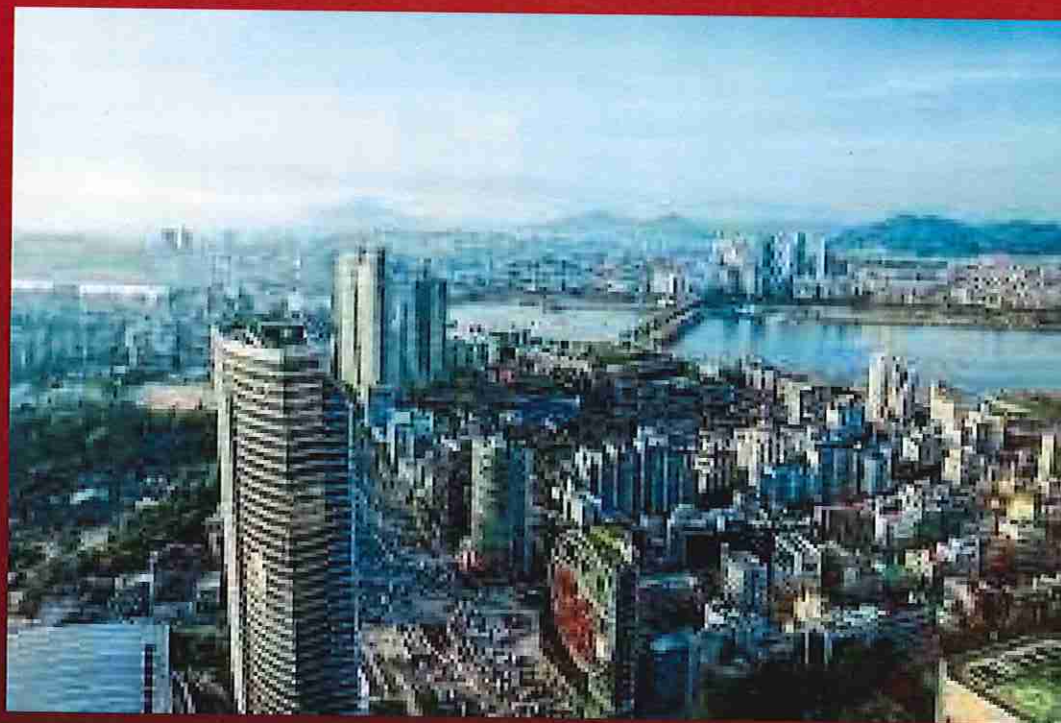




South Korea



Background Information

Korea is a land in Eastern Asia that is split into two countries - North Korea and South Korea.

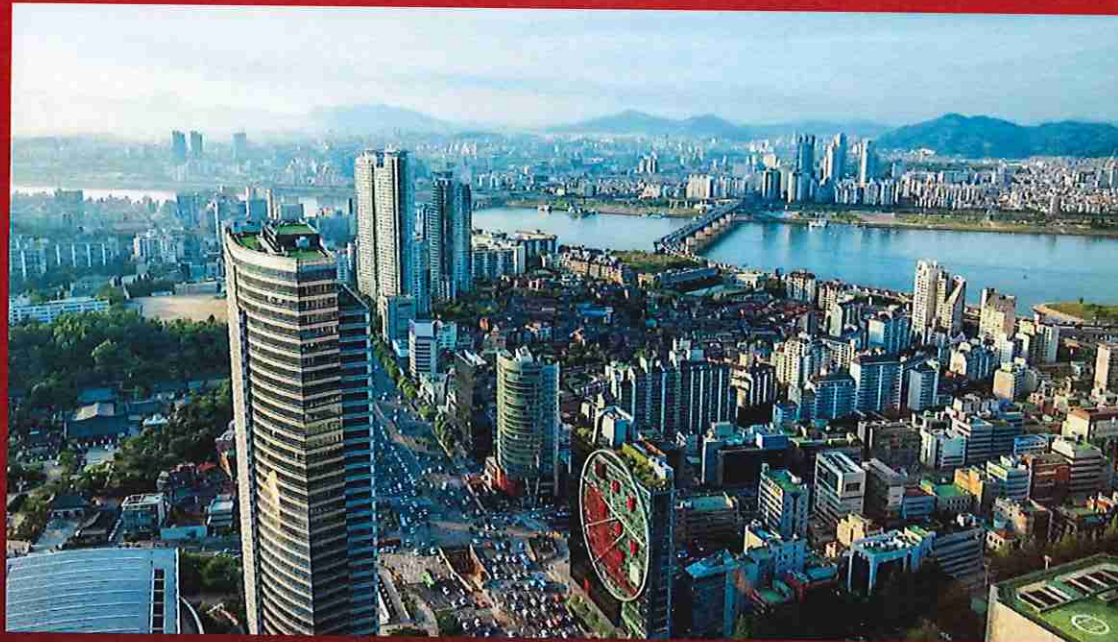
South Korea's full name is the Republic of Korea. It is slightly smaller than North Korea but has more people.

South Korea's population is 51.42 million.
North Korea's population is 25.89 million.
Altogether the population of Korea is 77.31 million people.



Capital City

The capital of South Korea is Seoul.



Currency

The currency in South Korea is called the South Korean Won. This currency has been used in South Korea since 1945. One won equals 100 jeon, but the jeon is no longer used. The plural of "won" is "wones".



The Flag

The South Korean flag is called taegeukgi (pronounced teh-GUK-key). The colors of the flag are red, blue and black on a white background.

The white background is a traditional colour in Korean culture, it represents purity and peace. The circle in the middle represents the world - red for the land and blue for the sky. The four sets of black bars are called trigrams. They represent the government. It was created in 1882.



Area

The area of South Korea is 100,210 km².



Food and Drink

Korean Kimchi is usually eaten at every meal. The cuisine is mostly made up of rice, noodles, vegetables, and meats. Most Korean meals have many side dishes (called *banchan*) along with their steam-cooked rice. Korean cuisine comes from very old traditions in Korea. It has developed through many environmental, political, and cultural changes. There are rules for eating meals in Korea!



Map



Weather and Climate

South Korea has various climatic regions. Mostly it is mild to hot in summer and sunny, but cold in winter. Most of the nights are cold. Some places have snowfall in Winter. The rainy season is summer. In summer and early autumn, South Korea can be affected by typhoons (a tropical cyclone)!



Photo Collection



Quiz



Take the QUIZ
NOW!!!!!!!

- What is the currency called from South Korea?
- What's the population of South Korea?
- What is the population of North Korea?
- What is the area of South Korea?
- Is South Korea bigger or smaller than Australia?

