

# Foreign Stamp Identifier

The purpose of the Foreign Stamp Identifier is to help you determine what country a particular stamp is from, and how it should be listed in your album.

## How to use the Identifier

Pick out a symbol, word, or sign on the stamp you want to identify. Find it in the index, and you will be given the correct country's name.

If you do not find the first words you look up, keep trying different ones until you find an indexing word.

Some stamps – Ryukyu Islands, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, and others – are printed entirely in Oriental or Arabic characters and cannot be indexed the same way. To identify these stamps, see the illustrated section at the end of the regular listings.

## A

**AB OIO TA:** Russia  
**A. C. C. P.:** Azerbaijan  
**AÇORES:** Azores  
**A. E. F. (overprint):** French Equatorial Africa  
**ΑΒΙΤΑ:** Epirus  
**AFGHAN, AFGHANES:** Afghanistan  
**AFRICA CORREIOS:** Portuguese Africa  
**AFRICA OCCIDENTAL**  
**ESPANOLA:** Spanish West Africa  
**AFRICA ORIENTALE ITALIANA:** Italian East Africa  
**AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE**  
**FRANÇAISE:** Middle Congo  
**AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE**  
**FRANÇAISE:** (with bars) French Equatorial Africa  
**AFRIQUE EQUATORIALE GABON:** Gabon  
**AFRIQUE OCCIDENTALE**  
**FRANÇAISE:** French West Africa  
**A.M.G.F.T.T. (overprint):** Trieste  
**A.M.G.V.G. (overprint):** Italy, Allied occupation of Venezia Giulia  
**A M POST:** Germany, areas under Allied military government  
**ANTIOQUIA:** Colombia – Antioquia  
**A PAYER TE BETALEN:** Belgium  
**ARCHIPEL DES COMORES:** Comoro Islands  
**A RECEBER:** Portugal and Portuguese Colonies  
**ARMY OFFICIAL:** Great Britain or Sudan  
**ASSISTENCIA D. L. no. 72** (overprint): Timor  
**ATT, ATTS:** Siam  
**AUNUS (overprint):** Russia, under Finnish occupation  
**AUR:** Iceland  
**AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY:** Australia – Australian Antarctic Territory  
**AVISPORTO:** Denmark

## B

**B,** in an oval (no country name): Belgium, parcel post stamps

**BADEN:** Germany  
**BAGHDAD (overprint):** Mesopotamia  
**BAHAWALPUR:** Pakistan – Bahawalpur  
**BAHT:** Siam  
**BAJAR PORTO:** Indonesia  
**BANI:** Romania  
**BARANYA (overprint):** Hungary  
**BARCELONA:** Spain  
**BARWANI:** India – Barwani  
**БАТЧМСКАЯ ПОЧТА:** Batum  
**BAYERN, BAYR:** Bavaria  
**B.C.O.F.:** Japan  
**B. DPTO ZELAYA:** Nicaragua  
**BELGIAN EAST AFRICA:** Ruanda – Urundi  
**BELGIE:** Belgium  
**BELGIEN (overprint):** Belgium  
**BELGIQUE:** Belgium  
**BELGISCH CONGO:** Congo  
**BELIZE:** British Honduras  
**BENADIR:** Somalia  
**BENIN:** Dahomey  
**BERLIN (overprint):** Germany  
**BEYROUTH (overprint):** Russia  
**BHOPAL:** India – Bhopal  
**BIJAWAR:** India – Bijawar  
**B.I.O.T. (overprint):** British Indian Ocean Territory  
**ВОСТЧНА КОРРЕЦПОНАБЕНЧЯ:** Russia  
**BOFTGEBIET (overprint):** Lithuania  
**BOHMEN und MAHREN:** Czechoslovakia – Bohemia and Moravia  
**BOLIVAR:** Colombia – Bolivar  
**BOPHUTHATSWANA:** South Africa  
**BOSNIEN-HERZEGOVINA:** Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**BOYACA:** Columbia - Boyaca  
**BRIEFPOST:** Germany  
**BRITISH NEW GUINEA:** Papua and New Guinea  
**BRITISH OCCUPATION (overprint):** Batum  
**BRITISH SO. AFRICA COMPANY:** Rhodesia  
**BRUXELLES or BRUSSEL:** Belgium

**BUITEN BEZIT (overprint):** Dutch Indies  
**BUNDI:** India - Bundi  
**BURKINA FASO:** Upper Volta  
**BURUNDI:** Ruanda-Urundi

## C

**CABO:** Nicaragua  
**CABO JUBI, CABO JUBY:** Cape Juby  
**CAHATOPHЧM:** Bulgaria  
**CAMBODGE:** Cambodia  
**CAMBODIA:** Kampuchea  
**CAVALLE:** France  
**C C C P:** Russia  
**CECHY A MORAVA:** Czechoslovakia – Bohemia and Moravia  
**CENTENAIRE ALGERIE:** France  
**CENTENAIRE DU GABON:** French Equatorial Africa  
**CESKO-SLOVENSKO:** Czechoslovakia  
**C F A (overprint):** Reunion  
**C.G.H.S.:** Upper Silesia  
**CH** (followed by oriental characters): Korea  
**CHAMBA:** India – Chamba  
**CHARKHARI:** India – Charkhari  
**CHEMINS DE FER SPOORWEGEN:** Belgium  
**CHIFFRE TAX (no country name)** on perforated stamps: France  
**CHINE:** France – Offices in China  
**CHS (handstamped):** Upper Silesia  
**CISKEI:** South Africa  
**CN:** Korea  
**COCHIN, COCHIN ANCHAL:** India  
**COLIS POSTAL or POSTAUX (no country name):** Belgium  
**COLONIA ERITREA:** Eritrea  
**COLONIES POSTES:** French Colonies  
**COMITE FRANÇAIS DE LA LIBERATION NATIONALE:** French Colonies, general issue  
**COMMISSION DE GOUVERNEMENT HAUTE**  
**SILESIE:** Upper Silesia  
**COMORES:** Comoro Islands  
**COMPANHIA DE MOÇAMBIQUE:** Mozambique Company  
**COMPANHIA DO NYASSA:** Nyssa

**COMUNICAÇÕES:** Spain  
**CONFEDERATIO HELVETICA:**  
Switzerland  
**CONGO,** with Portuguese  
inscriptions: Portuguese Congo;  
with **BELGE:** Belgian Congo, now  
Congo; with **FRANÇAIS:** French  
Congo; with **FRANÇAIS GABON:**  
Gabon; with **REPUBLIQUE DU:**  
Congo or Middle Congo  
**COOK ISLANDS – NIUE:** Niue  
**COREE, COREAN:** Korea  
**CORREIO:** Portugal  
**CORREO AERO** (no country name):  
Spain  
**CORREO ESPAÑOL TANGER:**  
Spanish Morocco – Tangier  
**CORREOS DE COLOMBIA:**  
Colombia  
**CORREOS NACIONALES:** Colombia  
**CORREOS OAXACA:** Mexico –  
Oaxaca  
**CORREOS Y TELEGS:** Spain  
**CORREO URBANO DE BOGOTA:**  
Colombia – Bogota  
**CÔTE DE SOMALIS** or **CÔTE**  
**FRANÇAIS DES SOMALIS:** Somali  
Coast  
**CÔTE D'IVOIRE:** Ivory Coast  
**СРБСКА:** Serbia  
**СРБИЈА:** Serbia  
**CRUZ ROJA HONDURENA:**  
Honduras  
**CT, CTOT, CTOTИHKИ:** Bulgaria  
**CURAÇAO:** Netherlands Antilles  
**C.X.C.:** Jugoslavia

## D

**d:** (pence), / (shilling or £ (pound)  
preceded by a numeral, on stamp  
with king or queen's head but no  
country name: Great Britain  
**D:** (dinar) on stamp with Arabic  
writing: Persia  
**DDR:** German Democratic Republic  
**DEFICIT:** Peru  
**DELEGACOES:** Portugal  
**DEL GOLFO DE GUINEA:** Spanish  
Guinea  
**DEUTSCHES REICH:** Germany  
**DEUTSCHOFTERREICH:** Austria  
**DEUTSCHE BUNDESPOST:**  
Germany  
**DEUTSCHE DEMOKRATISCHE**  
**REPUBLIK:** German Democratic  
Republic (East Germany)  
**DEUTSCHE FELDPPOST:** Germany  
**DEUTSCH-NEU-GUINEA:** New  
Britain  
**DEUTSCHE POFT OR POST:**  
Germany  
**DEUTSCHE REICHS-POST:**  
Germany  
**DEUTSCHES REICH:** Germany  
**DHAR:** India – Dhar  
**DINAR** or **DINARS:** Persia (Iran)  
**DINERO:** Peru

**DIOS, PATRIA, REY:** Spain  
**DJIBOUTI:** Afars & Issas  
**DJ** or **DJIBOUTI:** Somali Coast  
**DOPLATIT** or **DOPLATNE** (no  
country name): Czechoslovakia  
**DRZAVA, DRZAVNA:** Jugoslavia  
**DUTSCH OOST AFRIKA**  
**BELGISCHE BEZETTING:**  
(overprint): German East Africa  
**DUTTIA:** India – Duttia

## E

**EA** (overprint): Algeria  
**E. E. F.:** Palestine  
**EESTI:** Estonia  
**EINZUZIEHEN:** Danzig  
**EIRE:** Ireland  
**EJERCITO RENOVADOR:** Mexico  
**EMPIRE FRANÇ:** France  
**EMPIRE FRANÇ** or **FRANÇAISE:**  
France or French Colonies  
**EMP. OTTOMAN:** Turkey or  
Eastern Rumelia  
**ΕΛΛΑC, ΕΛΛΑC:** Greece  
**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ:** Greece  
**EQUATEUR:** Ecuador  
**E.R.** (with Queen Elizabeth's head):  
Great Britain  
**ESCUELAS:** Venezuela  
**ESPAÑA, ESPAÑOLA:** Spain  
**ESPAÑA SAHARA:** Spanish Sahara  
**ESTADO DA INDIA:** Portuguese  
India  
**ESTADO ESPAÑA:** Spain  
**ÉTABLISSEMENTS DANS L'INDE**  
(or **DE L'INDE**): French India  
**ÉTABLISSEMENTS DE**  
**L'OCEANIE:** French Polynesia  
**ÉTAT DU CAMEROUN:** Cameroun  
**ÉTAT FRANÇAIS:** France  
**ÉTAT IND. DU CONGO:** Congo  
**ÉTIOPIA, ETHIOPIE,**  
**ETHIOPIENNES:** Ethiopia (formerly  
Abyssinia).  
**ÉTS. FRANCS. DE L'OCEANIE:**  
French Polynesia  
**ΕΛΛΑC, ΕΛΛΑC:** Greece  
**ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ:** Greece

