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**EDUCATION**

# The Big Geography Quiz Christmas 2023

A stylized landscape illustration. A winding road with a dashed white center line curves through the scene. In the upper right, a pink car is driving on a straight section of the road. The landscape features green hills, mountains with white peaks, and various trees. A large, semi-transparent dark grey banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'WHERE IN THE WORLD?' and 'Round 1'.

# WHERE IN THE WORLD?

Round 1



## Question 1

Which of these is the tallest waterfall in the world?

- a) Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe
- b) Angel Falls, Venezuela
- c) Niagara Falls, Canada/USA

## Question 2

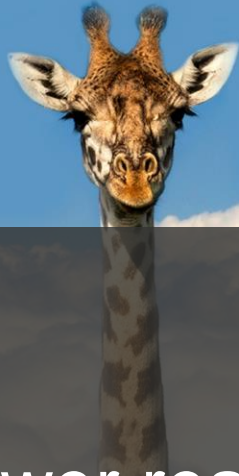
The famous Statue of Christ the Redeemer is found where?



## Question 3

Where in the world would you need to use the ¥ yen as currency?





## Question 4

The Burj Khalifa tower reaches 830m tall – which city is it in?



## Question 5

Where would you find the Giant's Causeway?



## Question 6

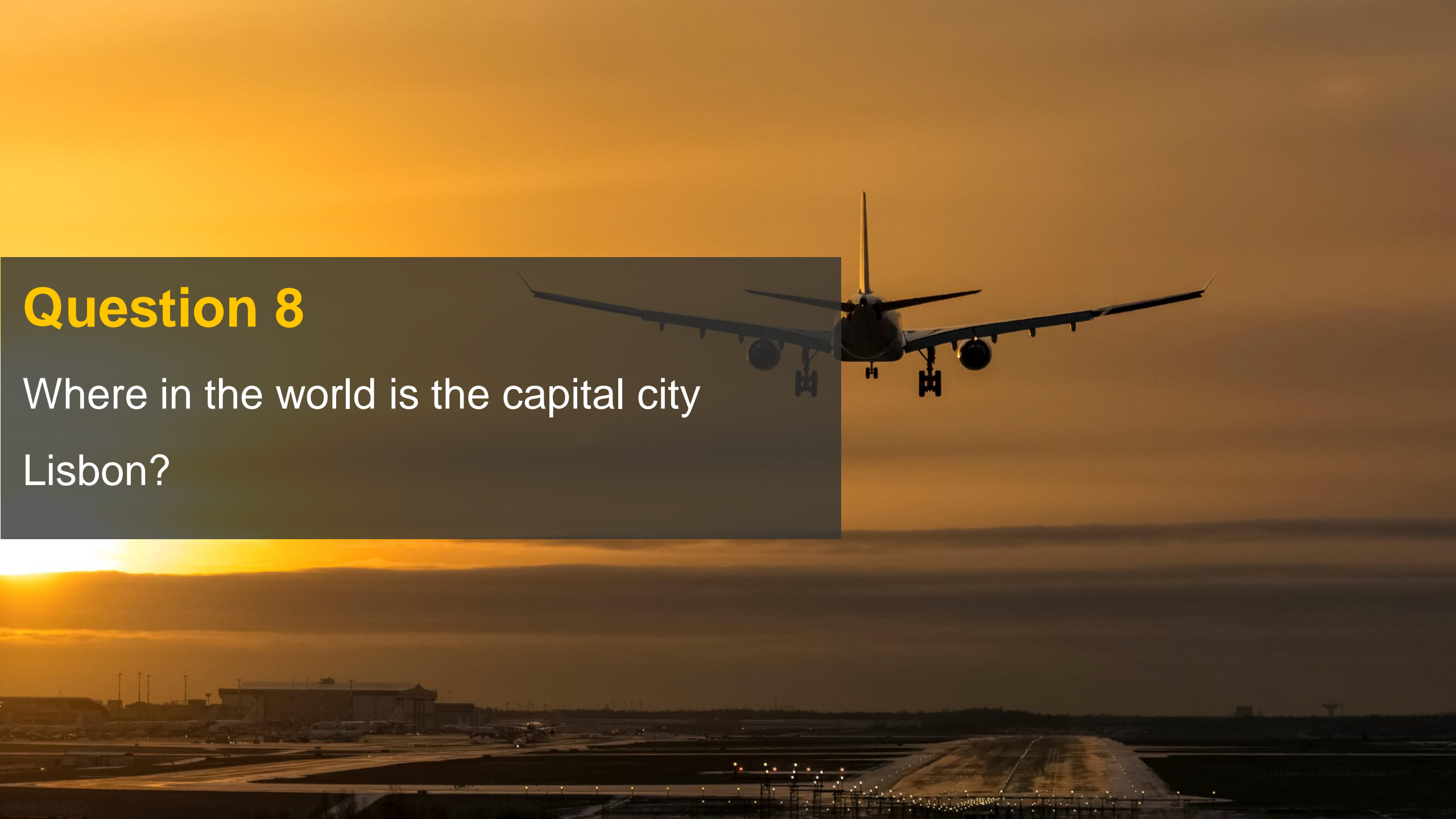
Where would you find the highest peak in England?





## Question 7

Which country uses this flag?



## Question 8

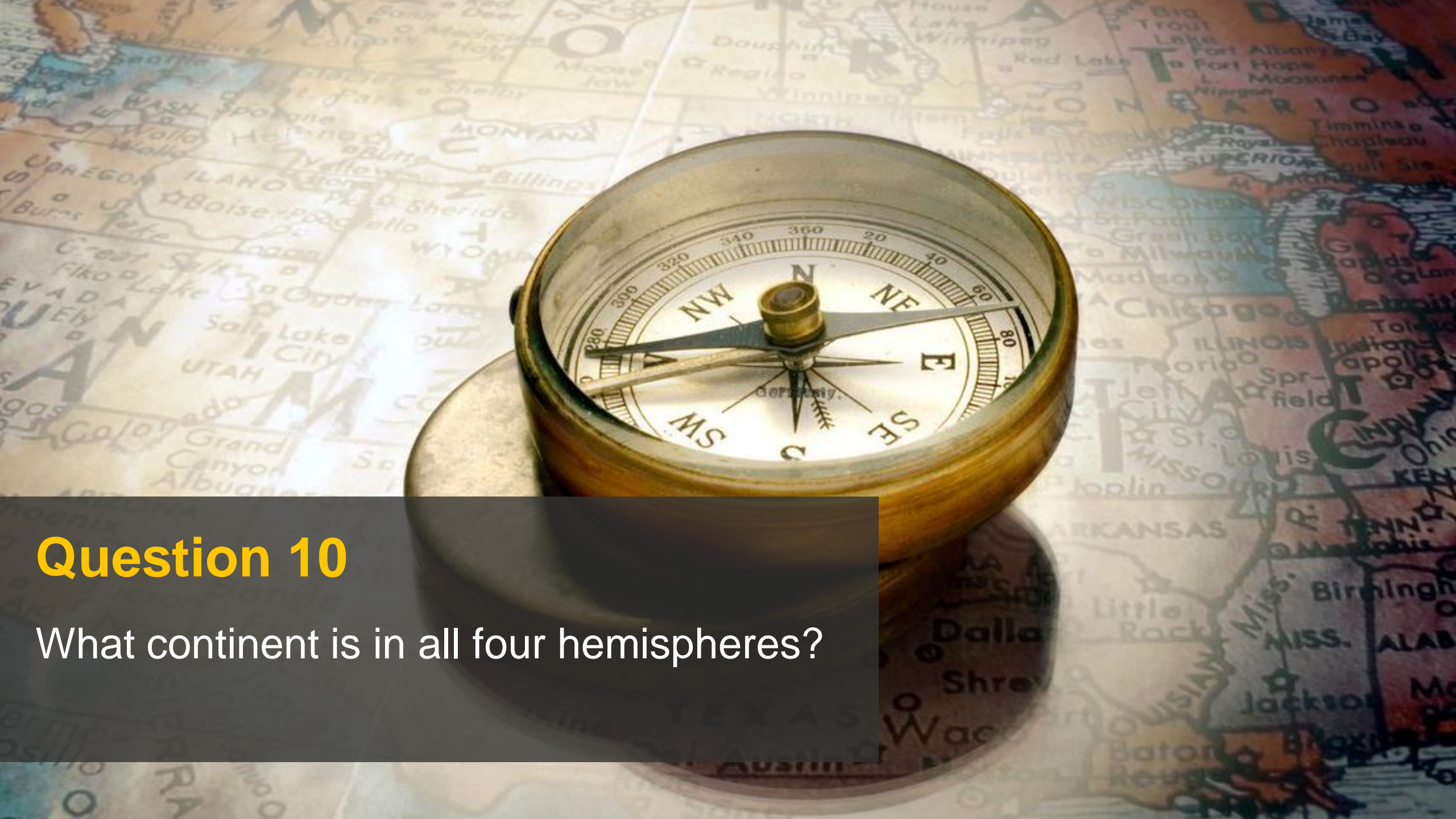
Where in the world is the capital city

Lisbon?

