

WAVE THE FLAG!
- EXPLORING STATE AND NATIONAL FLAGS -

Basic Shape

Use the world flags to answer these questions.

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2. How is the shape of Switzerland's national flag different?

3. What is unusual about the shape of Nepal's national flag?

Color

Flags of the world use a variety of colors. Use the world flags to answer these questions.

4. Which country has only one color and no symbols/pictures represented on its flag?

5. Many flags have three colors. What colors do the flags of France, Russia, and the Netherlands have in common?

Geography

Several flags have pictures of what can be found in a country. Use the world flags to find some examples.

6. What countries have birds on their flags?

7. What countries have other animals on their flags?

8. What countries have plants on their flags?

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Create a Flag

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6. What colors are often used in African tricolor flags?

Geographic Representations

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7. Locate some island countries on the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean. What are some maritime symbols and features found on these flags?

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