## F

**FACTAJ** (overprint): Romania  
**FARIDKOT:** India – Faridkot  
**FDO. POO:** Fernando Po  
**FEDERATED MALAY STATES:**  
Malaya  
**FEDERATION DU MALI:** Mali  
**FEDERATION OF MALAYA:**  
Malaya  
**FELDPPOST** (overprint): Germany  
**FIERA DI TRIESTE** (overprint): Trieste  
**FILIPAS, FILIPINAS:** Philippines  
**FILLER:** Hungary  
**FIL** (no country name): Iraq or Jordan  
**FN** or **FEN:** Manchukuo  
**FRANCO:** Philippines or Spain  
**FRANCOBOLO DI STATO:** Italy

**FRANK:** Albania  
**FRANQUICIA:** Spain  
**FREIE STADT DAANZIG:** Danzig  
**FREISTAAT BAYERN** (overprint):  
Bavaria  
**FRIMARKE:** Denmark, Norway or  
Sweden  
**FRÛSTENTUM** or **FVERSTENTUM**  
**LIECHTENSTEIN:** Liechtenstein

## G

**GARCH:** Saudi Arabia  
**GARZON:** Colombia – Tolima  
**GENERAL GOUVERNEMENT:**  
Poland  
**GEORGIE, GEORGIANNE:** Georgia  
**GHADAMES:** Libia, under French  
occupation  
**GIORNALI STAMPE:** Sardinia  
**GOLFE DE BENIN:** Benin  
**GOYA:** Spain  
**GRAND COMORE:** Grand Comoro  
**GRAND LIBAN:** Lebanon  
**GRÖNLAND:** Greenland  
**GROSSDEUTSCHES REICH:**  
Germany  
**GROSSDEUTSCHES REICH**  
**GENERAL GOVERNEMENT:** Poland  
**GROUCH:** Turkey  
**GUANACASTE:** Costa Rica  
**GUERCHE:** Ethiopia or Saudi  
Arabia  
**GUINE** or **GUINE PORTUGUESA:**  
Portuguese Guinea  
**GUINEA** followed by **CONTINENTAL,**  
**CORREOS** or **ESPAÑOLA:** Spanish  
Guinea  
**GUINEA ECUATORIAL:** Equatorial  
Guinea  
**GUINÉE** or **GUINÉE FRANÇAISE:**  
French Guinea  
**GUYANA:** British Guiana  
**GUYANE FRANÇAISE:** French  
Guiana  
**GUY. FRANÇ.** (overprint): French  
Guiana  
**GWALIOR:** India – Gwalior

## H

**HAUTE SILESIE:** Upper Silesia  
**HAUTE VOLTA:** Upper Volta  
**HAUT-SENEGAL-NIGER:** Upper  
Senegal & Niger  
**HEJAZ & NEJD, HEDJAZ &**  
**NEDJDE:** Saudi Arabia  
**HELVETIA:** Switzerland  
**HOВИHOВЪУТ:** Montenegro  
**HOLKAR STATE:** India – Indore  
**HRVATSKA:** Jugoslavia or Croatia  
**HT.:** Upper Senegal & Niger  
**HYDERABAD:** India – Hyderabad  
**ΗΠΕΙΡΟΣ:** Epirus

## I

**IDAR:** India – Idar  
**I.E.F.:** (overprint): India  
**I. E. F. 'D'** (overprint): Mesopotamia  
**ILES WALLIS ET FUTUNA:** Wallis &

Futuna Islands  
**IMPERIAL BRITISH EAST AFRICA COMPANY**: British East Africa  
**INDE, INDIE**: French India  
**INDIA** with inscriptions in Portuguese or words **REIS, REAL, TANGAS** or **RUPIA**: Portuguese India  
**INDIA PORT. or PORTUGUSA**: Portuguese India  
**INDO CHINE**: Indo-China  
**INDONESIA** not preceded by "REPUBLIC": Dutch Indies  
**INDORE**: India – Indore  
**INLAND**: Liberia  
**INSTRUCAO** (overprint): Timor  
**INSTRUCCION**: Venezuela  
**IRAN**: Persia  
**IRANIENNES**: Persia  
**IRAQ** (overprint): Mesopotamia  
**IRIAN BARAT**: West New Guinea  
**ISLAND**: Iceland  
**ISLAS GALAPAGOS**: Ecuador – Galapagos Islands  
**ITALIA, ITALIANE**: Italy  
**ITALIAN SOMALILAND**: Somalia

## J

**JAFFA** (overprint): Russia  
**JAIPUR**: India – Jaipur  
**JAMHURI ZANZIBAR TANZANIA**: Zanzibar  
**JAVA** (overprint): Dutch Indies  
**JEEND STATE**: India – Jhind  
**JIND, JHIND**: India – Jhind  
**JOHOR JOHORE**: Malaya – Johore  
**ЈУГОСЛАВИЈА**: Jugoslavia

## K

**K** (with no country name): Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**KAMERUN**: Cameroun  
**KAMPUCHEA**: Cambodia  
**KAP**: Latvia  
**KARLFONDS**: Austria or Bosnia  
**KARTEN ABSTIMMUNG** (overprint): Austria  
**KAROLINEN**: Caroline Islands  
**KEDAH**: Malaya – Kedah  
**KELANTAN**: Malaya – Kelantan  
**KEMAHKOTAAN** or **KETAHKOTAAN**: (overprint): Malaya – Johore  
**KENYA & UGANDA**: Kenya, Uganda & Tanzania  
**KENYA UGANDA TANGANYIKA**: Kenya, Uganda & Tanzania  
**K.G.C.A.** (overprint): Jugoslavia  
**K.G.L. or KONGELIGT**: Danish West Indies or Denmark  
**KIBRIS CUMHURIYETI**: Cyprus  
**KIRIBATI**: Gilbert Islands  
**KISHANGARH**: India – Kishengarh  
**K.K. or KAISERLICHE KONIGLICHE ÖSTERREICHISCHE POST**: Austria  
**KLAIPEDA**: Memel  
**КОИ, КОИ, КОИ**: Russia, South

Russia, Far Eastern Republic, Finland, Latvia or Batum  
**KOP**: Finland  
**KORCA or KORCE**: Albania  
**KORONA**: Hungary  
**КРАЉЕВСТВО C.X.C.**: Jugoslavia  
**KPALJEVSTVO (or KRALJEVINA)**  
**SRBA, HRVATA I SLOVENACA**: Jugoslavia  
**KPHTH**: Crete  
**KRAIB. UPHATOPA**: Montenegro  
**KRONE, KRONEN**: Austria  
**K. U. K.**: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**K-U-K-MILITARPOST**: Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**KURUS**: Turkey  
**K. WURTT**: Wurttemberg

## L

**LA GEORGIE**: Georgia  
**LANDSTORMEN**: Sweden  
**LATTAQUIE** (overprint): Latakia  
**LATVIJA, LATWIJA**: Latvia  
**LEI** on Austrian stamps: Romania  
**LESOTHO**: Basutoland  
**LEVA**: Bulgaria  
**LEVANT**: France – Offices in Turkey; (overprint) on stamps of Great Britain: Great Britain – Offices in Turkey; on stamps of Poland: Poland – Offices in Turkey  
**LIBAN, LIBANAISE**: Lebanon  
**LIBIA, LIBYE**: Libya  
**LIETUVA, LIETVOS**: Lithuania  
**LIRE** (overprint): Italy, under Austrian occupation  
**LISBOA**: Portugal  
**L.L.L.R.**: Georgia  
**LÖSEN**: Sweden  
**L.P.** (overprint): Latvia  
**LUFTFELDPOST**: Germany

## M

**MACAU or MACAV**: Macao  
**MADRID**: Spain  
**MAGYAR**: Hungary  
**MAGYARORSZAG**: Hungary  
**MALACCA**: Malaya – Malacca  
**MALAGASY**: Madagascar  
**MALAYA** with no further inscriptions, over portrait of Sultan: Malaya – Kelantan, Negri Sembilan, Pahang, Perak, Perlis, Selangor or Trengganu; over picture of mosque: Selangor; over picture of State Arms: Negri Sembilan  
**MALAYAN POSTAL UNION**: Malaya  
**MALAYA PERLIS**: Malaya – Perlis  
**MALAYA SINGAPORE**: Singapore  
**MALGACHE**: Madagascar  
**MAPKA**: Russia, Finland or Serbia  
**MARK, MARKKAA**: Finland  
**MAROC**: French Morocco or Morocco  
**MAROCRO or MAROKKO**

(overprint): Germany – Offices in Morocco  
**MARRUECOS**: Spanish Morocco or Morocco – Nothern Zone  
**M.B.D.** (overprint): India – Nandgaon  
**MBRETNIIJA SHQIPTARE**: Albania  
**MEJICO**: Mexico  
**MEMELGEBIET**: Memel  
**METELIN**: (overprint): Russia  
**MEXICANO**: Mexico  
**MN**: Korea  
**MOÇAMBIQUE**: Mozambique  
**MONROVIA**: Liberia  
**MOTÁ**: Ukraine  
**MORROCCO AGENCIES**: Great Britain – Offices in Morocco  
**MORVI**: India – Morvi  
**MQE**: Martinique  
**M.V.I.R.** (overprint): Romania

## N

**NABHA**: India – Nabha  
**NACIONES UNIDAS**: United Nations  
**NAMIBIA**: South West Africa  
**ИАРА ИАРЕ**: Montenegro or Serbia  
**NATIONS UNIES**: United Nations  
**N.C.E.** (overprint): New Caledonia  
**N.D. HRVATSKA**: Croatia  
**NED or NEDERLANDSE ANTILLEN**: Netherlands Antilles  
**NED or NEDERLANDS NIEUW GUINEA**: Dutch New Guinea  
**NEDERLAND**: Netherlands  
**NED-INDIE, NEDERL-INDIE, NEDERLANDSCH-INDIE**: Dutch Indies  
**NEGRI SEMBILAN**: Malaya – Negri Sembilan  
**NEZAVISNA DRZAVA HRVATSKA**: Croatia  
**NIEUW GUINEA**: Dutch New Guinea  
**NIPPON**: Japan  
**NLLE. CALEDONIE**: New Caledonia  
**NOPTO MAPKA**: Serbia  
**NOREG, NORGE**: Norway  
**NOUVELLE CALEDONIE**: New Caledonia  
**NOUVELLES HEBRIDES**: New Hebrides  
**NOWANUGGUR**: India  
**NOWTA**: Serbia  
**НОТТА**: Russia  
**НОЧТ MAPKA** (no country name): Azerbaijan  
**ПОЧТОВАЯ MAPKA**: Finland, Russia  
**N. SEMBILAN**: Malaya  
**N.S.W.**: New South Wales  
**N.Z.**: New Zealand