## Question 9

What country uses this flag?





## Question 10

What continent is in all four hemispheres?

# Answers: - Round 1

1. B) Angel Falls, Venezuela
2. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
3. Japan
4. Dubai, United Arab Emirates
5. Northern Ireland
6. Scafell Pike, Lake District
7. Norway
8. Portugal
9. Iceland
10. Africa

A photograph of the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights) over a forest at night. The sky is dark blue and purple, with vibrant green and yellow-green aurora curtains. The foreground shows the dark silhouettes of evergreen trees.

# PHYSICAL LANDSCAPES

Round 2



# Question 1

True or False: fjords are created by glaciers?



## Question 2

What is a 'gorge'?



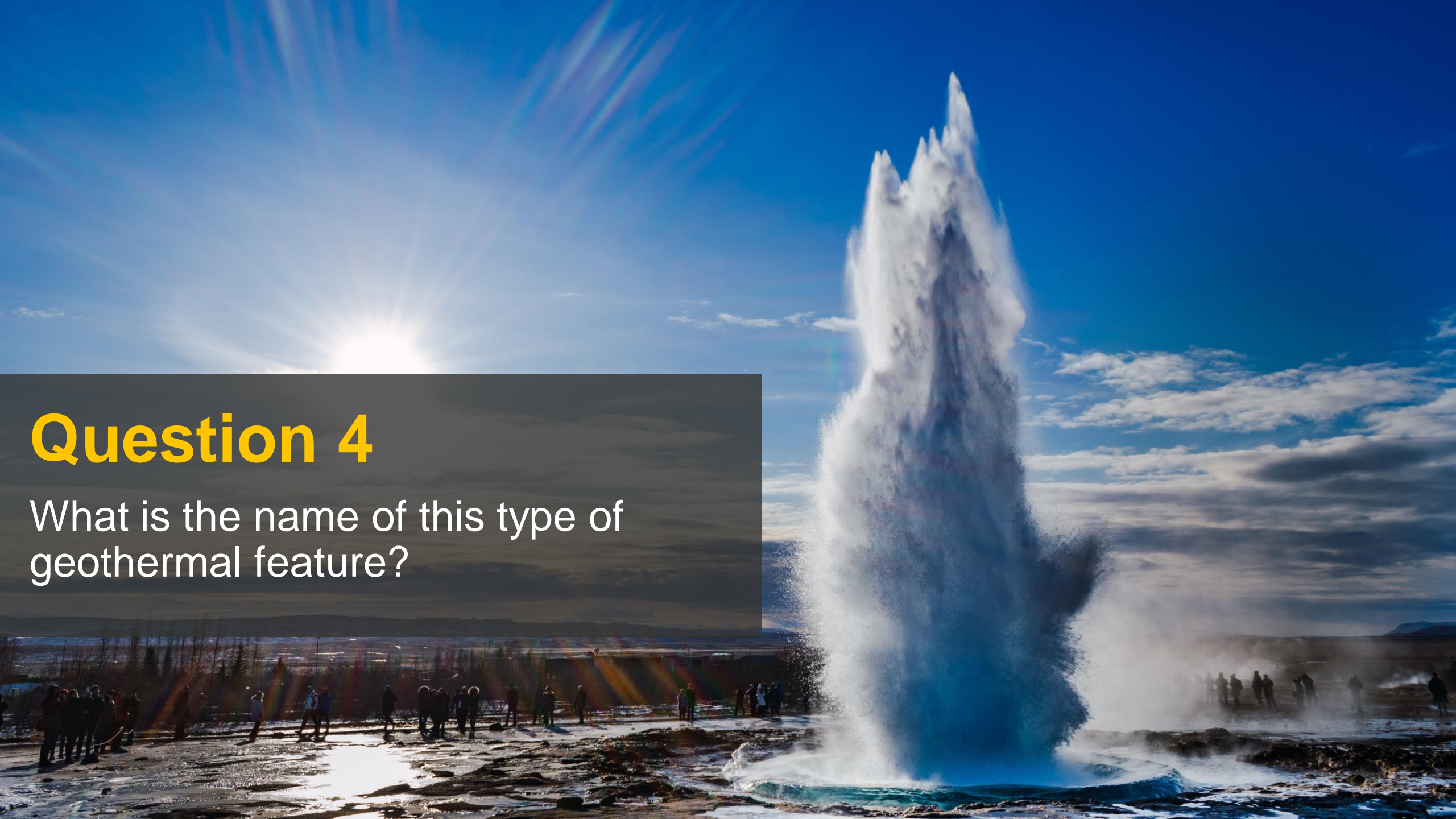


## Question 3

Look at the photograph. What landform created by coastal erosion can you see?

## Question 4

What is the name of this type of geothermal feature?





## Question 5

The strip of deposited land that connects an island to the mainland is called a:

- a) spit
- b) headland
- c) tombolo



## Question 6

Name one type of river erosion



## Question 7

Name one indicator that a volcano is likely to erupt

## Question 8

Suggest one way that a plant might adapt to hot dry conditions





## Question 9

Give an example of a volcanic gas emission



## Question 10

Name the process that moves sediment along a beach according to the prevailing wind.



# Answers: - Round 2

1. True. Random fact - some fjords in Norway even contain cold coral reefs!
2. A gorge is a steep sided valley or canyon between hills or mountains formed by rivers eroding high ground over time
3. Sea stack (with arches)
4. A geyser
5. C) tombolo
6. E.g. hydraulic action, attrition, corrosion, abrasion
7. E.g. earthquake frequency increases, magma rises causing ground deformation, increased volcanic gases, shape of the volcano changes, etc.
8. E.g. thick waxy leaves to retain moisture, deep roots to seek water, small leaves to reduce water loss, etc.
9. E.g. sulfur dioxide, carbon dioxide, water vapour, hydrogen sulfide, etc.
10. Longshore drift



# THE U.K.

Round 3





# Question 1

True or False: London is as far north as Calgary in Canada



## Question 2

Name an example of an 'upland' area in the UK



## Question 3

This image shows Glen Coe.  
Where in the UK is this?



## Question 4

True or False: Crib Goch in Snowdonia is the wettest spot in the UK



## Question 5

Name one economic impact of flooding in Worcester

## Question 6

Secondary industry once dominated the UK economy. What is 'secondary industry'?





