

# What Are Capital Cities?

Hey, Leislaine! A capital city is a special place in a country. It's where the government works and where important decisions are made. Think of it as the 'home base' for the country's leaders, like the President or Prime Minister. For example, Paris is the capital of France, and Washington, D.C. is the capital of the United States.

## Why Are Capital Cities Important?

Capital cities are important because they usually have important buildings and places, like the government offices, courts, and sometimes even the president's house! They often also have cultural attractions like museums and parks.

# Maps of the World

A map is like a picture of the world. It shows us where countries and cities are located. You can find countries like Brazil, Canada, and Japan on a map. On a world map, you can also see oceans, mountains, and rivers!

## Finding Capital Cities on a Map

When you look at a map, you can find a country, and then you can look for its capital city. Sometimes maps will label capital cities with a dot and a star or they may be in a different color. For example, if you're looking at a map of Australia, you'll see that Canberra is its capital city.

## Fun Activity!

How about you try to find your favorite country on a map and see if you can find its capital city? It's a fun way to learn more about the world around you!