## O

**OAXACA**: Mexico – Oaxaca  
**OCCUPATION FRANÇAISE** (overprint): Hungary  
**OCEANIE**: French Polynesia

**OFFENTLIG SAK:** Norway  
**OFF. SAK.:** Norway, official stamps  
**ÖFTERREICH:** Austria  
**OKCA:** Russia  
**ORANJE VRIJ STAAT:** Orange River Colony  
**ORCHA:** India – Orchha  
**ORE:** Denmark, Sweden or Norway  
**ORTS-POST:** Switzerland  
**O.S.:** Norway (officials).  
**ÖSTERREICH:** Austria  
**ÖSTERR-POST, ÖSTERREICHISCHE POST:** Austria  
**OUBANGUI-CHARI:** Ubangui  
**ΟΛΥΜ, ΟΛΥΜΠΙ, or ΟΛΥΜΠΙΑΚΟ:** Greece

## P

**PAHANG:** Malaya – Pahang  
**PAISA:** Nepal  
**PAPUA:** Papua & New Guinea  
**PATIALA:** India – Patiala  
**PATMO or PATMOS** (overprint): Italy–Aegean Islands–Patmo  
**P.C.Φ.C.P.:** Russia  
**PEN, PENNI, PENNIAS:** Finland  
**PERAK:** Malaya – Perak  
**PERSANE:** Persia  
**PERUANA:** Peru  
**PERV-AEREO:** Peru  
**PESA** (overprint): German East Africa  
**PESETAS:** (no country name): Spain  
**PFENNIG:** Württemberg, Bavaria or Germany  
**PIASTER:** Austria – Offices in Turkey or Germany – Offices in Turkey  
**PIASTRA or PIASTRE** (overprint) on stamps of Italy: Italy – Offices in Crete and in Turkey; on stamps of Great Britain: Great Britain – Offices in Turkey; on stamps of Russia: Russia – Offices in Turkey; on stamps of France: France – Offices in Turkey  
**PIASTRO** (overprint): Italy – Offices in Crete  
**PIES:** India  
**PICE:** Nepal  
**P.M.** (overprint): Italy, military stamps  
**ΠΟΚΚΙΑ:** Russia or South Russia  
**POCZTA:** Poland  
**POCZTA POLSKA:** Poland  
**POLSKA:** Poland  
**POLYNESIE FRANÇAISE:** French Polynesia  
**P.O.I.I.T.** (overprint): Ukraine  
**PORTEADO:** Portugal  
**PORTE DE CONDUCCION:** Peru  
**PORTE DE MAR:** Mexico  
**POSTAGE, POSTAGE & REVENUE** with denominations in d (pence) (shillings) or £ (pounds), and portraits of a king or queen, but no country name given; Great Britain: with denominations in annas: India –

Kishengarh  
**POSTES:** Belgium, France, French Colonies or Luxembourg  
**POSTES CENTIME** with numeral in center of stamp covered by a network of colored lines: France – Alsace and Lorraine, under German occupation  
**POSTES** followed by EGYPTIENNES: Egypt or United Arab Republic; by HEDJAZ and NEJDE: Saudi Arabia; by OTTOMANES: Turkey or Mesopotamia; by picture of crescent: Afghanistan  
**POSTES PERSANES:** Persia  
**POSTE VATICANE:** Vatican City  
**POSTGEBIET OB. OFT.** (overprint): Lithuania, under German occupation  
**POST STAMP, POST & RECEIPT** with values in annas: India – Hyderabad  
**POSTZEGEL** (no country name): Netherlands  
**PRINCE FAROUK:** Egypt  
**PRINCIPAUTÉ DE MONACO:** Monaco  
**PRO TACNA Y ARICA:** Peru  
**PROTECTORAT FRANÇAIS** (overprint): French Morocco  
**PTO. RICO, PUERTO RICO:** Puerto Rico  
**PUTTIALA** (overprint): India – Patiala  
**PYB or Pyb:** Russia, South Russia or Finland

## Q

**QUINDAR, QUINTAR:** Albania

## R

**RAJASTHAN** (overprint): India – Rajasthan  
**RARATONGA:** Cook Islands  
**REARGO:** Spain  
**REICH, REICHSPPOST:** Germany  
**REIS** (no country name): Portugal  
**REP. DI S. MARINO:** San Marino  
**REPOBLIKA MALAGASY:** Madagascar  
**REPUBBLICA ITALIANA:** Italy  
**REPUBBLICA SOCIALE ITALIANA:** Italy – Italian Social Republic  
**REPUB. FRANC. or REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE:** France or French Colonies  
**REPUBLICA DE GUINEA ECUATORIAL:** Equatorial Guinea  
**REPUBLICA DOMINICANA:** Dominican Republic  
**REPUBLICA ESPANOLA:** Spain  
**REPUBLICA MOCAMBIQUE** (overprint): Mozambique  
**REPUBLICA ORIENTAL:** Uruguay  
**REPUBLICA PERUANA:** Peru  
**REPUBLICA POPULARA ROMINA:** Romania  
**REPUBLICA PORTUGUESA:** Portugal  
**REPUBLIEK VAN SUID-AFRIKA:** South Africa  
**REPUBLIK INDONESIA SERIKAT:** Indonesia  
**REPUBLIQUE ARABE UNIE:** United Arab Republic  
**REPUBLIQUE AUTONOME DU TOGO:** Togo  
**REPUBLIQUE CENTRAFRICAINE:** Central African Republic  
**REPUBLIQUE d'AZERBAIJAN:** Azerbaijan  
**REPUBLIQUE DE CÔTE D'IVOIRE:** Ivory Coast  
**REPUBLIQUE DE GUINÉE:** Guinea  
**REPUBLIQUE DE HAUTE VOLTA:** Upper Volta  
**REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO:** Congo  
**REPUBLIQUE D'HAÏTI:** Haiti  
**REPUBLIQUE DE CONGO:** Congo or Congo Republic  
**REPUBLIQUE DU DAHOMEY:** Dahomey  
**REPUBLIQUE DU MALI:** Mali  
**REPUBLIQUE DU NIGER:** Niger  
**REPUBLIQUE DU SENEGAL:** Senegal  
**REPUBLIQUE DU TCHAD:** Chad  
**REPUBLIQUEDU TOGO:** Togo  
**REPUBLIQUE GABONAISE:** Gabon  
**REPUBLIQUE ISLAMIQUE DE MAURITANIE:** Mauritania  
**REPUBLIQUE LIBANAISE:** Lebanon  
**REPUBLIQUE MALGACHE:** Madagascar (Malagasy Republic)  
**REPUBLIQUE RWANDAISE:** Rwanda  
**REPUBLIQUE TOGOLAISE:** Togo  
**REPUBLIQUE TUNISIENNE:** Tunisia  
**R.F.** (no country name): France  
**RHEINLAND-PFALZ:** Germany – Rhine Palatinate, under military occupation  
**RIAL or RIALS:** Persia  
**RIAU** (overprint): Indonesia  
**RIN, RN.:** Japan  
**R I S** (overprint): Indonesia  
**RN or RIN:** Japan  
**ROHANIA:** Romania  
**ROMANA, ROMANIA, ROMINA:** Romania  
**ROSS DEPENDENCY:** New Zealand  
**ROYAUME DE L'ARABIE SAOUDITE:** Saudi Arabia  
**ROYAUME DE YEMEN:** Yemen  
**ROYAUME DU BURUNDI:** Burundi  
**ROYAUME DU CAMBODGE:** Cambodia  
**ROYAUME DU LAOS:** Laos  
**ROYAUME DU MAROC:** Morocco  
**RP:** Liechtenstein or Switzerland  
**R. P. ROMINA:** Romania

**R.S.M.:** San Marino  
**RWANDA:** Ruanda-Urundi

## S

**SAARE** (overprint): Saar  
**SAARGEBIET:** Saar  
**SAARLAND, SAARPOST:** Saar  
**SACHSEN:** Saxony  
**SAHARA ESPAÑOL** or **SAHARA OCCIDENTAL:** Spanish Sahara  
**ST. CHRISTOPHER-NEVIS-ANGUILLA:** St. Kitts-Nevis  
**S.A.K.:** Saudi Arabia  
**SARKARI:** India – Soruth  
**SAURASHTRA** or **SOURRASHTRA:** India – Soruth  
**SEJM WILNIE:** Central Lithuania  
**SELANGOR:** Malaya – Selangor  
**SEN:** Japan or Ryukyu Islands  
**SERBIE** (overprint): Serbia  
**SERVICIO POSTAL MEXICANA:** Mexico  
**SEVILLA-BARCELONA:** Spain  
**SHQIPENIA, SHQIPENIE, SHQIPERIA, SHQIPERIJA, SHQIPERISE, SHQIPNI, SHQIPNIJA, SHQIPONIES:** Albania  
**SICILIA:** Two Sicilies  
**SIEGE DE LA LIGUE ARABE:** Morocco  
**SIRMOOR:** India – Sirmoor  
**SKILLING:** Denmark or Norway  
**SLOVENSKA POSTA** or **SLOVENSKO:** Czechoslovakia – Slovakia  
**SLOVENSKO:** Czechoslovakia – Slovakia  
**SLOVENSKY STAT,**  
**SLOVENSKENO** (overprint): Czechoslovakia  
**S. MARINO:** San Marino  
**SN:** Japan  
**SOL:** Peru  
**SOLDI:** Austria – Lombardy-Venetia  
**SOLIDARITE FRANÇAISE:** French Colonies, general issue  
**SOMALIA ITALIANA:** Italian Somaliland  
**SONORA:** Mexico  
**SORUTH:** India – Soruth  
**SOUDAN** (overprint): Sudan  
**SOUDAN FRANÇAIS:** French Sudan  
**SOURASHTRA:** India – Soruth  
**SPANISH WESTERN SAHARA:** Spanish Sahara  
**S.Q. TRSTA-VUJA:** Trieste  
**SRI LANKA:** Ceylon  
**SRODKOWA LITVA:** Central Lithuania  
**ST** or **STG:** Siam  
**STATE OF SINGAPORE:** Singapore  
**S. THOME** (or **TOME**) **E PRINCIPE:** St. Thomas & Prince Islands  
**STOTHKKH:** Bulgaria  
**S.T. TRSTA-VUJA:** Trieste  
**STT VUJA** or **VUJNA STT:** Trieste; (overprint): Trieste  
**SUIDAFRIKA:** South Africa  
**SUIDWES AFRIKA:** South-West Africa  
**SUOMI:** Finland