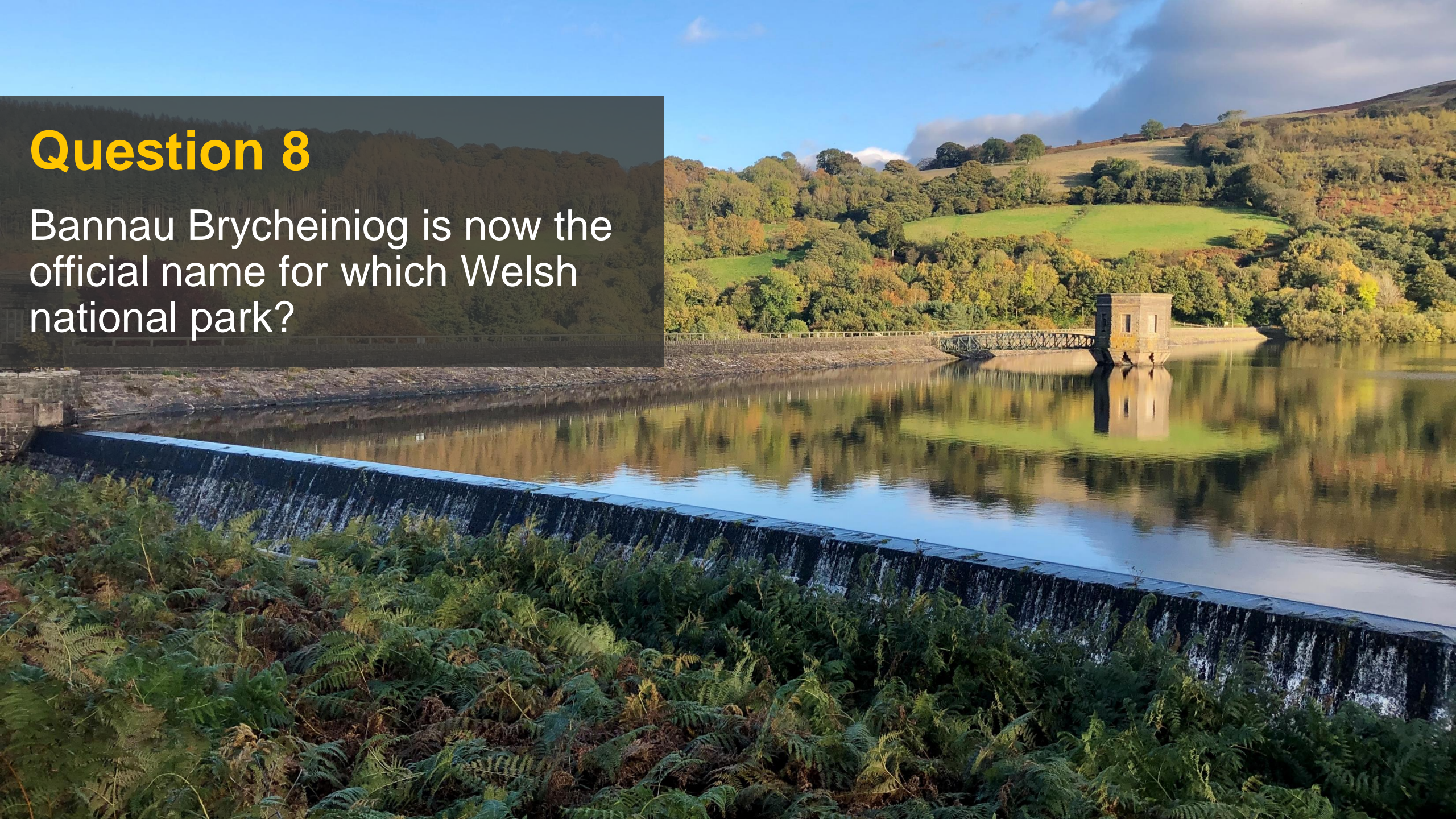


## Question 7

Much of the UK is made from sedimentary geology. What does this mean?

## Question 8

Bannau Brycheiniog is now the official name for which Welsh national park?





## Question 9

Which famous landmark is this?

A scenic landscape of a mountain valley. In the foreground, there is a rocky path leading towards a river. The valley is filled with lush green grass and various plants. The hillsides are covered in dense green vegetation, including trees and shrubs. In the distance, more mountains are visible under a clear blue sky.

## Question 10

What is the highest peak in the UK?

# Answers: Round 3

1. True!
2. E.g. Lake District, Pennines, Snowdonia, Cairngorms, etc.
3. Scotland
4. True. An average rainfall over 4400mm a year
5. E.g. stranded vehicles so people cannot get to work, damage to property, insurance costs, etc.
6. Manufacturing, e.g. building vehicles and machinery, processing food, etc.
7. Rocks that have been formed by sediment being deposited over time, e.g. limestone
8. Brecon Beacons
9. Tower of London
10. Ben Nevis, Scotland

A glass jar of white yogurt is the central focus, topped with several fresh blueberries and a dusting of oats. The jar sits on a rustic, dark wooden surface. Scattered around the jar are more blueberries and oat flakes, some in sharp focus and others blurred in the background. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the text.

# HUMAN LANDSCAPES

Round 4



# Question 1

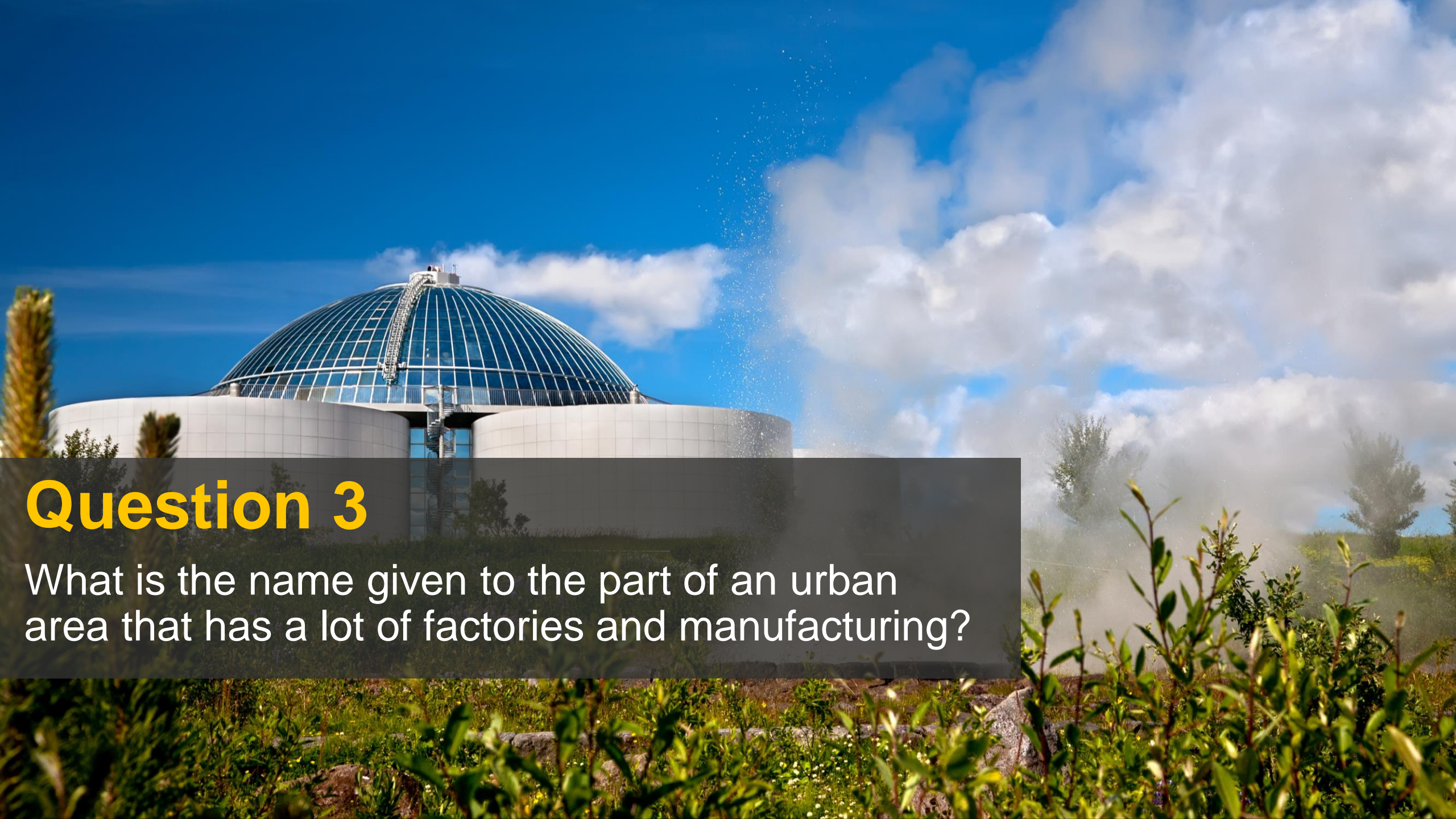
What is meant by 'urbanisation'?



