



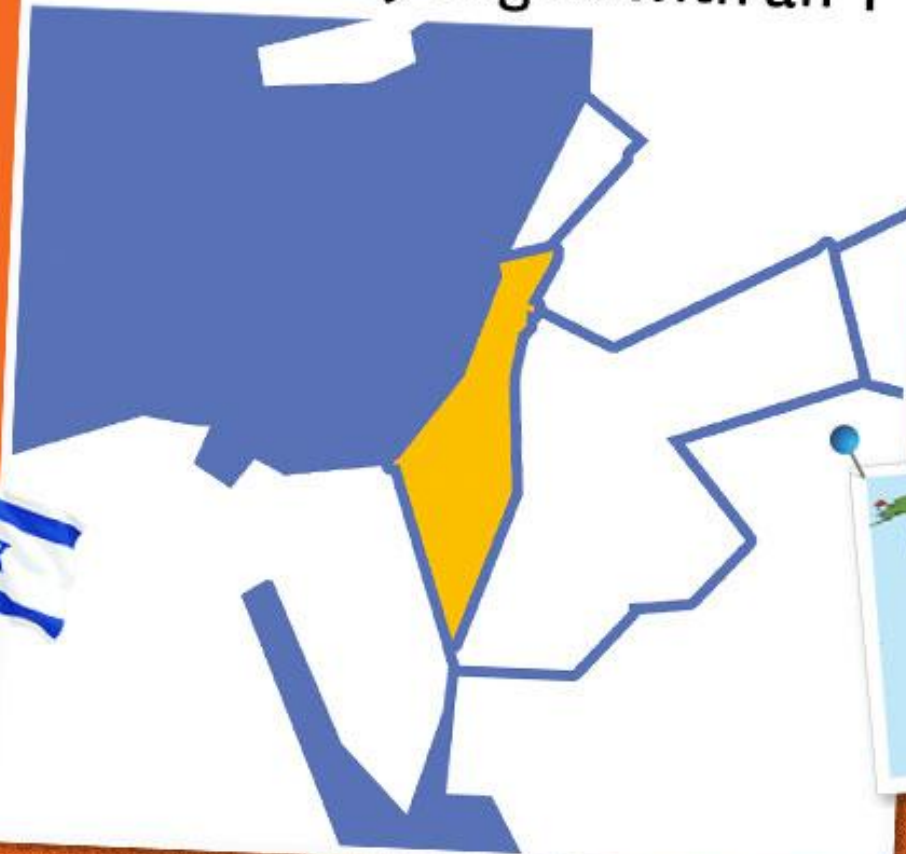
The world this week
The oldest alphabet

Where are we this week?



Its national animal is a gazelle!

This country begins with an 'I'



It's in Asia, near Jordan.