**SURINAME:** Surinam  
**SVERIGE:** Sweden  
**S. W. A.** (overprint): South West Africa  
**SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC:** Syria  
**SYRIE, SYRIENNE:** Syria

## T

**TAKKA:** Bulgaria  
**TAKSE:** Albania  
**TANGANYIKA KENYA UGANDA:** Kenya, Uganda & Tanzania  
**TANGER** with "Correo Espanol": Spanish Morocco – Tangier; (overprint) on postage due stamps of France: French Morocco, postage due stamps; on stamps of Spain: Spanish Morocco – Tangier  
**TANGIER:** Great Britain – Offices in Morocco  
**TANZANIA, UGANDA, KENYA:** Kenya, Uganda & Tanzania  
**TAXA DE GUERRA** with values in AVOS: Macao; with values in O\$: Portuguese Africa; with values in RP: Portuguese India; with values in REIS: Portuguese Guinea  
**T.C.E.K.:** Turkey  
**TCHAD:** Chad  
**T. C. POSTALARI:** Turkey  
**TE BETALEN:** Netherlands, Dutch Indies, Netherlands Antilles or Surinam; also preceded by "A PAYER": Belgium  
**TERRITOIRE DE IFNI** (overprint): Ifni  
**TERRITOIRE DU NIGER:** Niger  
**TERRITORIO DE IFNI (ESPAÑA):** Ifni  
**TERRITORIO DEL AFRICA OCCIDENTAL ESPAÑOL:** Spanish West Africa  
**TERRITORIOS** (or **TERRS. ESPAÑOLES DEL GOLFO DE GUINEA:** Spanish Guinea  
**TETUAN:** Spanish Morocco – Tetuan  
**THAILAND** or **THAI:** Siam  
**THRACE INTERALLIEE** or **THRACE OCCIDENTALE** (overprint): Thrace  
**TIMBRE INMPERIAL JOURNAUX:** France  
**TIMBRE POSTE** (overprint): French Morocco  
**TJENESTE-FRIMARKE:** Denmark  
**TJENESTEFRIMERKE:** Norway  
**TOGA:** Tonga  
**TOLIMA:** Colombia – Tolima  
**TOUVA:** Tannu Tuva  
**TRANS-JORDAN:** Jordan  
**TRANSKEI:** South Africa  
**TRENGGANU:** Malaya – Trengganu  
**TRIPOLI:** Tripolitania; preceded by "FIERA CAMPIONARI": Libya  
**T. Ta. C.:** Turkey  
**TUNIS, TUNISIE:** Tunisia  
**TURKIYE CUMHURIYETI**  
**POSTALARI:** Turkey  
**TURKIYE, TURK POSTALARI:** Turkey

**TUVALU:** Ellice Islands

## U

**ПАРКТВО:** Bulgaria  
**ПАРКТВОБЪЛАРИЯ:** Bulgaria  
**U.A.R.:** United Arab Republic  
**UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA:** South Africa  
**UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANGANYIKA & ZANZIBAR:** Tanzania  
**UNTEA** (overprint): West New Guinea  
**ПРГА ГОРА:** Montenegro, under Italian administration

## V

**VALLES D'ANDORRE:** Andorra  
**VATHY:** France – Offices in Turkey  
**VATICANE:** Vatican City  
**VENDA:** South Africa  
**VENEZ. VENEZOLANA, VENEZOLANO:** Venezuela  
**VIET-NAM CONG-HOA:** Viet Nam  
**VUJA STT** or **VUJNA STT:** Trieste; (overprint) on stamps of Jugoslavia: Trieste

## W

**WEST IRIAN:** West New Guinea  
**WESTERN SAMOA:** Samoa  
**WN:** Korea

## X

**ΧΑΡΤΟ ΗΜΟΙ:** Greece  
**ХБЈРА:** Montenegro  
**ХЕАВРА:** Montenegro  
**XII CAMPIONARIA TRIPOLI:** Libya

## Y

**YCA** (overprint): Peru – Yca  
**Y. C. C. P.:** Ukraine  
**YCCP** (overprint): Ukraine  
**YCTAB:** Montenegro  
**YEN, YN.:** Japan, Manchukuo or Ryukyu Islands  
**ΥΚΡΑΙHC&KA:** Ukraine

## Z

**Z. AFR. REPUBLIEK, ZUID AFRIKAANSCH REPUBLIEK:** Transvaal  
**ZAIRE:** Belgian Congo  
**ZAMBIA:** Northern Rhodesia  
**ZEGELREGT:** Transvaal  
**ZELAYA:** Nicaragua – Zelaya  
**ZENTRALER KURIERDIENST:** Germany  
**ZIMBABWE:** Southern Rhodesia  
**ZONA PROTECTORADO ESPAÑOL** (overprint): Spanish Morocco  
**ZONE FRANCAISE:** Germany, under French occupation  
**ZRACNA POSTA:** Trieste  
**ZUIDWEST AFRIKA:** South West Africa

# Pronunciation/Geographic Location Guide

Enjoy your worldwide stamp collection even more by learning how to pronounce the name of almost any foreign country. This handy guide will also help you increase your knowledge of each country's geography and history. Each listing gives you the pronunciation and location of the country you're looking for, as well as its current or former name and colonial status.

## A

**Abu Dhabi** - AH boo DAH bee - sheikdom of the United Arab Emirates on the Persian Gulf

**Aden** - AY d'n - former British colony; now part of the People's Republic of Southern Yemen

**Aegean Islands** - ay JEE un - Greek islands located in the Aegean Sea

**Afars and Issas** - ah FARZ ee SAHZ - French overseas territory in northeast Africa; formerly the French colony of Somali Coast; current name Djibouti

**Afghanistan** - af GAN ih stan - republic in Central Asia bordering Iran and Pakistan

**Aguera** - ah GWAY rah - former Spanish administrative district of Africa

**Aitutaki** - EYE too TAH kee - one of the Cook islands

**Ajman** - AHJ mahn - sheikdom in Eastern Arabia; now part of the United Arab Emirates

**Aland Islands** - AH lund - Finnish island group located between Finland and Sweden; part of Scandinavia

**Alaouites** - ah lah WEET - formerly a French division of Syria; known later as Latakia

**Albania** - al BAY nee uh - republic in southeast Europe on the Adriatic Sea

**Alderney** - AWL dur nee - British island in the English Channel

**Alexandretta** - AL ig zan DRET uh - district of Turkey; formerly part of the French mandate in Syria; before its return to Turkey, known as Hatay

**Algeria** - al JEER ee ah - republic in northwest Africa on the Mediterranean Sea; formerly a French colony

**Allenstein** - AHL en shtine - district of Prussia

**Alsace and Lorraine** - AL says lo RAIN - region of northeastern France; ownership long disputed by Germany

**Andorra** - an DOOR ah - principality in the Pyrenees Mountains; administered jointly by France and Spain

**Angola** - an GOH luh - former Portuguese colony in southwest Africa

**Angra** - AN grah - administrative district of the Azores

**Anguilla** - an GWIL uh - British island colony in the West Indies; formerly part of St. Kitts-Nevis-Anguilla

**Anjouan** - AHN joo AHN - one of the Comoro islands

**Annam & Tonkin** - uh NAHM TON KIN - formerly part of French Indo-China; currently Vietnam

**Antigua** - an TEE guh - island in the West Indies; former British colony

**Argentina** - AHR jun TEEN uh - republic in South America between Chile and the Atlantic

**Armenia** - ar MEEN ee yuh - republic in southwestern Asia bordering Turkey and Iran; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Aruba** - ah ROO bah - island in the Netherlands Antilles

**Ascension** - uh SEN shun - island in the South Atlantic Ocean; part of the British colony of St. Helena

**Australia** - aws TRAIL yuh - island continent between the Pacific and Indian Oceans

**Austria** - AWS tree uh - republic in central Europe

**Azerbaijan** - AH zer by JAHN - republic in southwestern Asia bordering Iran and the Caspian Sea; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Azores** - AY zorz - Portuguese islands in the North Atlantic Ocean, north of Portugal

## B

**Baden** - BAH dun - former grand duchy of Germany

**Bahamas** - buh HAH muhz - islands in the Atlantic, east of Florida; former British colony

**Bahawalpur** - buh HAH wal POOR - state in central Pakistan; formerly part of India

**Bahrain** - bah RAIN - sheikdom in the Persian Gulf between Qatar and Saudi Arabia

**Bangladesh** - BAHNG luh desh - republic in southern Asia; formerly East Pakistan

**Barbados** - bar BAY dose - island in the West Indies formerly a British colony now part of the British Commonwealth

**Barbuda** - bar BOO dah - island in the West Indies, a dependency of Antigua

**Basutoland** - buh SOO toe LAND - former British colony in southern Africa; current name Lesotho

**Batum** - bah TOOM - port city in the republic of Georgia, on the Black Sea

**Bavaria** - buh VAIR ee uh - former kingdom in southern Germany

**Bechuanaland Protectorate** - BEK oo AN ah LAND pro TEK tor et - former British district in south central Africa; current name Republic of Botswana

**Belarus** - bay luh ROOS - Eastern European republic; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Belgian Congo** - BEL jun KON go - former Belgian colony in central Africa; name changed to Congo Democratic Republic with independence; current name Zaire

**Belgium** - BEL jum - constitutional monarchy in Western Europe

**Belize** - buh LEEZ - country of central

America; formerly British Honduras

**Benin** - beh NEEN - republic in Africa on the Gulf of Guinea; formerly the French colony of Dahomey

**Bequia** - buh KEE yuh - island in the West Indies, north of Trinidad

**Berlin** - bur LIN - capital city of the former kingdom of Prussia; currently the capital of re-unified Germany

**Bermuda** - bur MYOO duh - island in the central Atlantic; British colony

**Bhutan** - boo TAHN - kingdom which lies in the Himalayas between India and Tibet

**Biafra** - be AH fruh - short-lived republic of eastern Nigeria

**Bohemia** - boh HEE mee uh - former kingdom of western Czechoslovakia

**Bolivia** - boh LIV ee uh - republic in South America

**Bophuthatswana** - BO poo tah SWAH nah - Black South African homeland region

**Bosnia and Herzegovina** - BAHZ nee uh, HER tsuh goh VEE nuh - Republic in Eastern Europe; formerly part of Yugoslavia

**Botswana** - boh TSWAH nah - republic in central Africa; formerly British Bechuanaland Protectorate

**Brazil** - bruh ZIL - republic in eastern South America

**British Antarctic Territory** - ant ARK tik - British island territory of the Atlantic Ocean and Antarctica

**British Columbia** - koh LUM bee uh - province of western Canada bordering the Pacific Ocean

**British East Africa** - eest AF rick uh - former British territories in eastern Africa

**British Guiana** - gee AHN nuh - former colony on the northern coast of South America; current name Guyana

**British Honduras** - hahn DUR us - former British colony in Central America on the Caribbean Sea; current name Belize

**British Virgin Islands** - VUR jin - British colony in the West Indies. The western portion of the Virgin Islands belongs to the U.S.