## Question 2

True or False: the outer suburbs attract people due to larger houses and gardens.





## Question 3

What is the name given to the part of an urban area that has a lot of factories and manufacturing?



## Question 4

Suburbanisation is the process of people moving out of urban areas and towards the countryside. Give one reason they might want to leave.

A photograph of a vintage tractor show in a grassy field. In the foreground, several red International tractors are parked in a line. In the background, more tractors of various colors (red, green, orange) are visible, along with a person standing near one of them. To the right, there is a two-story white building with a blue roof. The sky is blue with some clouds, and mountains are visible in the distance.

## Question 5

The Earth's population is approximately how many?

- a) 8.07 billion
- b) 8.57 billion
- c) 9.07 billion

## Question 6

Approximately how many languages are spoken in England?

- a) 50
- b) 150
- c) 300



The background image shows a town built on a hillside under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. A prominent church with a tall, square bell tower and a large dome is the central focus. In the foreground, a field of vibrant red poppies is in bloom, partially obscuring the lower part of the town.

## Question 7

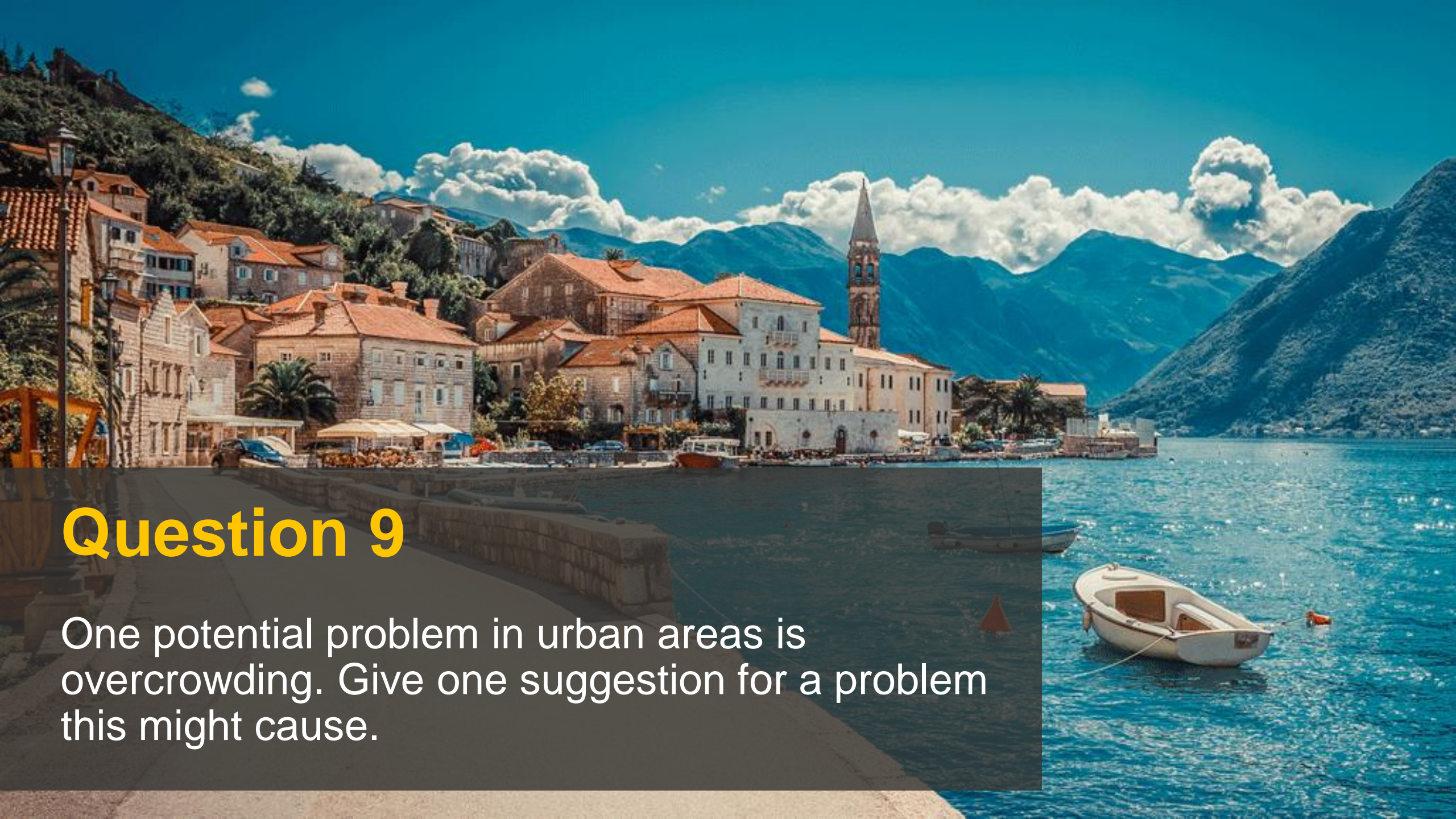
In the 2021 census, 91.1% of people in England said that English was their main language.

Name one of the other top five languages spoken.



## Question 8

Name one example of a megacity



## Question 9

One potential problem in urban areas is overcrowding. Give one suggestion for a problem this might cause.

# Question 10

True or false: 84% of people in the UK live in urban areas





# Answers: Round 4

1. Urbanisation is the process of more people migrating to urban areas; of urban areas growing; or areas becoming more urban / town-like, etc.
2. True
3. Industrial Zone
4. E.g. Push factors including overcrowding in the city, lack of affordable housing, lack of infrastructure such as schools, etc.; Pull factors including larger homes with bigger gardens, cleaner environment, more green space, etc.
5. A) 8.07 billion
6. C) 300
7. Polish, Romanian, Panjabi, Urdu, Portuguese
8. E.g. Hong Kong, Bangkok, Manila, Tokyo, Beijing, Seoul, Shanghai, etc.
9. E.g. not enough doctors or hospitals, crowded schools, competition for work, unemployment, expensive housing, lack of housing, etc.
10. True

A stack of rolled-up newspapers, with the top one slightly unrolled, showing the text and images on the pages. The stack is thick and occupies the right side of the frame. A dark grey semi-transparent rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and subtitle text.

# **GEOGRAPHY IN THE NEWS**

Round 5

# Question 1

September 2023 was the Earth's warmest September in how long?

