherlands, netherlands	Yes/No ¹⁰
New Zealand	-	newzealand, nz	Yes
Nicaragua	Republic of Nicaragua	nicaragua	Yes
Niger	Republic of the Niger	theniger, niger	Yes
Nigeria	Federal Republic of Nigeria	nigeria	Yes
Niue	-	niue	No ¹¹

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Northern Ireland	-	northernireland, ni	No ¹²
North Macedonia	Republic of North Macedonia	northmacedonia	Yes
Norway	Kingdom of Norway	norway	Yes
Oman	Sultanate of Oman	oman	Yes
Pakistan	Islamic Republic of Pakistan	pakistan	Yes
Palau	Republic of Palau	palau	Yes
Palestine	State of Palestine	palestine	Yes ¹³
Panama	Republic of Panama	panama	Yes
Papua New Guinea	Independent State of Papua New Guinea	papuanewguinea, png	Yes
Paraguay	Republic of Paraguay	paraguay	Yes
Peru	Republic of Peru	peru	Yes
Philippines	Republic of the Philippines	thephilippines, philippines	Yes
Poland	Republic of Poland	poland	Yes
Portugal	Portuguese Republic	portugal	Yes
Qatar	State of Qatar	qatar	Yes
Romania	-	romania	Yes
Russia	Russian Federation	russia	Yes
Rwanda	Republic of Rwanda, Rwandese Republic	rwanda	Yes
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Saint Christopher and Nevis, Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis	saintkittsandnevis, stkittsandnevis	Yes
Saint Lucia	-	saintlucia, stlucia	Yes
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	-	saintvincentandthegrenadines, stvincentandthegrenadines	Yes
Samoa	Independent State of Samoa	samoa	Yes
San Marino	Republic of San Marino, Most	sanmarino	Yes

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¹³ Disputed. Palestine is considered independent for the purposes of the Trivia room.

	Serene Republic of San Marino		
São Tomé and Príncipe	Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe	saotomeandprincipe	Yes
Saudi Arabia	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	saudiarabia, ksa	Yes
Scotland	-	scotland	No ¹⁴
Senegal	Republic of Senegal	senegal	Yes
Serbia	Republic of Serbia	serbia	Yes
Seychelles	Republic of Seychelles	theseychelles, seychelles	Yes
Sierra Leone	Republic of Sierra Leone	sierraleone	Yes
Singapore	Republic of Singapore	singapore	Yes
Sint Maarten	-	sintmaarten	No ¹⁵
Slovakia	Slovak Republic	slovakia	Yes
Slovenia	Republic of Slovenia	slovenia	Yes
Solomon Islands	-	solomonislands	Yes
Somalia	Federal Republic of Somalia	somalia	Yes
South Africa	Republic of South Africa	southafrica, rsa	Yes
South Sudan	Republic of South Sudan	southsudan	Yes
Spain	Kingdom of Spain	spain	Yes
Sri Lanka	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	srilanka	Yes
Sudan	Republic of the Sudan	thesudan, sudan	Yes
Suriname	Republic of Suriname	suriname	Yes
Swaziland	Eswatini, Kingdom of Eswatini	swaziland, eswatini	Yes
Sweden	Kingdom of Sweden	sweden	Yes
Switzerland	Swiss Confederation	switzerland	Yes
Syria	Syrian Arab Republic	syria	Yes
Taiwan	Republic of China	taiwan, roc	Yes ¹⁶

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¹⁶ Disputed. Taiwan is considered independent for the purposes of the Trivia room.

Tajikistan	Republic of Tajikistan	tajikistan	Yes
Tanzania	United Republic of Tanzania	tanzania	Yes
Thailand	Kingdom of Thailand	thailand	Yes
Togo	Togolese Republic	togo	Yes
Tonga	Kingdom of Tonga	tonga	Yes
Trinidad and Tobago	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	trinidadandtobago	Yes
Tunisia	Republic of Tunisia	tunisia	Yes
Turkey	Republic of Türkiye	turkey, turkiye	Yes
Turkmenistan	-	turkmenistan	Yes
Tuvalu	-	tuvalu	Yes
Uganda	Republic of Uganda	uganda	Yes
Ukraine	-	ukraine	Yes
United Arab Emirates	-	unitedarabemirates, uae	Yes
United Kingdom	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	unitedkingdom, uk	Yes
United States	United States of America	unitedstates, usa, us	Yes
Uruguay	Oriental Republic of Uruguay	uruguay	Yes
Uzbekistan	Republic of Uzbekistan	uzbekistan	Yes
Vanuatu	Republic of Vanuatu	vanuatu	Yes
Venezuela	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela	venezuela	Yes
Vietnam	Socialist Republic of Vietnam	vietnam	Yes
Wales	-	wales	No ¹⁷
Yemen	Republic of Yemen	yemen	Yes
Zambia	Republic of Zambia	zambia	Yes

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Any entity not listed above is not considered a country for the purposes of the Trivia room. Notable examples of entities not considered as countries are Abkhazia, Northern Cyprus, Somaliland, South Ossetia, Hong Kong, Transnistria, Macao, Puerto Rico, and Western Sahara. Nevertheless, asking questions about these entities is allowed.

Zimbabwe	Republic of Zimbabwe	zimbabwe	Yes
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