**Brunei** - broo NYE - sultanate of Borneo; former British colony

**Brunswick** - BRUNZ wik - former state of central Germany

**Bulgaria** - bul GAIR ee uh - former Communist republic in southeastern Europe, on the Black Sea

**Burkina Faso** - bur KEEN ah FAH soh - republic in West Africa; formerly the French colony of Upper Volta

**Burma** - BUR muh - socialist republic of southeast Asia; current name Myanmar

**Burundi** - boo ROON dee - republic in central Africa; former French colony

**Bushire** - boo SHEER - Iranian port on the Persian Gulf

**Belarus** - bay luh ROOS - Eastern European republic; formerly part of the Soviet Union

## C

**Caicos** - KAY kus - island group south of the Bahamas; part of the British colony of Turks and Caicos Islands

**Cambodia** - kam BO dee uh - constitutional monarchy in southeast Asia between Thailand and Vietnam; renamed Kampuchea for a period of years.

**Cameroun** - kam uh ROON - republic in western Africa

**Canada** - KAN uh duh - Self-governing dominion of the British Commonwealth, occupying the northern portion of North America

**Canal Zone** - kuh NAL ZOHN - territory on either side of the Panama Canal administered by the U.S. until 2000 when ceded to Panama

**Canary Islands** - kuh NAIR ee - Spanish islands off the northwest coast of Africa

**Cape Juby** - JOO bee - Spanish possession in the western Sahara on the Atlantic Coast of Africa

**Cape Verde** - VURD - group of islands in the Atlantic, off the west coast of Senegal; former Portuguese colony

**Caroline Islands** - KAIR uh line - islands in the western Pacific; a U.S. trust territory

**Castellorizo** - kahs TEL lo REET so - island in the Mediterranean Sea

**Cayman Islands** - KAY man - island group and British colony in the West Indies, northwest of Jamaica

**Central African Republic** - SEN trul AF rick an - country of central Africa; formerly the French colony of Ubangi-Shari

**Ceylon** - see LON - Indian Ocean island and former British colony; current name Sri Lanka

**Chad** - chad - republic and former French colony of central Africa

**Chile** - CHIL ee - southernmost republic of South America, extending from Peru to the southern end of the continent

**China** - CHY nuh - country of eastern Asia, bordered by Mongolia, Indo-China and the China Sea

**Christmas Islands** - KRIS mus - Australian islands in the eastern Indian Ocean

**Cilicia** - sil EEZH uh - district of southern Turkey

**Ciskei** - sis KAY - Black South African homeland

**Cochin** - ko CHIN - site of Portuguese settlement in southwest India

**Cochin China** - area in southern VietNam; formerly part of French Indo-China

**Cocos** - KOH kohs - island group in the Indian Ocean, southwest of Sumatra

**Colombia** - koh LUM bee uh - republic in northern South America

**Comoro** - ko MORE oh - island group off the southeastern coast of Africa; former French colony

**Congo Democratic Republic** - KON goh - nation of west central Africa; formerly the Belgian Congo or Zaire

**Congo People's Republic** - KON goh - nation in west central Africa; formerly the French colony of Middle Congo

**Cook Islands** - cook - group of islands in the South Pacific, northeast of New Zealand

**Costa Rica** - KAHS tuh REE kuh - republic of central America

**Côte d'Ivoire** - KOHT dee VWAR - Government in transition as of mid-2007

**Crete** - KREET - Greek island in the Mediterranean Sea

**Crimea** - cry ME uh - Russian peninsula on the Black Sea

**Croatia** - kroh AY shuh - parliamentary democracy of eastern Europe; formerly a province of northern Yugoslavia

**Cuba** - CUE buh - Communist island republic in the West Indies

**Curacao** - KOO rah SA oh - island in the Netherlands Antilles

**Cyprus** - SI prus - island republic in the eastern Mediterranean Sea; occupied by Greek and Turkish armed forces

**Cyrenaica** - SEAR uh NAY kuh - ancient region of northeast Libya

**Czechoslovakia** - CHEK oh sloh VAH kee ah - former Communist republic of central Europe; now divided into Czech Republic and Slovak Federal Republic

**Czech Republic** - part of former Yugoslavia until 1993

## D

**Dahomey** - duh HO mee - former republic in western Africa; current name People's Republic of Benin

**Dalmatia** - dal MAY sha - region on the coast of Yugoslavia

**Danish West Indies** - DAIN ish IN deez - group of islands east of Puerto Rico; Danish colony until U.S. purchase in 1916; current name U.S. Virgin Islands

**Danzig** - DAHN sig - formerly part of German kingdom of Prussia

**Denmark** - DEN mark - kingdom in north-

ern Europe; part of Scandinavia

**Diego-Suarez** - DYAY go SWAH rays - northern port in Madagascar

**Djibouti** - gee BOO tee - republic in eastern Africa; former French Overseas Territory of Afars and Issas; until 1967 French colony of Somali Coast

**Dodecanese** - DOE duh kah NEECE - Greek islands in the Aegean Sea

**Dominica** - duh min EEK uh - island republic in the Caribbean Sea; former British colony

**Dominican Republic** - duh MIN ih kun - eastern two-thirds of the island of Hispaniola

**Dubai** - doo BYE - city and sheikdom in the United Arab Emirates

**Dutch West Indies** - see Netherlands Antilles

## E

**Ecuador** - ECK wah door - republic on the western coast of South America

**Egypt** - EE jipt - republic in northern Africa

**El Salvador** - ell SAL vuh door - republic in Central America bordering the Pacific

**Elobey, Annobon & Corisco** - EL oh bay AN oh bon kor EES ko - group of Spanish islands off the coast of western Africa; now part of the Republic of Equatorial Guinea

**Epirus** - eh PIE ruhs - region in southeastern Albania

**Equatorial Guinea** - EK wah TOR ee al GIN ee - African republic on the gulf of Guinea

**Eritrea** - ER ih TREE uh - region of northern Ethiopia

**Estonia** - es TOH nee uh - republic in Eastern Europe bordering the Baltic Sea; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Ethiopia** - EE thee OH pee uh - republic of northeast Africa

**Eupen and Malmedy** - YOO pin MAL maid EE - German towns annexed by Belgium after World War I

## F

**Falkland Islands** - FAWK lund - group of islands in the southern Atlantic off the coast of South America; British colony also claimed by Argentina

**Faroe Islands** - FAIR oh - group of islands in the North Atlantic belonging to Denmark

**Fernando Po** - fur NAN doe POE - former Spanish island in the Gulf of Guinea west of Africa; today part of Equatorial Guinea

**Fezzan-Ghadames** - feh ZAHN geh DAHM - districts of southwest Libya

**Fiji** - FEE jee - group of islands in the South Pacific; British colony

**Finland** - FIN lund - republic of northern Europe; part of Scandinavia

**Fiume** - FYOO may - city on the Adriatic Sea which has been by turns Hungarian, Italian, and Yugoslavian

**France** - frans - republic of western Europe

**French Guiana** - gee AH nuh - former French colony off the northeast coast of South America; now an overseas department of France

**French Morocco** - muh ROCK oh - former French protectorate in Africa; now part of the kingdom of Morocco

**French Polynesia** - POL uh NEE zhuh - French Overseas Territory in the South Pacific

**French Sudan** - soo DAN - former French colony; current name Mali

**French West Africa** - AF rick uh - former French administrative unit of Africa, comprised of many French African colonies before independence

**Fujeira** - foo JEE rah - sheikdom of the United Arab Emirates on the Gulf of Oman

**Funafuti** - FOON ah FOO tee - one of the Tuvalu Islands

**Funchal** - foon SHAHL - city in the Madeira Islands, a Portuguese colony in the Atlantic

## G

**Gabon** - gah BON - republic of west-cen-

tral Africa; former French colony

**Gambia** - GAM bee uh - republic of West Africa, bordering the Atlantic; former British colony

**Geneva** - juh NEEV uh - city in Switzerland; site of United Nations offices

**Georgia** - JOR juh - republic in southeastern Europe, bordering Russia and the Black Sea; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**German Democratic Republic** - JUR man - formerly East Germany; now part of reunified Germany

**German East Africa** - eest AF rick uh - former German protectorate

**German New Guinea** - NOO GIN ee - former German colony in Papua New Guinea

**Germany** - JUR man ee - republic in Western Europe

**Ghana** - GAH nuh - republic in west Africa on the Gulf of Guinea; former British colony

**Gibraltar** - jih BRAWL tur - a fortified peninsula on the strait of Gibraltar; British colony, also claimed by Spain

**Gilbert & Ellice** - GILL burt EL ihs - two Pacific island groups northeast of Australia; formerly a British colony

**Gold Coast** - GOHLD KOHST - section of coastal West Africa; formerly a British colony; current name Ghana

**Great Britain** - BRIT'n - island nation off the coast of Western Europe; comprised of England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland

**Greece** - GREES - republic of southeastern Europe on the Balkan Peninsula

**Greenland** - GREEN lund - Danish island in North Atlantic, off the northeast coast of Canada; current name Nalatlit Nunat