- a) 75 years
- b) 100 years
- c) 175 years



## Question 2

True or False: seaweed could be the future for safely storing carbon





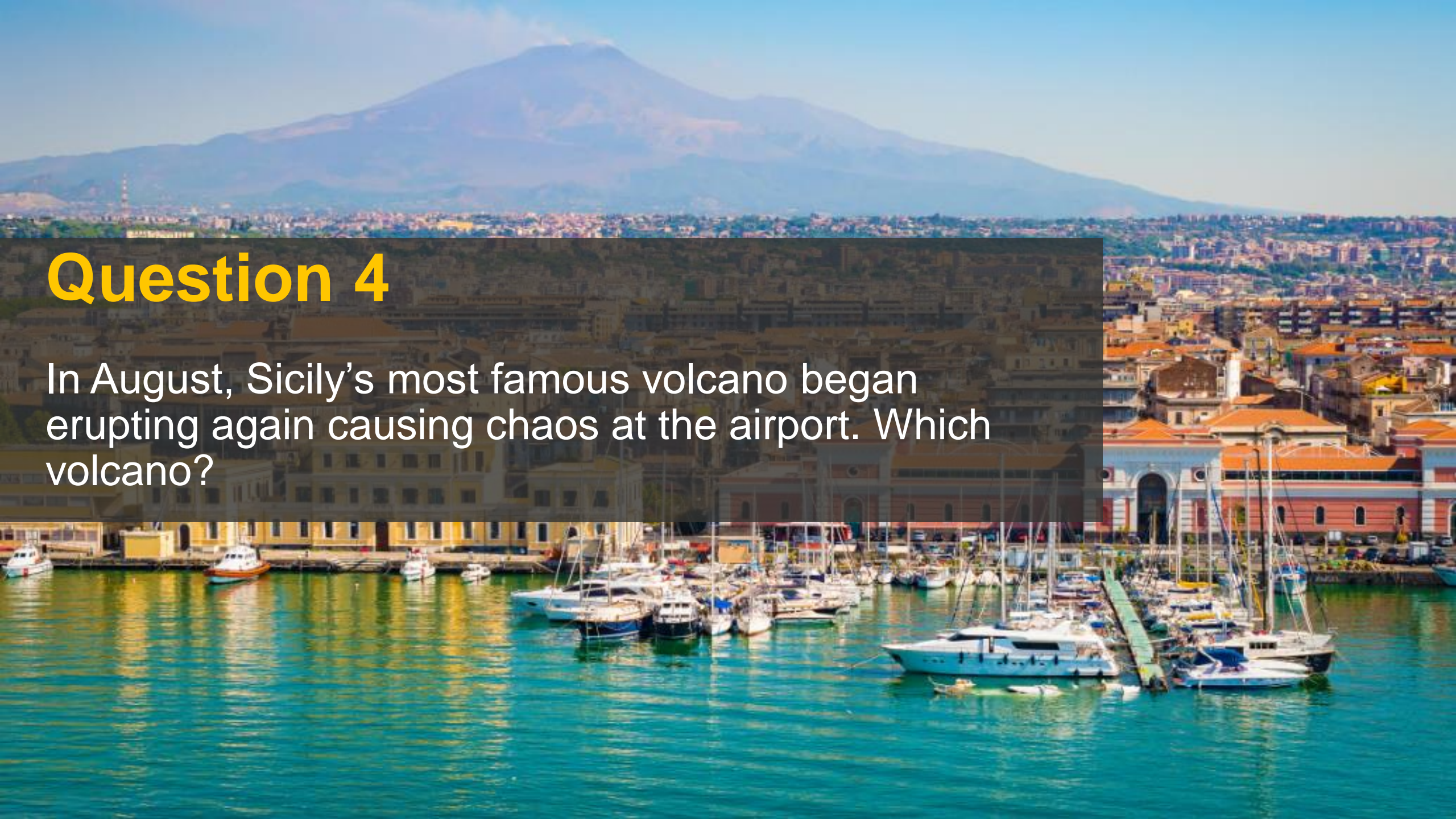
## Question 3

This image shows a famous tree, that was secretly cut down by vandals this year. Where was it?

- a) Hadrian's Wall
- b) Hyde Park
- c) Sherwood Forest

## Question 4

In August, Sicily's most famous volcano began erupting again causing chaos at the airport. Which volcano?



An underwater scene featuring a vibrant coral reef. In the foreground, there are large, flat, brownish-green coral structures. To the right, a more complex, branching coral structure is visible. The water is clear blue, and numerous small, colorful fish (including purple, yellow, and blue ones) are swimming throughout the scene. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

## Question 5

This year, the global average sea surface temperature reached a record high with their hottest ever average at 20.96°C.

True or False: warmer oceans store more CO<sub>2</sub>



## Question 6

Which country hosted the 2023 rugby world cup?



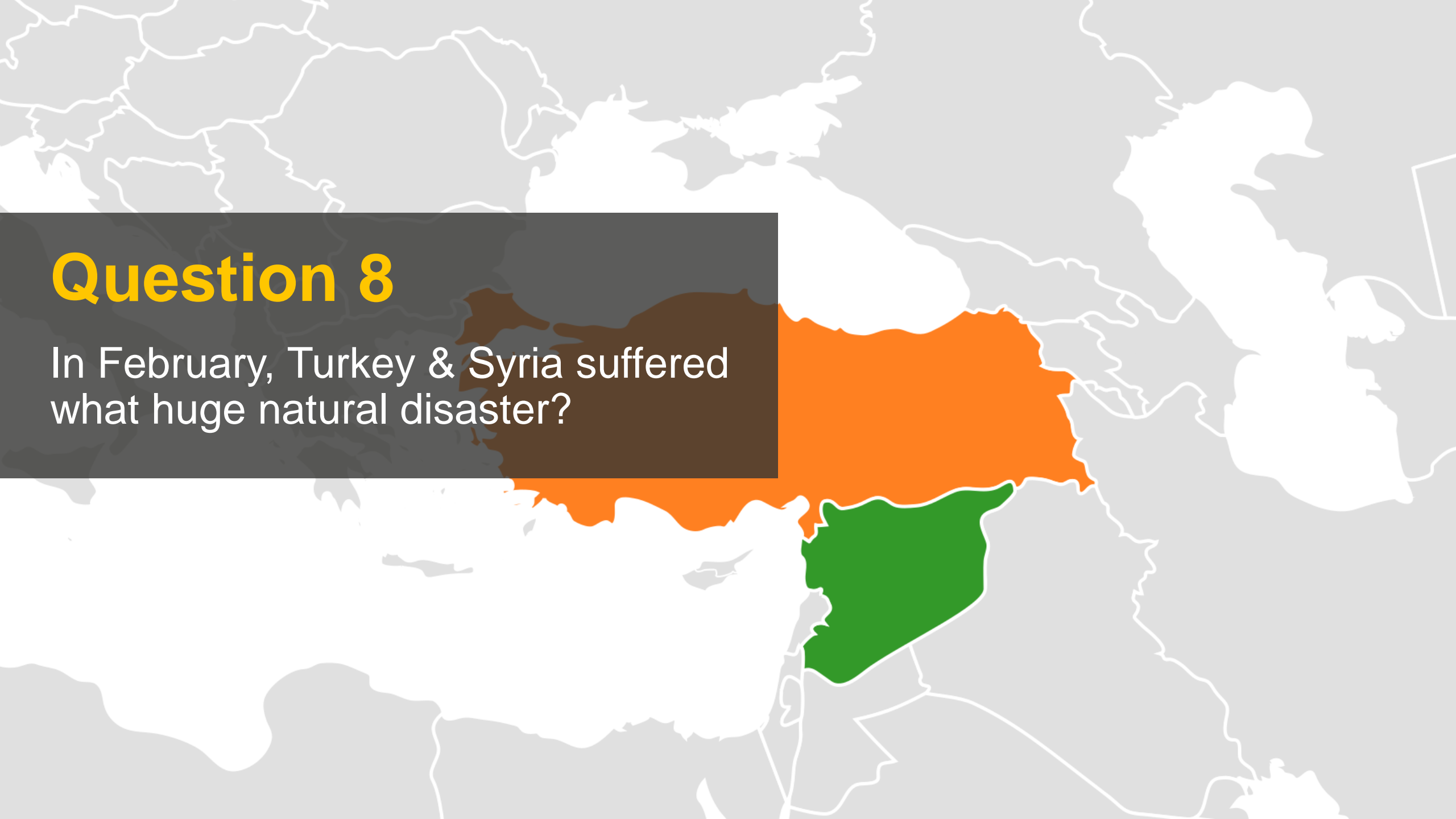
An aerial photograph of a hurricane, showing the dark, swirling storm clouds surrounding a bright, circular eye. The clouds are dense and textured, with white foam visible at the base of the storm.

## Question 7

The fastest storm of the 2023 season was Hurricane Lee at 165mph. Name one country affected.

## Question 8

In February, Turkey & Syria suffered what huge natural disaster?



## Question 9

The 2023 Women's Football World Cup was co-hosted between two nations. Name one.





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Europe's eyes on Earth

## Question 10

Storm Ciarán hit the UK in November, how fast did winds reach on the south coast?

- a) ~58mph
- b) ~68mph
- c) ~78mph



# Answers: Round 5

1. C) 175 years
2. True. Sinking seaweed could be an effective carbon storage fix
3. A) Hadrian's Wall
4. Mount Etna
5. False. Warmer oceans store less CO<sub>2</sub>
6. France
7. E.g. United States, Canada, Bermuda
8. Severe earthquake, over 59'000 deaths and 7.8Mw moment magnitude scale
9. Australia, New Zealand
10. C) 78mph

# CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



Round 6

## Question 1

What tv show is traditionally watched in Sweden at 3pm on Christmas Eve?

- a) Donald Duck
- b) Scooby Doo
- c) Bugs Bunny



## Question 2

What should you leave outside your front door in Iceland to receive sweets or gifts in from the Yule Lads?





