



# Who in the World Am I?

My name is Carmen Sandiego, and I'm the world's greatest thief (if I do say so myself). But don't worry, I only steal from VILE. I travel to every corner of the globe, keeping cultural treasures out of VILE's evil clutches.

**VILE is planning a big heist, and I need your help.**

**Join Carmen's Crew!** Your Mission: Stop VILE

1. Identify VILE's next target.
2. Locate the treasure before VILE gets to it.
3. Find VILE's latest hiding place.

As you solve these puzzles, you'll find coded clues to help you with your mission. **Good Luck!**



## **VILE (Villains' International League of Evil)**

This sinister group runs a school for young criminals (if you cheat on a test, you get extra credit!). You will find VILE's operatives all over the world, stealing items of cultural value. (VILE once tried to take the torch from the Statue of Liberty.) VILE must be stopped!

## CAPTURE THE FLAG



We need to find out what VILE is going to steal! Luckily, we've intercepted a VILE code hidden in this flock of flags. A flag is a country's way of using symbols to show off its national culture and history. Read the facts below and then use that intel to decode the flags and figure out where they come from. Write the country name below each flag.

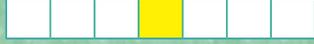
### The letters in the yellow squares spell out your first clue.

- **Peru's** national animal is the vicuna (it looks like a llama!).
- The Macedonian National Anthem starts, "Today over **Macedonia**, the new sun of liberty is being born!"
- **Bhutan's** national symbol is "The Druk" (aka "The Thunder Dragon").
- The **Bermuda** Triangle is infamous for its shipwrecks.
- **Brazil's** national motto is "Order and Progress" (in Portuguese, of course).
- The Maasai people of **Kenya** used to carry shields and spears into battle.
- **Turkmenistan** is famous for its beautiful carpets.
- **Cambodia's** national symbol is its most famous landmark, a huge temple called Angkor Wat.
- A vast forest of cedar trees once covered the mountains of **Lebanon**.
- **Ghana's** national soccer team is nicknamed "The Black Stars."

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VILE IS PLANNING TO STEAL A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

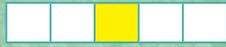
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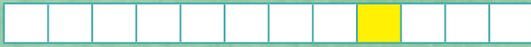
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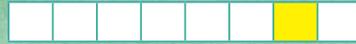
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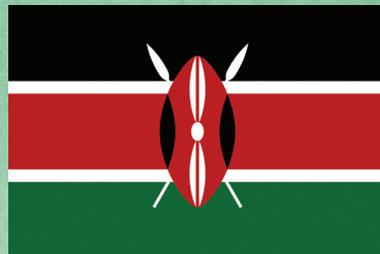
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1. Bermuda 2. Ghana 3. Turkmenistan 4. Bhutan 5. Kenya 6. Brazil 7. Peru 8. Cambodia 9. Lebanon 10. Macedonia



This strange map was left behind by a VILE operative. I bet VILE is planning to break into one of these world landmarks. But which one? Starting at #1 (Niagara Falls), number the stars and then draw a line to connect them like this:

- ★ 1 to 5 to 3 (lift your pencil)
- ★ 10 to 4 (lift)
- ★ 9 to 2 (lift)
- ★ 8 to 7 to 6

★ 1		Niagara Falls	★ 5		Amazon Rainforest
★ 2		Great Pyramid of Giza	★ 4		The Sahara
★ 3		Chichen Itza	★ 9		Red Square
★ 6		Sydney Opera House	★ 8		Great Wall
★ 7		Taj Mahal	★ 10		The Louvre Museum



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We found the key to the map! It's hidden in these greetings. Languages are only a secret code if you don't know them. The best way to start is with "hello." Unscramble the name of each language next to its greeting. The yellow letters spell out our next clue!

1. مرحبا "mar-hah-bahn"

C A I B A R

2. 你好 "nee-how"

H E I S N C E

3. नमस्ते "nah-mah-steh"

D I I N H

4. Hujambo! "hoo-jahm-boh"

W H A I L I S

5. Salve! "sahl-veh"

L I N A T A I

6. ¡Hola! "oh-lah"

P H I N S A S

7. Привет "pree-vyet"

N A S R S U I

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CHECK THE \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ \_\_\_ ON THE MAP.

Where is the treasure? \_\_\_\_\_



We're so close! And we found this list of world capitals in a VILE hideout. Read the clues and fill in the blanks with the city and country. If you need a hint, use the secret number code!

**Each number corresponds to a letter in the chart to the right.**

**Like this:**

This capital city is home to a big clock bell called Ben.

12	18	9	20	18	9		13	9	5	12	16	9	20
L	O	N	D	O	N		E	N	G	L	A	N	D

1. Try out Taekwondo in this Asian country.

2	13	18	19	12		2	18	19	17	24		25	18	22	13	16

2. This African capital was named in honor of America's fifth president.

21	18	9	22	18	23	8	16		12	8	14	13	22	8	16

3. In this Asian country, the capital city is the ONLY city—it's the whole country!

2	8	9	5	16	6	18	22	13

4. Celebrate Diwali in this capital city.

9	13	10		20	13	12	24	8		8	9	20	8	16

5. This capital city has a central plaza named in honor of its national hero, Simón Bolívar.

15	16	22	16	15	16	2		23	13	9	13	11	19	13	12	16

**CODE KEY**

X	1
S	2
F	3
Y	4
G	5
P	6
Q	7
I	8
N	9
W	10
Z	11
L	12
E	13
B	14
C	15
A	16
T	17
O	18
U	19
D	20
M	21
R	22
V	23
H	24
K	25

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What is the treasure? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

1. Seoul, South Korea 2. Monrovia, Liberia 3. Singapore 4. New Delhi, India 5. Caracas, Venezuela



VILE has sent this puzzle to all their operatives. It must hide a secret message. Find the answers to the clues below and circle them in the grid (horizontal and vertical only). The leftover letters will reveal the final information you need to complete your mission.

Read the leftover letters from left to right and top row to bottom row to reveal the final information you need to complete your mission.

1. The world's largest nation (in area)
2. The least populous continent
3. The oldest city in the world
4. The most populous country
5. The world's longest river
6. The deepest ocean
7. The highest mountain ("Mount \_\_\_\_\_")
8. The smallest continent
9. The biggest hot desert
10. The biggest U.S. territory
11. The continent with the most countries

V	N	P	S	A	H	A	R	A	I
L	I	U	D	U	E	H	U	A	S
N	L	E	A	S	E	W	S	P	H
I	E	R	M	T	D	E	S	A	O
A	N	T	A	R	C	T	I	C	A
C	U	O	S	A	T	I	A	I	N
H	M	R	C	L	I	A	M	F	I
I	F	I	U	I	L	O	R	I	I
N	D	C	S	A	F	R	I	C	A
A	A	O	E	V	E	R	E	S	T

WHERE IS VILE HIDING?

\_\_\_\_\_

## You did it!

You stopped \_\_\_\_\_ (who) \_\_\_\_\_ before its operatives could steal \_\_\_\_\_ (masterpiece) \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_ (landmark) \_\_\_\_\_ located in \_\_\_\_\_ (city, country) \_\_\_\_\_. You caught them hiding out in \_\_\_\_\_ (city, state) \_\_\_\_\_.

