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**Military English**

Vocabulary Builder: Countries and Flags – East Asia



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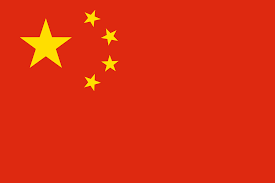
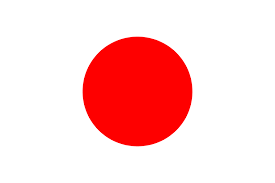
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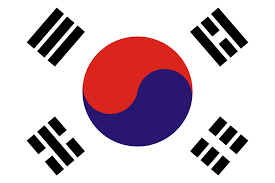
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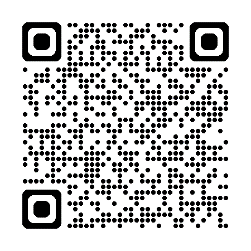
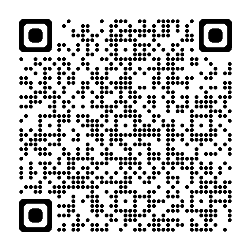
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| **Read these questions.** | **Read these answers if your partner’s answer are not correct.** | **Tick (✓) the correct answers.** |
| What is the largest country in East Asia? | China |  |
| In which country is Mt Fuji? | Japan |  |
| Which two countries were one country in the past? | North Korea and South Korea |  |
| Which country is not near the ocean? | Mongolia |  |
| In English, you can call one Korean person ‘a Korean’. Can you say: ‘a Chinese?’ | No. (You have to say ‘a Chinese person’). |  |
| Where did the first noodles in the world come from? | China |  |
| Where are horses very important? | Mongolia |  |
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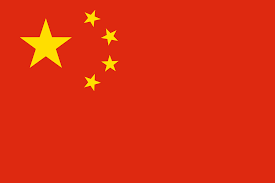
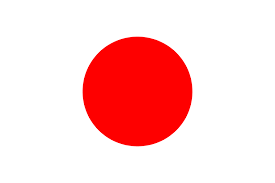
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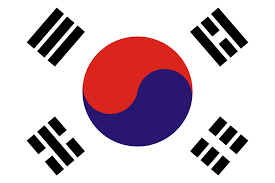
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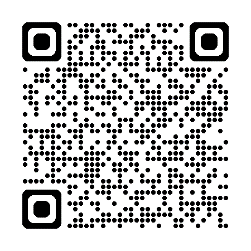
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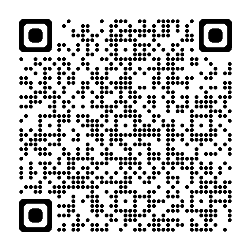
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| What is the nationality of K-pop bands? | South Korean |  |
| If you’re born in China, you are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. | Chinese *(not China)* |  |
| What is the only country with a different word for the language and nationality? | China |  |
| What language do people from Mongolia speak? | Mongolian |  |
| Which country is next to South Korea and China? | North Korea |  |
| Where is sushi from? | Japan |  |
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