A close-up photograph of a Christmas tree. The tree is decorated with various ornaments, including a large white and blue snowflake-shaped ornament and a smaller red and white one. There are also colorful lights in shades of blue, red, and yellow. A prominent feature is a large, intricate spider web decoration made of thin, light-colored threads, which is hanging from the top of the tree. The background is dark, making the lights and ornaments stand out.

## Question 3

True or False: In Ukraine there is a tradition to decorate your Christmas tree with spiders' webs



## Question 4

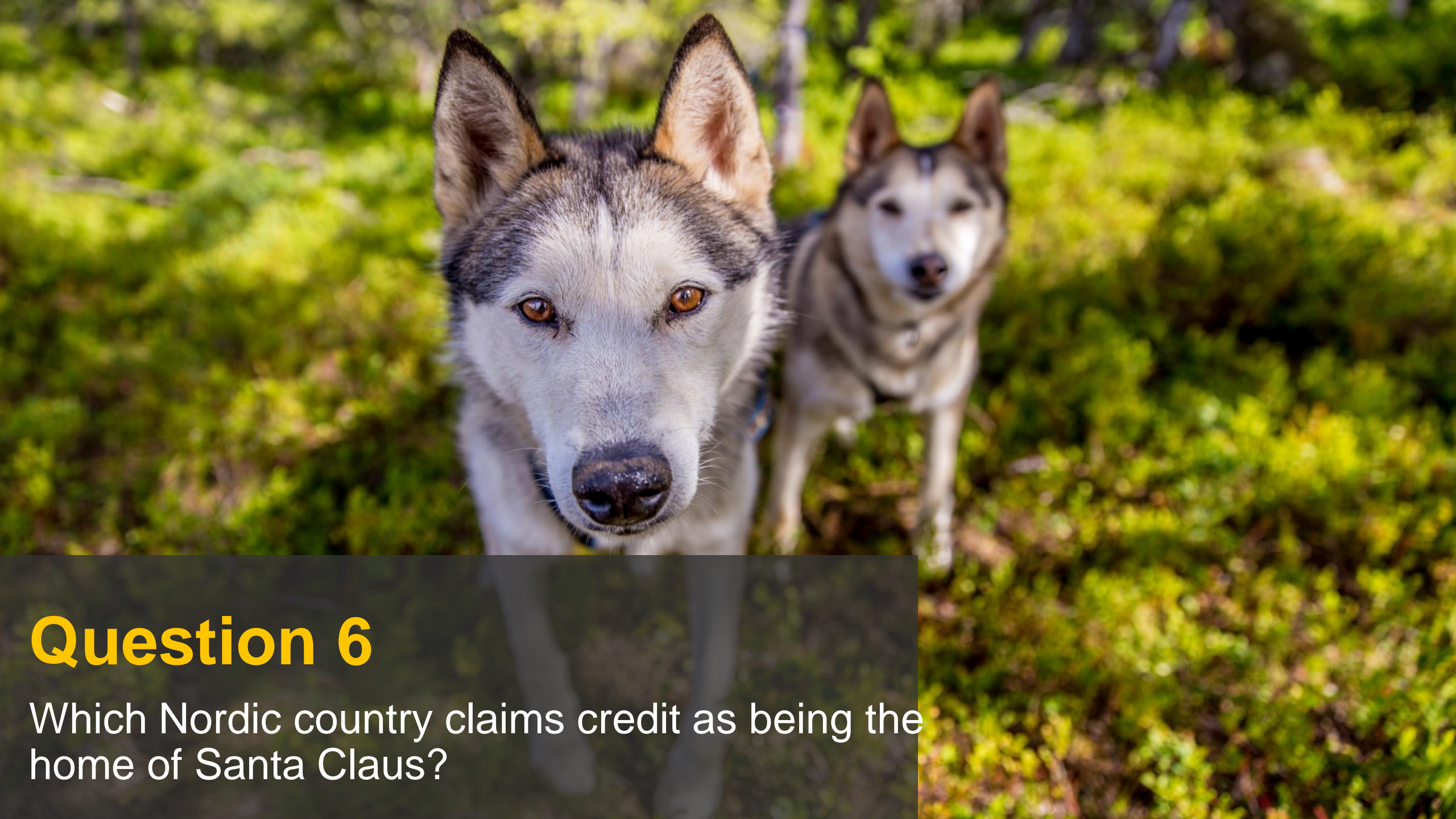
What country has a tradition of eating KFC for Christmas?!



## Question 5

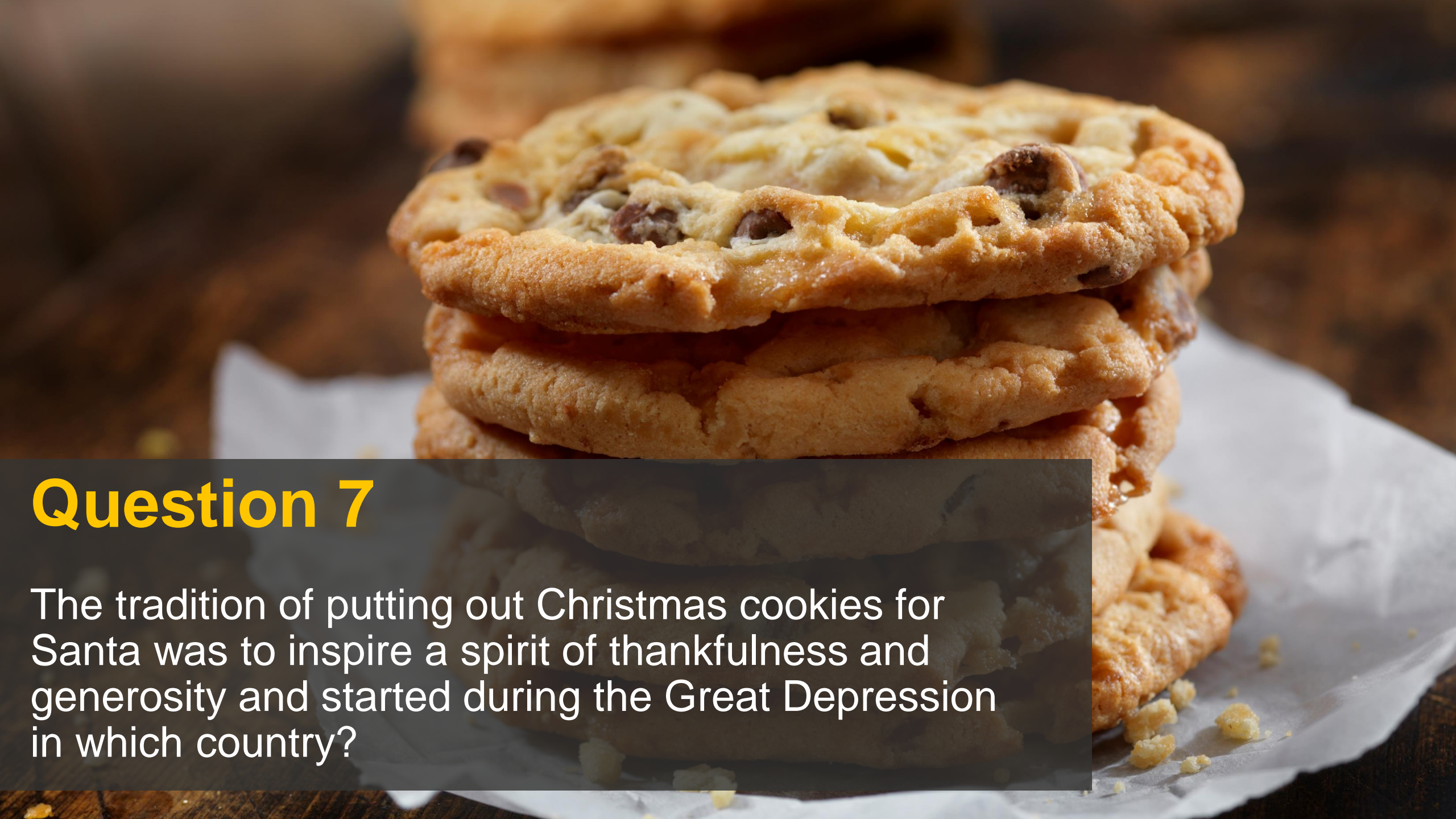
In Caracas, Venezuela, people traditionally go to Christmas Mass by:

- a) Skateboard
- b) Roller skates
- c) Bike



## Question 6

Which Nordic country claims credit as being the home of Santa Claus?



