

Suggested Tips and Reading Resources:

Geography Bee Study Guide Materials Tips to help you prepare for the Geography Bee

- Start with a world map, globe, and atlas and become very familiar with the continents, countries, states and provinces, islands, and major physical features of our planet.
- Use Outline Maps (<http://geography.about.com/library/blank/blxindex.htm>) of the world and continents to test yourself on this information. Knowing the relative location of countries, islands, major water bodies, and major physical features is very important for the Bee. Be sure to also have a good understanding of where the major lines of latitude and longitude (<http://geography.about.com/od/learnabouttheearth/a/The-Equator-Hemispheres-Tropic-Of-Cancer-And-Tropic-Of-Capricorn.htm>) lie.
- Take as many practice quizzes as possible. This website offers an archive of hundreds of multiple-choice Geography Quizzes (<http://geography.about.com/library/quiz/blpreviss.htm>) that will definitely help.

There are additional online quizzes in Test Your Knowledge

(http://geography.about.com/od/testyourknowledge/Test_Your_Knowledge.htm) collection of resources. Be sure to use an atlas to look up or understand the questions that you've missed.

- Prepare flash cards or use some other technique to memorize the capitals (<http://geography.about.com/od/countryinformation/a/capitals.htm>) of the countries of the world and the capitals (<http://geography.about.com/od/lists/a/statecapitals.htm>) of the fifty United States.
- Memorize these Basic Earth Facts (<http://geography.about.com/od/learnabouttheearth/a/earthfacts.htm>), the Highest, Lowest, and Deepest (<http://geography.about.com/od/learnabouttheearth/a/extremes.htm>) points around the world, and study other geographic superlatives (http://geography.about.com/lr/geographic_extremes/15340/2/).
- Some Bee questions come from the geography of current events and these events are usually those that occur in the latter portion of the year before the Bee. Look up any unfamiliar place names you encounter in an atlas.
- Knowing principal languages, currencies, religions, and former country names is definitely a bonus. It's most important at state and national levels. This information is best obtained from the CIA World Factbook.
- To help you study locations of continents, countries, and bodies of water use this website. You can change the settings to create new maps.
http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/outlinemap/?map=The_World&ar_a=1 • The next link is an interactive map that will help you learn about the different regions:
http://education.nationalgeographic.com/education/mapping/interactive-map/?ar_a=1 • The National

Geographic has links that you can use to help you study:

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/study-corner/> • Everyday, the National Geographic has a quiz with ten questions: <http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee/quiz/today/> • A list of the

countries of the world with 28 years of world facts:

http://www.theodora.com/wfb/abc_world_fact_book.html

<http://world-geography-games.com/>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/study>