**Grenada** - gruh NAY dah - island in the West Indies; former British colony

**Grenadines** - GREN uh deenz - small groups of islands in the West Indies; one group associated with St. Vincent, the other with Grenada

**Griqualand West** - GREE kwah LAND - British territory located in South Africa

**Guadeloupe** - gwah d'l OOP - group of 7 islands in the West Indies; French colony

**Guam** - GWAHM - U.S. territory in the western Pacific Ocean

**Guanacaste** - GWAH nah KAHS tay - province of Costa Rica

**Guatemala** - GWAH tuh MAH luh - northernmost republic in Central America, bordering Mexico

**Guernsey** - GURN zee - island in the English Channel belonging to Great Britain

**Guinea** - GIN ee - republic in West Africa; formerly French Guinea

**Guinea-Bissau** - GIN ee bih SOO - republic in Western Africa; formerly Portuguese Guinea

**Guyana** - guy AN nuh - republic on northeast coast of South America; formerly British Guiana

**Gwalior** - GWAH lee or - state in north-central India

## H

**Haiti** - HAY tee - western third of the island of Hispaniola

**Hamburg** - HAM berg - seaport in northern Germany

**Hanover** - HAN oh ver - former kingdom in northern Germany

**Hatay** - HA TAH ih - district of Syria under French mandate

**Hawaii** - huh WHY ee - former kingdom in the central Pacific Ocean; 50th U.S. state

**Hejaz** - HEE jazz - located on the west coast of the Arabian Peninsula, including holy city of Mecca and Medina, in what is now Saudi Arabia

**Heligoland** - HEL ih go LAND - island in the North Sea off the north coast of Germany

**Herzegovina** - HER tsuh goh VEE nuh - region of former Yugoslavia; see Bosnia

**Hispaniola** - HISS pen YO luh - island in the West Indies, east of Cuba; comprised of

Haiti and the Dominican Republic

**Honan** - HOH nan - province in central China

**Honduras** - hahn DOO ras - republic in Central America

**Hong Kong** - HONG KONG - British crown colony on the southeast coast of China; reverted to mainland China in 1997 as special Administrative Region

**Horta** - OR tah - district of the Azore Islands; a Portuguese colony

**Hungary** - HUN gah ree - former Communist country in Eastern Europe

**Hyderabad** - HYE dur uh BAHD - princely state of central India

## I

**Iceland** - ICE lund - island republic in the north Atlantic, near the Arctic Circle

**Ifni** - IF nee - Spanish enclave on the Atlantic Coast of Morocco

**Ile Roud** - EEL RWAHD - island in the Mediterranean; formerly a French mandate, now part of Syria

**India** - IN dee uh - republic of southern Asia

**Indo-China** - IN doh CHY nuh - former French unit in Southeast Asia, comprised of what is currently Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam

**Indonesia** - IN doh NEE shuh - republic of southeastern Asia

**Inhambane** - IN yam BAH nay - former Portuguese colony in eastern Africa

**Inini** - ee nee NEE - former territory of French Guiana

**Ionian** - eye OH nee un - group of islands off the western coast of Africa

**Iran** - ih RAHN - Islamic nation of the Middle East, formerly called Persia

**Iraq** - ih RAHK - Arab republic (Transitional Iraqi Government as of mid-2007) in the Middle East; formerly Mesopotamia

**Ireland** - IRE lund - republic in the Atlantic

Ocean, west of Great Britain

**Isle of Man** - I'LL man - British island in the Irish Sea, west of Great Britain

**Israel** - IS ray ell - republic in the Middle East, on the Mediterranean Sea

**Istria** - IS tree uh - peninsula of Yugoslavia on the Adriatic Sea

**Italy** - IT'l ee - republic in southern Europe

**Ivory Coast** - EYE vuh ree KOHST - country in western Africa on the Gulf of Guinea; former French colony; current name

## J

**Jamaica** - juh MAY kuh - island in West Indies, south of Cuba; former British colony

**Japan** - juh PAN - Parliamentary democracy off the northeast coast of Asia

**Jersey** - JUR zee - island in the English Channel belonging to Great Britain

**Jordan** - JAWR d'n - Arab kingdom of the Middle East, located between Israel and Saudi Arabia

## K

**Kampuchea** - KAM poo CHEE uh - former Communist nation of Southeast Asia; current name Cambodia

**Katanga** - kuh TAHN guh - region of southeastern Zaire

**Kathiri State of Seiyun** - ka THEAR ee say YOON - former British protectorate in Southern Arabia; now part of People's Republic of Southern Yemen

**Kazakhstan** - KA zahk STAHN - republic of central Asia, northeast of the Caspian Sea; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Kedah** - KAY dah - sultanate in southwestern Malaya; former British colony; now part of Malaysia

**Kelantan** - kay LAHN TAHN - sultanate in northeastern Malaya; former British colony; now part of Malaysia

**Kenya** - KEN yah - republic of east-central Africa; former British protectorate

**Kiauchau** - JYOO joh - former German

colony in southern China

**Kionga** - KYOHN guh - area in northern Mozambique; formerly part of German East Africa

**Kiribati** - KEER a boss - island republic of west-central Pacific; formerly the British colony of Gilbert Islands

**Korea** - koh REE ah - peninsula divided into North and South Korea; located in eastern Asia on the Sea of Japan

**Kuwait** - koo WAIT - sheikdom at the northern end of the Persian Gulf

**Kyrgyzstan** - kir geez STAHN - republic of central Asia, bordering on China; formerly part of the Soviet Union

## L

**Lagos** - LAH gus - territory of the former British colony of Nigeria

**Laos** - LAH ohs - a Communist nation in Southeast Asia; formerly part of French Indo-China

**Latakia** - LAT uh KEE uh - former French-mandated area of Syria; previously called Alaouites

**Latvia** - LAT vee uh - republic of eastern Europe on the Baltic Sea; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Lebanon** - LEB uh non - republic in the Middle East, bordering the Mediterranean, Syria, and Israel

**Leeward Islands** - LEE word - islands in the West Indies, south of Puerto Rico

**Lesotho** - luh SO toe - kingdom in southern Africa; formerly British colony of Basutoland

**Liberia** - lie BEER ee uh - republic in western Africa on the Gulf of Guinea; originally colonized by freed American slaves

**Libya** - LIB ee uh - country of northern Africa, bordering the Mediterranean Sea

**Liechtenstein** - LIHK ten shtine - principality of Central Europe between Switzerland and Austria

**Lithuania** - LITH oo AY nee uh - republic

of eastern Europe on the Baltic Sea; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Lombardy-Venetia** - LAHM bar dee ven EE shuh - former kingdom in northern Italy

**Lourenco-Marques** - lo REHN SO mar KESS - district of southern Mozambique

**Lubeck** - LOO beck - former city and state of northern Germany

**Luxembourg** - LUCK sem boorg - grand duchy in Western Europe

## M

**Macao** - muh KOW - Portuguese province on the South China Sea

**Madagascar** - MAD uh GAS kur - island republic in the Indian Ocean off the south-east coast of Africa

**Madeira** - muh DEER uh - Portuguese islands in the Atlantic, northwest of Africa

**Malawi** - muh LAH wee - republic in eastern South Africa; formerly the British Nyasaland Protectorate

**Malaya** - muh LAY uh - region in south-east Asia on the Malayan Peninsula; together with other states in the region, known as Malaysia

**Malaysia** - muh LAY zhuh - country of southeast Asia, composed of Malaya, Sarawak, Sabah and until 1965, Singapore

**Maldive Islands** - mal DEEV - islands in Indian Ocean southwest of Ceylon; former British colony

**Mali** - MAH lee - republic in western Africa; formerly the colony of French Sudan

**Malta** - MAWL tuh - island in the Mediterranean, south of Sicily; formerly a British colony

**Manama** - mah NAH muh - capital of Bahrain

**Manchukuo** - man CHOO kwo - former state in eastern Asia

**Mariana Islands** - MAIR ee AN uh - islands in the western Pacific; former German colony; currently under U.S.

administration

**Marienwerder** - mah REE ehn VER der - district of Prussia

**Marshall Islands** - MAHR shull - islands in the central Pacific, a former U.S. Trust Territory

**Martinique** - MAHR t'n EEK - former French island colony in the West Indies

**Mauritania** - MORE ih TAY nee uh - African republic; formerly part of French West Africa

**Mauritius** - maw RISH us - island in the Indian Ocean; former British colony

**Mayotte** - mah YAHT - one of the Comoro islands

**Mecklenburg-Schwerin** - MECK lun BURG SHVAIR in - former grand duchy of Germany

**Mecklenburg-Strelitz** - MECK lun BURG STRAY litz - former grand duchy of Germany

**Memel** - MAY mul - district of Lithuania, on the Baltic Sea

**Mesopotamia** - MES oh poh TAY mee uh - former Turkish province; current name Iraq

**Mexico** - MEK sih ko - republic of north central America

**Micronesia** - my kro NEE shuh - islands of the western Pacific, north of the equator; a former U.S. Trust Territory

**Middle Congo** - KONG goh - former French colony in west Africa

**Modena** - MOD'n uh - former duchy in northern Italy

**Moheli** - maw uh LEE - one of the Comoro Islands

**Moldavia** - mohl DAY vee uh - former name of Moldova

**Moldova** - mole DOH vuh - republic of southeastern Europe north of Romania; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Monaco** - MAHN uh koh - principality on the Mediterranean Sea

**Mongolia** - mong GOH lee uh - republic in

central Asia between China and Siberia

**Montenegro** - MAHN tuh NEE groh - former kingdom in the Balkans; also formerly part of Yugoslavia; now an independent republic

**Montserrat** - MAWNT sehr RAHT - island in the West Indies; former British colony

**Morocco** - muh ROCK oh - kingdom in northwest Africa

**Mozambique** - mo zem BEEK - Socialist republic on the southeast coast of Africa; former Portuguese colony

**Mozambique Co.** - mo zem BEEK KOM pan ee - private company that acquired rights in districts of Mozambique, ending in 1942

**Myanmar** - my AN mar - republic of Southeast Asia; former name Burma

## N

**Nalatdlit Nunat** - nah LAHT lit NEW not - official name of Greenland

**Namibia** - nah MIHB ee ya - formerly the German colony of South-West Africa; currently administered by South Africa in defiance of U.N. demands for withdrawal