## Question 7

The tradition of putting out Christmas cookies for Santa was to inspire a spirit of thankfulness and generosity and started during the Great Depression in which country?

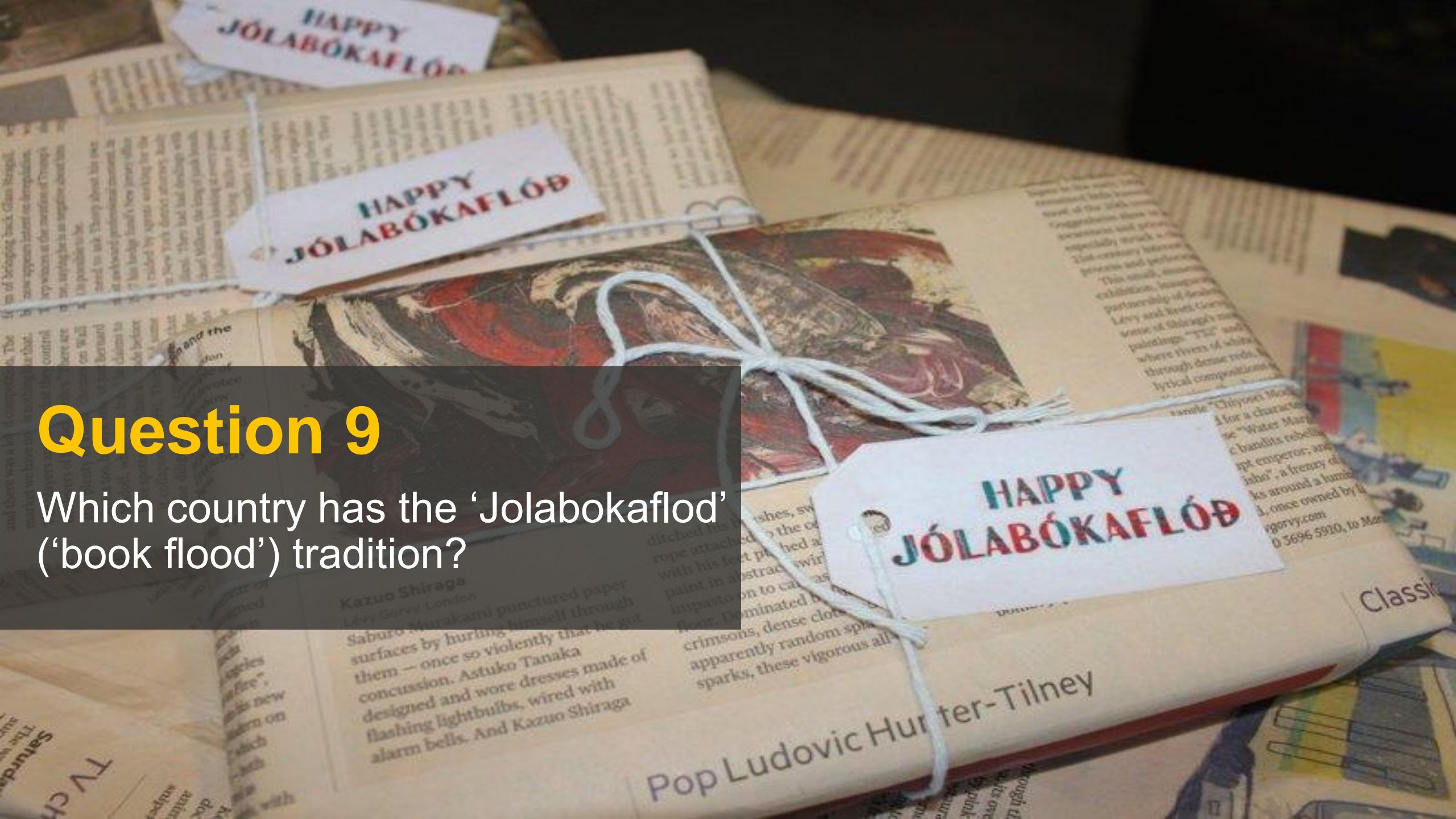


## Question 8

The traditional Sami culture recipe of reindeer stew with loganberries comes from which Scandinavian country?

## Question 9

Which country has the 'Jolabokafloð' ('book flood') tradition?





## Question 10

Which north European country has the tradition of filling their stockings on 6<sup>th</sup> December to open the next morning for Sankt Nikolaustag (Saint Nicholas Day)?



# Answers: Round 6

1. A) Donald Duck hour long special!
2. Shoes
3. True! The tradition comes from a story of a very poor old lady who could not afford to decorate her tree. She came outside one Christmas morning to find her tree decorated with hundreds of sparkling spiders' webs.
4. Japan
5. B) roller skates
6. Finland (where Lapland is)
7. USA
8. Norway
9. Iceland
10. Germany

# ODD ONE OUT

Round 7



## Question 1

Which is the odd one out?

Sandstone

Limestone

Basalt



## Question 2

Which is the odd one out?

Deposition

Abrasion

Corrosion



## Question 3

Which is the odd one out?

Mercalli

Richter

Saffir-Simpson



## Question 4

Which is the odd one out?

Madagascar

India

Malaysia



## Question 5

Which is the odd one out?

Freeze-thaw

Saltation

Plucking



## Question 6

Which is the odd one out?

Kent

Lancashire

Cumbria





## Question 7

Which is the odd one out?

Effusive

Apocalyptic

Explosive



## Question 8

Which is the odd one out?

Suburbs

Inner City

Retail park



## Question 9

Which is the odd one out?

Literacy rate

Death rate

GDP



## Question 10

Which is the odd one out?

Ecosystem

Hemisphere

Biome



# Answers: Round 7

1. Basalt
2. Deposition
3. Saffir-Simpson
4. Madagascar
5. Saltation
6. Kent
7. Apocalyptic
8. Retail Park
9. GDP
10. Hemisphere

A vibrant, close-up photograph of a bird, possibly a species of flycatcher or similar, perched on a green branch. The bird has a striking color palette: a dark grey or black cap, a white breast, and a bright red stripe running through its eye. Its beak is pointed downwards. The background is a soft-focus landscape with green foliage and several bright yellow flowers, likely gorse, under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent dark grey rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and round number in white and yellow text.

# GENERAL GEOGRAPHY KNOWLEDGE

Round 8

A photograph of a street in the ruins of Pompeii. The street is paved with large, irregular stone blocks. On the right, there is a stone wall with a plaque that reads "REG. VIII. INS. III". In the background, the mountain of Mount Vesuvius is visible under a clear blue sky.

# Question 1

Which volcano famously buried Pompeii and Herculaneum in 79AD?

## Question 2

What is this natural phenomenon called?








## Question 3

Name one way that people can use a landscape like this.



