

week 2 : Arriving at JEMUN and overview





Vocabulary

- Placard
- Rules explanation session
- Bureau
- Bureau members
- Regional blocs
- Chair
- Secretary
- Rapporteur

**Learning About Your Assigned Country**

After gaining some basic knowledge about the United Nations, it is important for you to learn about the country you are representing, so that you can address the issues raised at the JEMUN conference as a real UN delegate from that country would.

When researching about your assigned country, it is important that you use material written from the perspective of the country you are representing. Using facts and information from unreliable websites and sources may result in information that contains biases or opinions from a specific region. Different facts and information can be interpreted in different ways and because of this, you need to know that the only correct statistics about your assigned country are the statistics provided by their country. Using government or the UN website will provide you with information and facts closest to the views of their country's government. Some easily accessible sources that can be used to find information about every country in the world are listed below.

CIA World Factbook

Country profiles and maps from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/resources/the-world-factbook/>

United Nations Statistical Division

A compilation of global statistical information

<http://unstats.un.org>

UN Member States

List of UN member states and links to the UN permanent mission websites

<http://www.un.org/en/members/>

BBC Country Profiles

Country profiles compiled by the British Broadcasting Corporation

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/country_profiles/default.stm

UNESCO Institute for Statistics

Statistics on education, science & technology, and culture & communication for countries around the world

<http://www.uis.unesco.org>

Nation Master

Country statistics on a variety of topics

<http://www.nationmaster.com>

United Nations Bibliographic Information System

Country voting records and speeches

<http://unbisnet.un.org/>

Radio Free Europe Radio Liberty

Uncensored news, responsible discussion and open debate

<http://www.rferl.org/>

Voice of America Pronunciation Guide

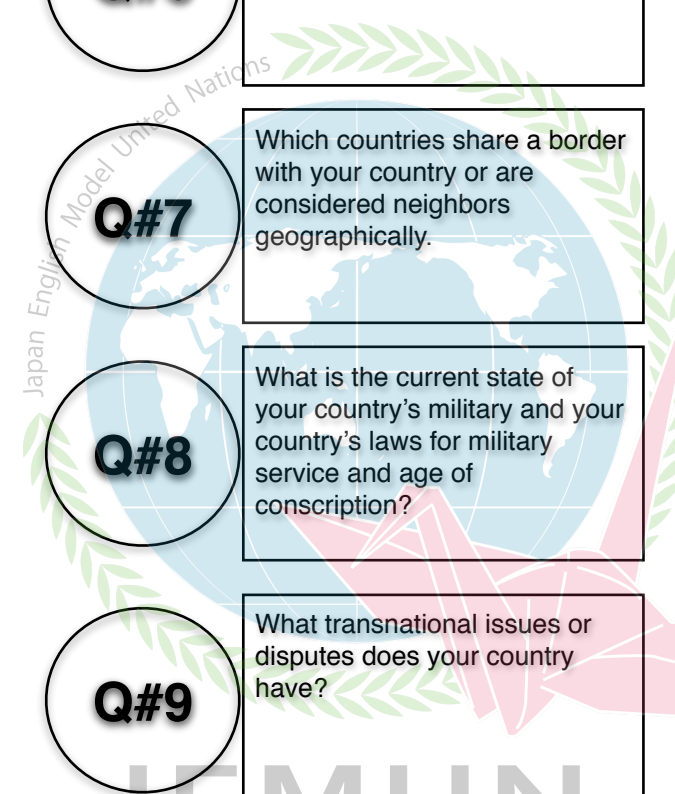
Pronunciation of world leaders' names and locations

<http://names.voa.gov/index.cfm>

UNdata

UN statistical database with lots of country information

<http://data.un.org>



Q#1	What sort of government does your country have?	Q#6	Where is your country located and how does it geographically affect its political relationships?	Q#11	Who is the leader of your country and how do you pronounce their name?
Q#2	What types of ideologies (political, religious, or other) influence your country's government?	Q#7	Which countries share a border with your country or are considered neighbors geographically.	Q#12	What are the characteristics of your country's economy?
Q#3	Which domestic issues might influence your country's foreign policy?	Q#8	What is the current state of your country's military and your country's laws for military service and age of conscription?	Q#13	Who does your country give aid to or receive aid from and where is this aid allocated?
Q#4	What are some major events in your country's history? Why are they important?	Q#9	What transnational issues or disputes does your country have?	Q#14	What is your country's GDP and how does it compare to other countries?
Q#5	Which ethnicities, religions, and languages can be found in your country?	Q#10	Which countries are considered allies and adversaries of your country?	Q#15	Does your country belong to any intergovernmental organisations outside of the UN, regional organisations, or trade agreements?

Homework

Access the websites provided on the third page and answer questions 1-15 about your assigned country.