**Nanumaga** - nah noo MA gah - one of the Tuvalu islands

**Nanumea** - nah noo MAY ah - one of the Tuvalu islands

**Natal** - nuh TAHL - former British colony on the southeast coast of Africa; now part of South Africa

**Nauru** - nah OO roo - island in the central Pacific Ocean; formerly under British mandate

**Negri Sembilan** - NAY grih SEM beh LON - sultanate on the west coast of the Malay Peninsula; now part of Malaysia

**Nejd** - NEH jid - region of central Saudi Arabia

**Nepal** - neh PAHL - kingdom in southern Asia between India and Tibet

**Netherlands** - NETH ur lundz - kingdom

of northwest Europe

**Netherlands Antilles** - NETH ur lundz ahn TIL eez - group of islands in the West Indies belonging to the Kingdom of the Netherlands; comprised of Curacao, Aruba and Bonaire

**Netherlands Indies** - NETH ur lundz IN deez - former Dutch colony in the East Indies

**Netherlands New Guinea** - NETH ur lundz noo GIN ee - western half of the island of New Guinea; now a possession of Indonesia

**Nevis** - NEE vis - formerly part of the British Leeward Islands Colony in the West Indies; currently with St. Kitts, an associated state of the British Commonwealth

**New Britain** - BRIT 'n - one of the islands of Papua New Guinea

**New Brunswick** - BRUHNZ wick - former British colony in eastern Canada

**New Caledonia** - KAL uh DOHN yuh - French island in the South Pacific Ocean

**New Guinea** - GIN ee - island in the South Pacific, north of Australia; now part of Papua New Guinea

**New Hebrides** - HEB rih deez - islands in the South Pacific; previously administered jointly by France and Great Britain; now the independent republic of Vanuatu

**New Republic** - ree PUHB lik - former Boer (Dutch) republic and British colony; now part of South Africa

**New South Wales** - WHALES - former British colony in southern Australia

**New Zealand** - ZEE lund - island country in the South Pacific, southeast of Australia

**Newfoundland** - NOO fun lund - province of eastern Canada

**Nicaragua** - NICK uh RAH gwah - republic in Central America

**Niger** - NYE jur - republic in northern Africa; former French colony

**Niger Coast Protectorate** - part of the former British colony of Nigeria

**Nigeria** - nye JEER ee uh - republic in western Africa on the Gulf of Guinea; former British colony

**Niue** - nee OO ay - coral island in the South Pacific; associated with New Zealand

**Niutao** - nee oo TAH oh - one of the Tuvalu Islands

**Norfolk Island** - NOR fohk - island in the South Pacific under Australian administration

**North Borneo** - BOR nee oh - northeastern region of the island of Borneo; former British colony now part of the Malaysian Federation; current name Sabah

**North German Confederation** - kon FED er AY shun - former association of German states

**Northern Rhodesia** - roh DEE shuh - former British protectorate in southern Africa; current name Zambia

**Norway** - NOR way - kingdom of northern Europe; part of Scandinavia

**Nossi-Be** - NAW see BAY - island in Indian Ocean; former French protectorate

**Nova Scotia** - NO vah SKO shuh - former British colony in eastern Canada

**Nui** - NOO ee - one of the Tuvalu islands

**Nukufetau** - NOO koo FAY ta - one of the Tuvalu islands

**Nukulaelae** - NOO koo LAY lay - one of the Tuvalu islands

**Nyasaland Protectorate** - ny AHS uh LAND - former British territory in south-central Africa; current name Malawi

**Nyassa** - nye AHS uh - district in northwest Mozambique

## O

**Obock** - OH bok - African seaport on the Gulf of Aden; part of the former French Somali Coast colony

**Oltre Giuba** - OHL trah JOO bah - part of Italian Somaliland in eastern Africa

**Oman** - oh MAHN - independent sultanate on the southeast coast of Arabia, on the

Persian Gulf

**Orange Free State** - former British colony in South Africa

**Ostland** - AHST lund - German military district of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania

## P

**Pahang** - puh HANG - Malaysian state

**Pakistan** - PACK ih STAN - republic in south central Asia; formerly part of British India

**Palau** - pah LOO - island in Western Pacific; U.S. Trust Territory

**Palestine** - PAL es tine - region in the Middle East on the Mediterranean; now part of Israel

**Panama** - PAN uh maw - republic in Central America occupying the Isthmus of Panama

**Papua New Guinea** - PAH pooh uh NOO GIN ee - independent state occupying eastern New Guinea; former Australian colony

**Paraguay** - PAR ah gway - republic in central South America

**Penang** - pee NANG - former British possession on the Malay peninsula; now part of Malaysia

**Penrhyn Island** - PEN rihn - island in the South Pacific; part of the Cook Islands

**Perak** - PAY rahk - sultanate on the Malay peninsula; part of Malaysia

**Perlis** - PER lihs - former Siamese state on the Malay peninsula, now part of Malaysia

**Peru** - puh ROO - republic on the Pacific coast of South America

**Philippines** - FILL ih peenz - large island republic in the southwest Pacific Ocean

**Pitcairn Islands** - PIT kairn - group of British-owned islands in the South Pacific Ocean

**Poland** - POE lund - republic of central Europe on the Baltic Sea

**Ponta Delgada** - PAHN tuh del GAH duh - chief city of the Azores

**Portugal** - POOR chew gull - republic in southwestern Europe

**Portuguese Congo** - POOR chew geese KON go - former Portuguese colony; now part of Angola

**Portuguese Guinea** - POOR chew geese GIN ee - former Portuguese Overseas Territory; now part of Guinea-Bissau

**Portuguese India** - POOR chew geese - former Portuguese holdings; now part of India

**Prince Edward Island** - PRINTS ED wurd - Canadian island in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; former British colony

**Prussia** - PRUSH ah - former kingdom in northern Germany

**Puerto Rico** - PWEAR toh REE koh - island in the West Indies; former Spanish colony, now a commonwealth in association with the U.S.

## Q

**Qatar** - KAH tahr - Arab sheikdom on the Persian Gulf

**Qu'aiti State** - kwah AY tee - former British protectorate in south Arabia; now part of People's Republic of Southern Yemen

**Queensland** - KWEENZ lund - former British colony in Australia

**Quelimane** - KEL ee MAHN uh - province in Mozambique

## R

**Ras al Khaima** - RAS al KYE ma - sheikdom in eastern Arabia

**Redonda** - rih DON dah - an island of Antigua

**Reunion** - re YOON yun - island in the Indian Ocean; former French colony, now part of France

**Rhodesia** - roh DEE shuh - former British colony in southeastern Africa; current name Zimbabwe

**Rio De Oro** - REE oh day OR oh - former Spanish colony on the northwestern coast of Africa

**Rio Muni** - REE oh MOO nee - former

Spanish colony on the Gulf of Guinea; now part of Equatorial Guinea

**Roman States** - ROH mahn - until 1870 the greater part of central Italy under papal control

**Romania** - roh MAIN ee uh - former Communist republic in southeastern Europe

**Ruanda-Urundi** - roo AHN dah oo ROON dee - area of central Africa which became independent from Belgium as the Republic of Rwanda and the Kingdom of Burundi

**Russia** - RUSH uh - republic occupying the greater portion of eastern Europe and northern Asia; formerly the core of the Soviet Union

**Rwanda** - r WAHN duh - country in east-central Africa, south of the equator

**Ryukyu Islands** - ree OO kyoo - Japanese islands in the Pacific, extending from Japan to Taiwan

## S

**Saar** - ZAHR - former state in western Germany

**Sabah** - SAH bah - state in northeast Borneo, part of Malaysia; formerly British North Borneo

**Samoa** - suh MOH uh - islands in the South Pacific, east of Fiji; Western Samoa is independent while eastern (American) Samoa is administered by the U.S.

**San Marino** - muh REE noh - independent republic in central Italy

**Sao Tome & Principe** - sow too MAY PREN see puh - former Portuguese colony of St. Thomas & Prince

**Sarawak** - suh RAH wahk - state on north-west coast of Borneo; part of Malaysia

**Sardinia** - sahr DIN ee uh - former kingdom in northwest Italy

**Saudi Arabia** - sah OO dee uh RAY bee uh - kingdom and largest country on the Arabian Peninsula

**Saxony** - SACK son ee - former German state

**Schleswig** - SCHLES vig - area of central Jutland Peninsula

**Schleswig-Holstein** - SCHLES vig HOLE shtine - former German duchies

**Selangor** - sah LAHNG gor - sultanate on the Malay Peninsula; now part of Malaysia

**Senegal** - sen eh GAWL - republic on the western coast of Africa; former French colony

**Senegambia** - SEN ih GAHM bee uh - former French colony in northwest Africa; now part of the republic of Mali

**Serbia** - SUR bee uh - republic in the Balkans; formerly part of Yugoslavia

**Seychelles** - say SHELL - group of islands in the western Indian Ocean; formerly a British colony, now a socialist state

**Shanghai** - SHANG high - major city and port of China

**Sharjah** - shahr JAH - sheikdom of the United Arab Emirates

**Siberia** - sy BEER ee uh - region of Asiatic Russia, stretching from the Ural mountains to the Pacific Ocean; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Sierra Leone** - see AIR uh lee OHN - republic in western Africa; formerly a British colony

**Singapore** - SING uh pore - island republic on the Malay Peninsula; formerly a British colony

**Slovakia** - sloh VAH kee uh - part of former Czechoslovakia; currently Slovak Federal Republic

**Slovenia** - slo VEE nee uh - part of the former Yugoslavia

**Solomon Islands** - SAHL uh mun - former British islands in the western Pacific, east of New Guinea

**Somali Coast** - soh MAH lee - former French African colony on the Gulf of Aden

**Somalia** - soh MAHL yuh - independent region on the eastern coast of Africa; formerly Italian Somaliland

**Somaliland Protectorate** - soh MAH lee LAND proh TECK tor et - former British protectorate in eastern Africa

**South Africa** - AF rick uh - republic bordered by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans

**South Arabia** - uh RAY bee uh - former federation of British territories in south-western Arabia

**South Georgia** - JOR juh - British island colony in the south Atlantic; part of the Falkland Islands

**South Moluccas** - mah LUCK us - a group of Indonesian islands which attempted unsuccessfully to gain independence from Indonesia