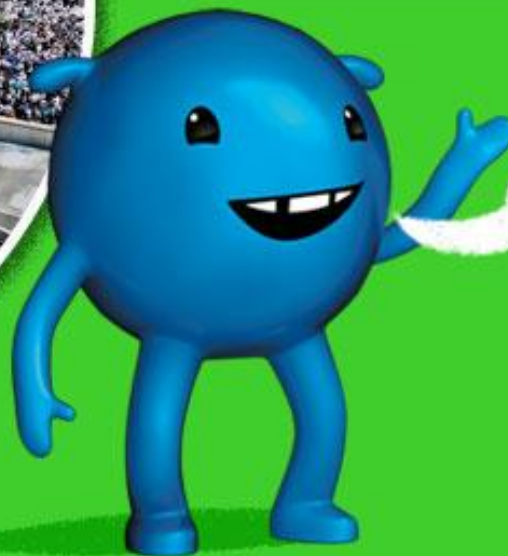
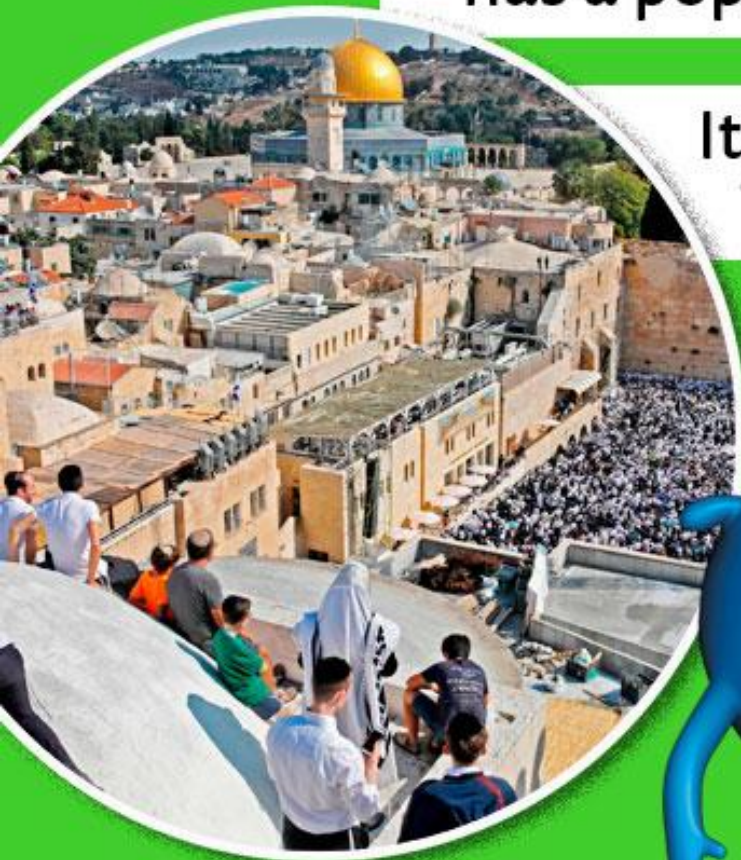
It is Israel!

It's on the Mediterranean Sea and has a population of 8.5 million.

Its capital city is Jerusalem.

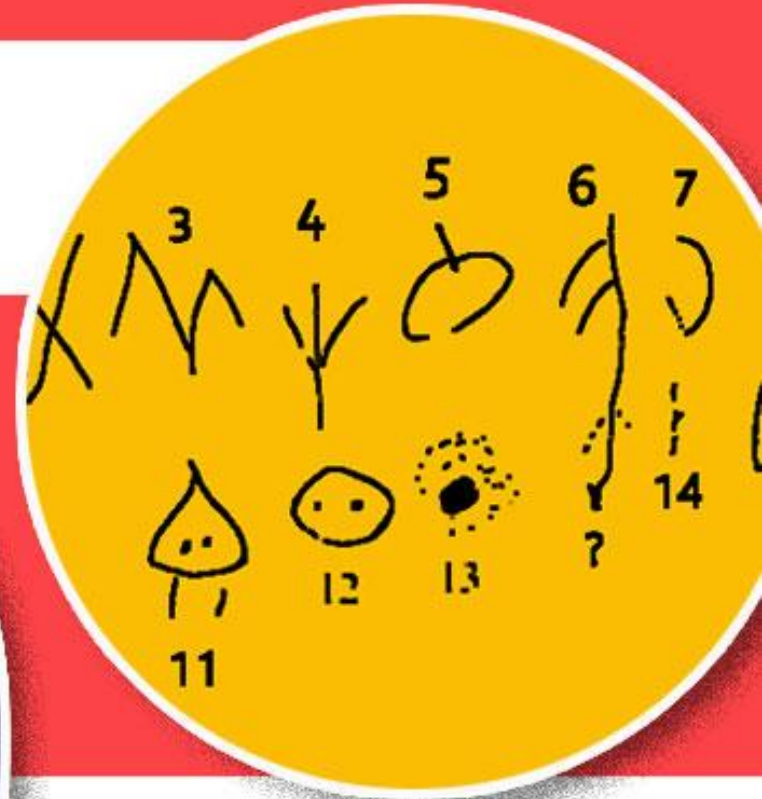
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Shalom!



Why is Israel in the news?

Because scientists discovered a 3,700-year-old comb with the earliest writing ever found...



...that uses the letters of an alphabet!

The comb was found in the ruins of an ancient city. People who lived there came up with their own writing.

Instead of pictures or symbols, they used letters that stood for sounds...



...this invention led to many other alphabets!

Over to you!

Using the world map, where is Israel in relation to the Tropics and Equator? What do you think the climate is like?



Do you know any facts about Israel?



Are letters better than pictures for writing? Why?



Thank you!

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