Groups of countries brainstorming and guessing games
names of countries/ names of places

What places match these criteria? Try to think of at least three places for each.

- Justifiably popular with visitors from your country
- Popular with visitors from your country with no good reason
- Not popular with visitors from your country with good reason
- Not popular with visitors from your country for no good reason

Are there parts of the world which people from your country know (next to) nothing about?

What do you know about these regions/ collections of countries? Choose one category, brainstorm matching countries with your partner for as long as you can, then do the same with other categories:

- Buddhist countries
- Catholic countries
- Central America
- Central Asia
- Central Europe
- Communist/ Socialist countries
- East Asia
- Eastern Europe
- Islamic countries
- Latin America
- Micronesia
- NAFTA
- NATO
- North Africa
- Polynesia
- Scandinavia
- South America
- Southeast Asia
- Southern Europe
- The Balkans
- The British Isles
- the CIS
- The Commonwealth
- the EU
- the G12
- The Gulf
- The Indian Subcontinent/ South Asia
- The Low Countries
- The Middle East
- The OECD

When your teacher stops you, as about any which you are not sure about, brainstorming examples as a class each time. Then ghange groups. Choose one of the categories above and give examples until your partner guesses which it is. Then do the same with other categories of countries not above.

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