



Let's find out about Argentina

Location

Argentina is the second largest country in South America. It is long and thin with a 4,989 kilometre **coastline** which joins the Atlantic Ocean. It has borders with Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay.

Terrain

Much of the northern part of the country is 'pampas'. This is an Indian word meaning a flat, **featureless** area. Along the western border of the country are the Andes. The highest point in this mountain range is Cerro Aconcagua which

rises to 6,960 metres. There can be earthquakes in this part of the Andes.

Climate

Most of the country has a **temperate** climate. However, the south east is **arid** and the south west very cold, as this is the nearest point to the Antarctic. Violent wind storms can hit the northern part of the country.

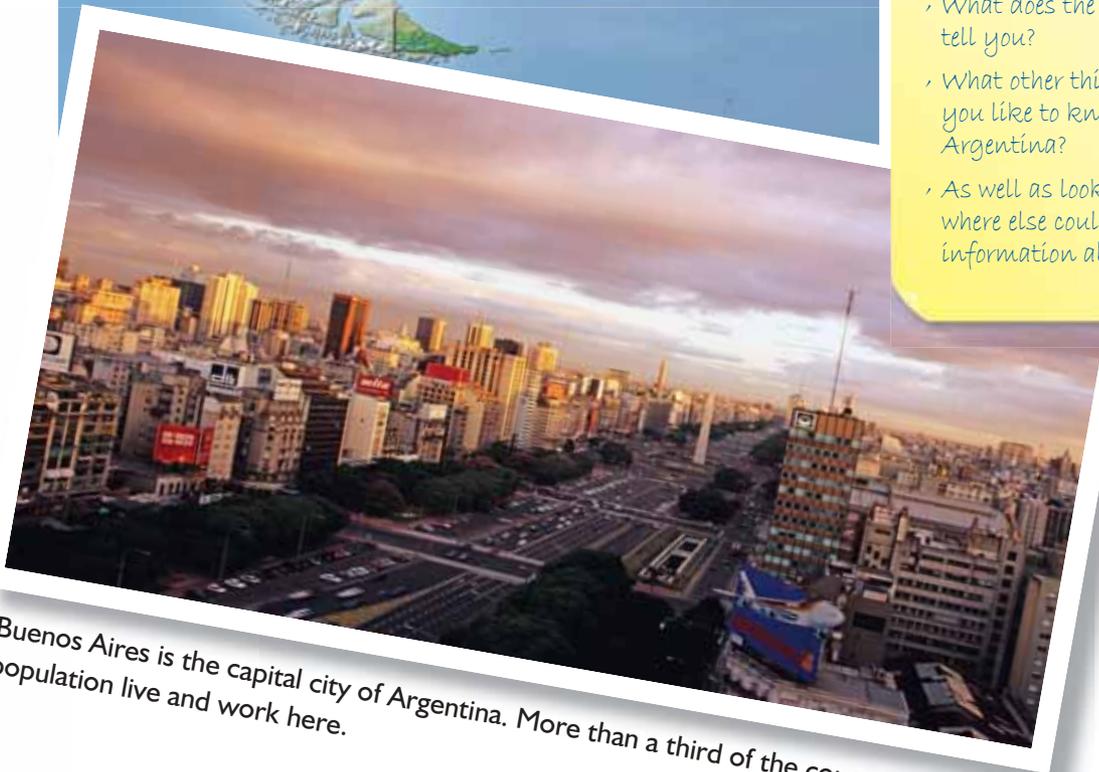
The people

The **population** of Argentina is estimated to be 40 million. The official language is Spanish but Italian, English, German and French are also widely spoken. As Argentina **exports** wheat, maize and enormous quantities of meat, many people work on the land.





- What is the information text about?
- Where is Argentina?
- What is the mountain range in Argentina called?
- Which part of the country is very cold?
- What is the official language?
- What is the capital city?
- Explain the meaning of the words in **bold**.
- How has the writer organised the information?
- What is the main title of the passage?
- Give an example of a sub-heading.
- As well as using words, what else has the writer used to give you information? How is this useful?
- What does the picture caption tell you?
- What other things would you like to know about Argentina?
- As well as looking in books, where else could you find information about Argentina?



Buenos Aires is the capital city of Argentina. More than a third of the country's population live and work here.