

# Country Clues Sort

Sort countries by broad development patterns.

**WG.12.b** "distinguishing between developed and developing countries; and"

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## DEVELOPED COUNTRY

Developed countries generally have high incomes and well-established industries and services. Most people have broad access to schools, health care, and infrastructure.

Australia is a developed country.

## DEVELOPING COUNTRY

Developing countries are still building income, industry, services, or infrastructure. Conditions can vary greatly within every country.

Indonesia is a developing country.

## 1 SORT \_\_\_\_\_ 6 items

Part 1: Circle the category for each country, then Part 2: choose two item numbers and explain each choice using a development clue.

1. Canada

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

2. Japan

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

3. France

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

4. Malawi

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

5. Cambodia

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

6. Switzerland

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I KNEW \_\_\_\_\_

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ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_ HOW I KNEW \_\_\_\_\_

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MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3: Write one new developed-country example and one new developing-country example.

DEVELOPED \_\_\_\_\_

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DEVELOPING \_\_\_\_\_

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### CHALLENGE

Explain how a country could move from developing to developed over time. Name one change that could help.

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**PART 1 • SORT**

| # | ITEM        | CATEGORY          | WHY                                                                                     |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | Canada      | <b>DEVELOPED</b>  | Canada has a high-income economy and extensive services and infrastructure.             |
| 2 | Japan       | <b>DEVELOPED</b>  | Japan has a high-income, highly industrialized economy.                                 |
| 3 | France      | <b>DEVELOPED</b>  | France has a high-income economy and well-developed public services.                    |
| 4 | Malawi      | <b>DEVELOPING</b> | Malawi is a lower-income country that continues to develop infrastructure and services. |
| 5 | Cambodia    | <b>DEVELOPING</b> | Cambodia is a developing country with a growing economy and uneven access to services.  |
| 6 | Switzerland | <b>DEVELOPED</b>  | Switzerland has a high-income economy and extensive infrastructure and services.        |

**PART 2 • PROVE IT**

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

**PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)**

- **DEVELOPED:** Sweden.
- **DEVELOPING:** Kenya.

**Challenge:** A country could build stronger schools, roads, and health services. These changes can help workers earn higher incomes and support economic growth.

Accept explanations that connect a country to broad patterns such as income, industry, services, or infrastructure. Remind students that these labels describe general national patterns, not the lives of every person in a country.