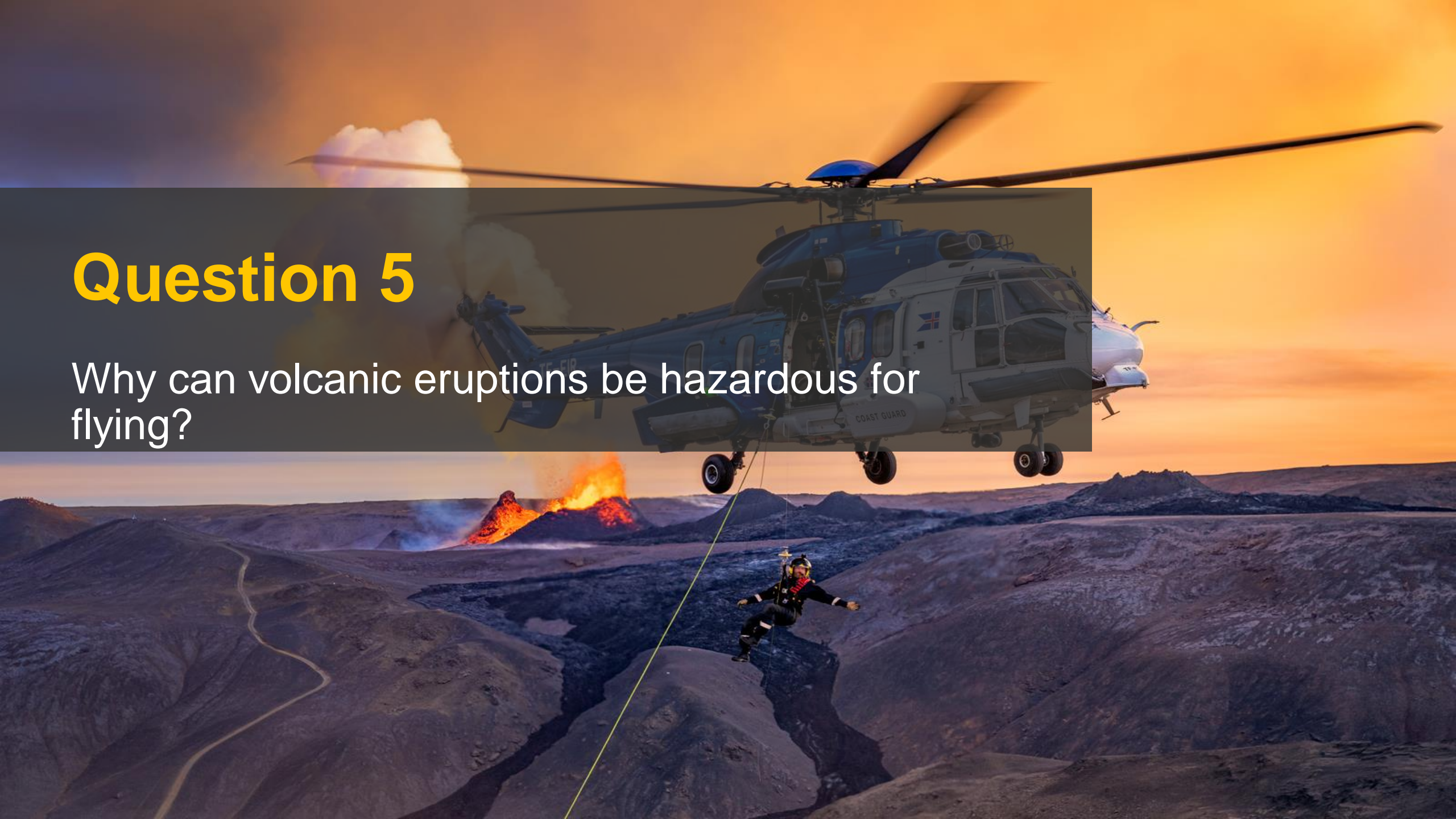


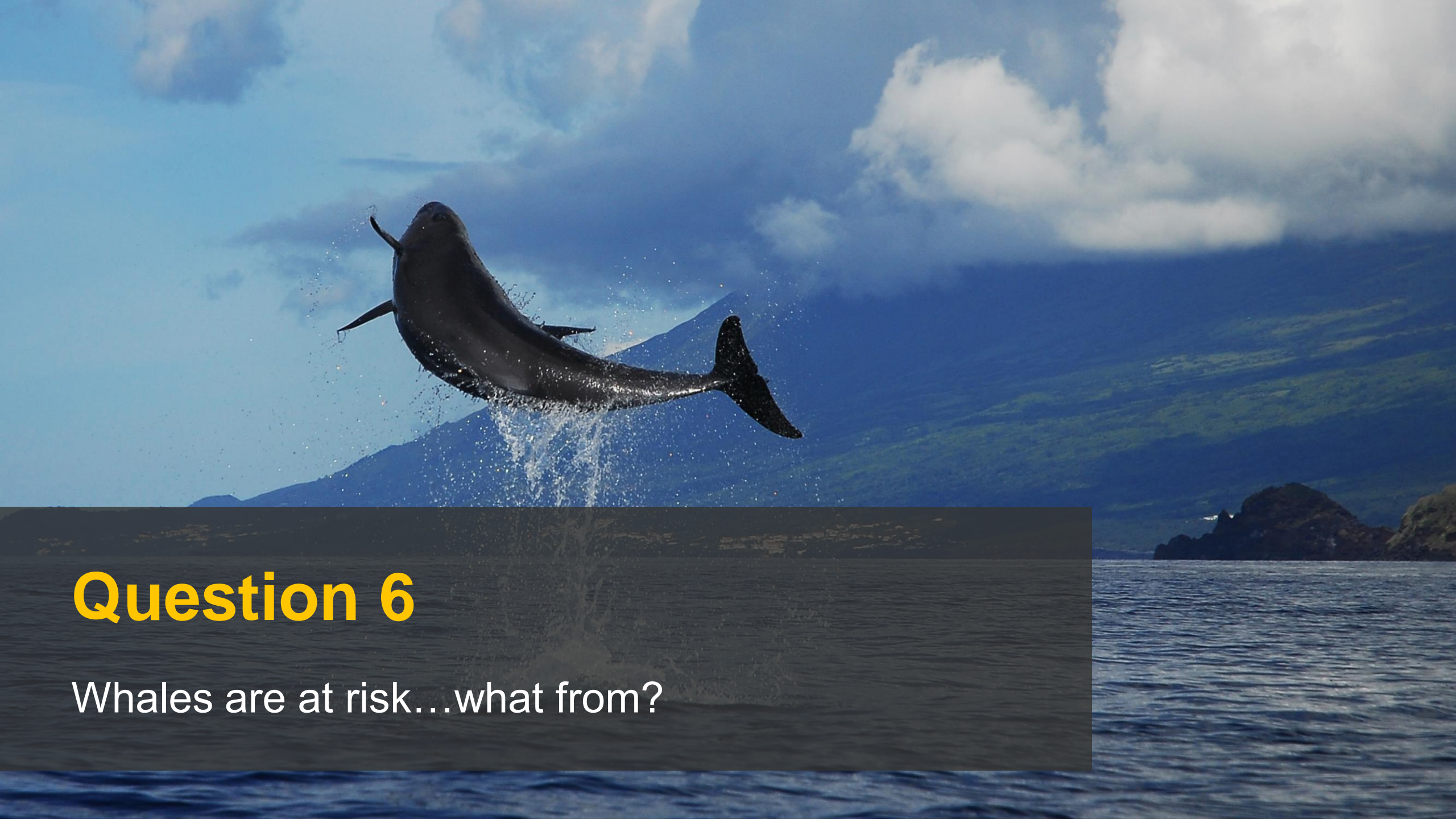
# Question 4

What is the currency in Norway?

# Question 5

Why can volcanic eruptions be hazardous for flying?





## Question 6

Whales are at risk...what from?

A satellite weather map showing the Caribbean Sea, Central America, and parts of North and South America. A semi-transparent dark grey box is overlaid on the map, containing text. The map shows cloud patterns and a grid of latitude and longitude lines. The text 'Question 7' is in yellow, and the question 'What type of weather hazard can you see here?' is in white.

## Question 7

What type of weather hazard can you see here?



## Question 8

Give one potential benefit of volcanic eruptions



## Question 9

What type of energy can waterfalls be used for?

A photograph of a stack of cut logs in a forest. The logs are stacked horizontally, showing their circular cross-sections with distinct wood grain patterns. Some logs have blue markings on them. The background is a bright, sunlit forest with green foliage.

## Question 10

The rainforest is a natural resource. Name one economic benefit of the rainforest.



# Answers: Round 8

1. Vesuvius
2. Northern lights, aurora borealis, aurora (aurora australis)
3. E.g. for leisure: walking, climbing, photography, etc.
4. Kroner
5. E.g. ash and particles in the ash cloud can get into aircraft engines causing failure
6. E.g. some countries still do commercial whaling (hunting), also threats from climate change causing migration
7. Tropical storm (hurricane / cyclone)
8. E.g. tourism, income, fertile soil once ash degrades, etc.
9. Hydropower
10. E.g. timber for manufacturing, plants to sell, expensive woods for furniture, etc.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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