

# Facts about Austria



- 1 The capital of Austria is Vienna.
- 2 The Schönbrunn Zoo in Vienna is the world's oldest zoo.
- 3 Austria is famous for the Alps.
- 4 The waltz (a type of dance) originated in Vienna.
- 5 Austria is home to the world's oldest restaurant, the St. Peter Stiftskeller in Salzburg. It is said that Christopher Columbus ate there.
- 6 Famous Austrians include Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Arnold Schwarzenegger and the singer Falco.

# Facts about Liechtenstein



- 1 Liechtenstein is a tiny country, with a population of around 40,000 people.
- 2 It is the second-richest country in the world!
- 3 Liechtenstein has no airport and no army!
- 4 Every year, on Staatsfeiertag, Liechtenstein's national holiday, the national royal palace invites everybody in the country to a party.
- 5 It has the world's longest lunch break of 90 minutes.
- 6 The national anthem uses the same tune as 'God save the King', the British national anthem.

# Facts about German-speaking Namibia



- 1 The Germans colonised Namibia between 1884 and 1915, and this is why German is one of the official languages of the country.
- 2 German is the first language of around 300, 000 Namibians.
- 3 Oktoberfest (a beer festival) is celebrated in both Germany and Namibia.
- 4 Restaurants serve typical German food, such as Sauerkraut (pickled cabbage) and Schwarzwälder Kirschtorte (Black Forest gateau, a kind of chocolate cake filled with cream and cherries).
- 5 The German spoken in Namibia is called 'Namdeutsch'.

## Fun Facts about the German language!

- They have letters that do not exist in English e.g. *ß, ä, ü, ö!*
- ALL German nouns have capital letters! *E.g. Mann, Schokolade, Limonade* (Can you give me examples in English of nouns? Which English nouns have capital letters?)
- Every noun has a grammatical gender. There are three words for THE. *DER is masculine, DIE is feminine, and DAS is neuter!* For example, a table is DER (masculine), a door is DIE (feminine) and a window is DAS (neuter).
- German has some words that do not exist in English and so we have to use the German word e.g. *Wanderlust, which means 'a strong desire to travel'.*