**South-West Africa** - former German colony now administered by South Africa; renamed Namibia by the United Nations

**Spain** - SPAYN - republic of southwestern Europe

**Spanish Morocco** - SPAN ish muh ROCK oh - northern region of Morocco; now part of the kingdom of Morocco

**Spanish Sahara** - SPAN ish suh HAIR uh - former Spanish colony in northwestern Africa; now claimed by Morocco

**Sri Lanka** - sree LAHNG kuh - island nation in the Indian Ocean off the southeast coast of India; former British colony of Ceylon

**St. Christopher** - SAYNT KRIS toh fer - island in West Indies; current name St. Kitts

**St. Helena** - SAYNT huh LEE nuh - British colony in the Atlantic Ocean, including the islands of Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

**St. Kitts-Nevis** - SAYNT kits NEE vis - islands in the West Indies; associated states in the British Commonwealth, now issuing stamps separately

**St. Lucia** - SAYNT LOO shuh - former British island colony in the West Indies

**St. Pierre and Miquelon** - SANT pee YAIR MICK uh lahn - French islands south of Newfoundland

**St. Thomas and Prince Islands** - SAYNT TOM us PRINS - former Portuguese colony islands in the Gulf of Guinea; currently the independent Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe

**St. Vincent** - SAYNT VIN sunt - former British colony island in the West Indies

**Stellaland** - STEL ah LAND - Boer (Dutch) republic in southern Africa

**Straits Settlement** - STRAYTS - former British colony in Malaya

**Sudan** - soo DAN - republic in northeastern Africa, south of Egypt

**Surinam** - SOOR uh nahm - former Dutch colony in South America

**Swaziland** - SWAH zee land - kingdom in southern Africa; formerly a British protectorate

**Sweden** - SWEE dun - monarchy in northern Europe; part of Scandinavia

**Switzerland** - SWIHT sur lund - republic in western Europe

**Syria** - SEE ree - Middle Eastern republic bordering the Mediterranean Sea, Turkey and Lebanon

## T

**Tahiti** - tah HEE tee - island in the South Pacific, now part of French Polynesia, a French Overseas Territory

**Taiwan** - tie WAHN - island home of the Nationalist Chinese government; located off the Pacific coast of The People's Republic of China; also called China Republic; former name Formosa

**Tajikistan** - tah JEEK ee STAHN - republic of south central Asia bordering Afghanistan and China; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Tanganyika** - TAN gun YEE kuh - former German and British colony; current name Tanzania

**Tangier** - tan JEER - Moroccan city on the Strait of Gibraltar

**Tannu Tuva** - TAH noo TOO vah - area in northern Asia between Mongolia and Siberia; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Tanzania** - tan ZAY nee uh - central African republic on the Indian Ocean; formerly the British colony of Tanganyika and Zanzibar

**Tasmania** - taz MAY nee uh - island off the southeast coast of Australia; formerly the British colony of Van Diemen's Land, now part of the Commonwealth of Australia

**Thailand** - TYE land - republic on the Malay Peninsula of southeast Asia; formerly the kingdom of Siam

**Thurn and Taxis** - THURN TAHK sis-princely house which issued stamps in central Europe between the 1500's and 1800's

**Tibet** - tih BET - former independent nation in Himalayan region of central Asia, seized by China in the 1950's. Tibet's leader, the Dalai Lama, maintains a government-in-exile in India

**Timor** - tee MORE - southeast Indonesian island; a Portuguese colony

**Tobago** - tuh BAY go - former British island colony in the Caribbean Sea; now united with Trinidad

**Togo** - TOH goh - republic in West Africa bordering the Gulf of Guinea; formerly a German Protectorate, then a French mandate

**Tokelau Islands** - TOH kuh LOH - island group north of Samoa in the South Pacific; a dependency of New Zealand

**Tonga** - TAWNG guh - islands in the South Pacific, south of Samoa; formerly a British colony

**Transkei** - TRANS KAY - Black South African homeland on the Indian Ocean

**Transvaal** - tranz VAHL - province of the republic of South Africa

**Travancore** - trav an KOR - former state of southern India

**Trengganu** - tren GAH noo - former British protectorate; now part of Malaysia

**Trieste** - tree EST - former Italian territory at the north end of the Adriatic Sea

**Trinidad** - TRIH nih dad - island in the West Indies, now united with Tobago; former British colony

**Tripolitania** - TRIP uh lih TAY nee uh - former Italian colony in northern Africa

**Tristan da Cunha** - TRISS tan duh KOON yuh - British island in the South Atlantic Ocean

**Trucial States** - TROO shull - Arab sheikdoms of eastern Arabia

**Tunisia** - too NEE shuh - republic in northern Africa on the Mediterranean Sea; former French protectorate

**Turkey** - TUR kee - republic of southeastern Europe and western Asia, bordering the Black Sea, Syria and Iraq

**Turkmenistan** - turk MEN ee STAHN - republic of south central Asia, bordering Iran and Afghanistan; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Turks & Caicos Islands** - TURKS KAY kus - British island group in the West Indies, south of the Bahamas

**Tuscany** - TUS kuh nee - former grand duchy in west-central Italy

**Tuvalu** - TOO vah loo - British islands in central-south Pacific; formerly Ellice Islands

**Two Sicilies** - SIS ill eez - former kingdom of Italy and Sicily

## U

**Ubangi-Shari** - oo BON gee shah REE - former French colony in West Africa; current name Central African Republic

**Uganda** - yoo GAHN duh - country of east-central Africa; formerly a British protectorate

**Ukraine** - yoo KRANE - republic in southeastern Europe; formerly part of the Soviet Union

**Umm al Qiwain** - OOM ahl kye WINE - sheikdom of the United Arab Emirates

**United Arab Emirates** - Yoo nye ted AIR eb EM er its - federation of sheikdoms on the Persian Gulf side of the Arabian peninsula

**United Nations** - Yoo nye ted NAY shunz - organization for maintenance of international peace, with offices in New York City, Geneva, Switzerland and Vienna, Austria

**Upper Silesia** - UH per sih LEE see uh - former German territory; now part of

Poland

**Upper Volta** - UH per VOLE tuh - republic of western Africa; former French colony; current name Burkina Faso

**Uruguay** - YUR uh gway - republic in South America on the Atlantic Ocean

**Uzbekistan** - ooz BEK ee STAHN - republic of south central Asia; formerly part of the Soviet Union

## V

**Vaitupu** - vye TOO poo - one of the Tuvalu islands

**Vanuatu** - VAH noo AH too - island republic of South Pacific; formerly the British-French condominium of New Hebrides

**Vatican City** - VAT ih ken - independent papal state in Rome, Italy

**Venda** - VEHN duh - Black South African homeland

**Venezuela** - VEN uh ZWAY luh - republic on the northern coast of South America

**Victoria** - vick TOR ee uh - former British colony in southern Australia

**Victoria Land** - vick TOR ee uh LAND - region of Antarctica

**Vietnam** - VEE et NAHM - country in Southeast Asia; formerly part of French Indo-China, then North and South Vietnam

## W

**Wallis & Futuna Islands** - WAHL is foo TOO nah - two island groups in the South Pacific; a French protectorate

**Wenden** - VEHN dehn - former district of the Russian province of Livonia; now part of Latvia and Estonia

**West Indies** - IN deez - several groups of islands lying between North and South America, separating the Atlantic Ocean from the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea; also called the Antilles - an TILL eez

**West Irian** - EAR ee in - western half of New Guinea; former Dutch colony now under Indonesian administration

**Western Sahara** - sah HAIR ah - region of northwest Africa claimed by Morocco; formerly called Spanish Sahara

**Wurttemberg** - VUR tem BURG - former kingdom in Germany

## Y

**Yemen** - YEM un - ancient state in southwest Arabia; divided today into the Yemen Arab Republic and South Yemen

**Yugoslavia** - YOO goh SLAH vee uh - former Communist republic in southeastern Europe bordering the Adriatic Sea; currently split into independent republics of Serbia and Montenegro

## Z

**Zaire** - zah EAR - republic of west-central Africa; formerly the Belgian Congo and

currently Congo Democratic Republic

**Zambezia** - zam BEE zee uh - a former district of Mozambique

**Zambia** - ZAM bee yuh - republic in southern Africa; formerly the British protectorate of Northern Rhodesia

**Zanzibar** - ZAN zuh BAR - group of islands off the eastern coast of Africa; formerly a British protectorate; now part of Tanzania

**Zimbabwe** - zim BOB way - republic of south-central Africa; formerly the British colony of Rhodesia

**Zululand** - ZOO loo LAND - province of South Africa; formerly part of the British colony of Natal

## Did You Know...

- In the South American countries of Bolivia and Paraguay, stamps actually provoked a war! The conflict began when Bolivia issued a stamp claiming an undefined and long-disputed area of wilderness. This stamp was simply a map with this territory's possession clearly labeled. Enraged by this bold claim, Paraguay countered by issuing a larger stamp, which even more clearly showed the territory, and labeled in Paraguay's name. Also on the stamp were the words, "Has been, is, and will be." Soon afterwards a vicious war over the territory began. The war raged for many years with Paraguay eventually proving to be the victor. Several stamps were then issued proudly proclaiming the territory as Paraguay's.

- The world's longest-lived mail delivery system exists in India. Called the Dak (or Dawk) system, this organization can be traced back to Roman relay runners. Dak runners carried the mail over long distances by inserting it in a stick split down the middle. A torch bearer helped guide the runners at night, and another ran along beating a drum to scare off dangerous animals.

The East India Company ran the system while Britain controlled India. During that time postal inspectors were employed, and timekeepers kept the runners on schedule.

- The first recorded stamp collector was John Bourke, who served as Receiver-General

of Stamp Duties in Ireland.

- Dr. John Edward Gray of the British Museum became the first collector of adhesive postage stamps when he purchased a block of Penny Blacks on May 1, 1840.

- The January 1, 1869 issue of Stamp Collector Magazine showed collectors how to make their own stamp hinges cut from the margins of stamp sheets. This is the first known example - previously collectors had pasted their stamps directly into their albums.

- In 1918, the British government counterfeited stamps from the nations of Austria, Bavaria, and Germany. The stamps were then to be used to mail fake propaganda leaflets and postcards to neutral countries, such as Switzerland or Holland, who would believe they were genuine articles. It was hoped that these letters would win support for the Allies, but the program was abandoned before it could be employed. However, during WW II the British did successfully circulate German "Hitler Head" stamps. These stamps were used to spread rumors of dissension among German troops.

- George Herpin of Paris was the first to use the term philately. Herpin didn't like the term "timbromanie," which means stamp madness, that had been popular in the 1860s.