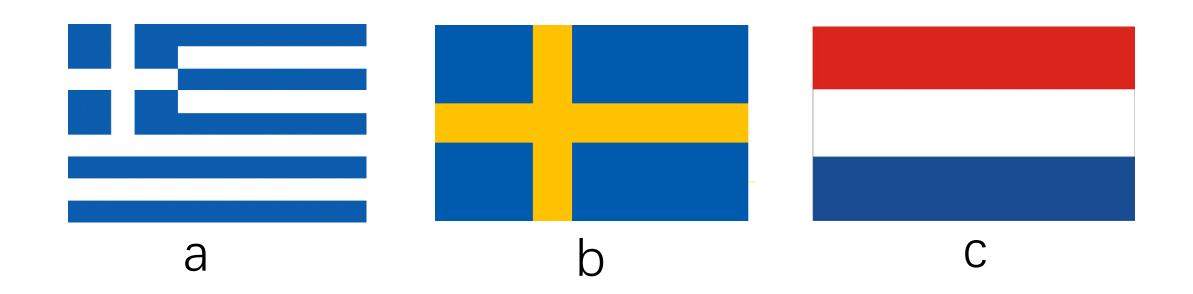


# Look and guess.

# Which is the flag of Sweden?



## Read and learn.

# **Sweden: The Best Country on the Earth?**

Sweden is located in the far north of Europe. It shares borders with Norway and Finland.

The capital and largest city is Stockholm. It is called the "Venice of the North" because the city is made up of 12 islands and 42 bridges.

Over half of Sweden's land is covered with forests. There are also around 100,000 lakes and over 24,000 islands in the country. Moose, bears and wolves can be found in the wild throughout Sweden.



moose

in the wild in the nature; not kept in the house or on the farm

### Read and learn.

Sweden has long summer days and long winter nights. In the capital of Stockholm, the summer days last twenty hours. In the northern part of the country, the sun never sets in summer.

Summer time is all about relaxing in Sweden. Every worker has four weeks of holiday between June, July, and August. People spend summer near lakes, farmland, or the coast. They have crayfish parties and eat boiled crayfish.



coast
the land next to
or close to the sea



crayfish

an animal like a large lobster that lives in seas

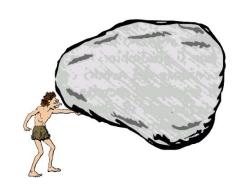
## Read and learn.

Sweden is famous for its modern music. It is the world's 3rd largest exporter of music after the United States and United Kingdom. The pop group *Abba* is one of the most successful pop bands in history.

The Swedish writer Astrid Lindgren was the author of *Pippi Longstocking*. It is a series of books about a girl with red hair. She is strong enough to lift trees. Pippi Longstocking is a hero to Swedish kids.



pop band
a group of people that
play pop music



lift
to move something
from a lower to a
higher position

## Fill the blanks with correct words.

coast border in the wild pop bands lift exporter

- 1. The train crosses the between France and Spain.
- 2. The boat sailed down the
- 3. Japan is a major of cars.
- 4. Abba is one of the most successful \_\_\_\_\_ in history.
- 5. I can't \_\_\_\_\_ you up you're a big boy now.
- 6. In Kenya we saw elephants and lions \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Grammar

# a series of ...

- 1. a set of books that deal with the same subject
- 2. several events or actions of a similar type that happen one after the other

# **Examples**

- It is a series of books about a girl with red hair.
- A series of disasters are happening early this year.
- I received a series of phone calls from mom.

	Make your	own	sentences	using	"a series	of"
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<b>1.</b> <i>F</i>	A series of			

2.\_\_\_\_\_\_

# Find ONE information that is NOT TRUE about Sweden.

Put  $\checkmark$  if the sentence is true and  $\bigotimes$  if not.



## Talk more.

# What would you like to experience in Sweden? Tell us why.



spend long summer



visit beautiful lakes



have crayfish parties



go to pop band concert