

Activity 1.

Cut out each square. Match the questions with the answer.

How big is Greece?	What is the largest mountain range in Greece called?	Turkey, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Albania.
What is the tallest mountain in Greece?	Greece is around 131,940 km <sup>2</sup> .	What is the total length of the coastline of Greece?
Which 4 countries border Greece?	The tallest mountain is Mount Olympus.	How many of Greece's islands are inhabited?
Greece has a coastline of 13,676 km.	There are 227 inhabited islands.	The Pindus mountains are the largest mountain range.

What is, on average, the hottest month in Greece?	What is the longest river in Greece called?	The longest river is 220 km long.
The coldest month in Greece is January.	Which 4 seas surround Greece?	What is, on average, the coldest month in Greece?
The longest river in Greece is the Aliakmonas River.	The hottest month in Greece is July.	The Mediterranean Sea, the Aegean Sea, the Ionian Sea and the Sea of Crete.
Which is the largest of the Greek islands?	How long is the longest river in Greece?	Crete is the largest island.

Read the information. Make a question to match the answer on the following sheet.

## The Physical Geography of Greece



### Where is Greece?

Greece is a country in southern Europe. It is bordered by Turkey, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Albania. It is made up of mainland Greece and lots of smaller islands. There are around 2000 islands altogether although only 227 of these are inhabited.

### How big is Greece?

Greece has an area of around 131,940 km<sup>2</sup>. This is the same as 50,502 square miles. The largest Greek island is Crete with an area of 8260 km<sup>2</sup> (3190 square miles). Greece has the 12th longest coastline in the world and the longest overall in Europe. The total length of the Greek coastline is 13,676 km (8498 miles).

### What is the landscape like?

Greece is one of the most mountainous countries in Europe. Around 60% of Greece is covered by mountains. The tallest mountain in Greece is Mount Olympus which is 2,915 metres high.

The largest mountain range in Greece is the Pindus range which forms the backbone of mainland Greece. Because there are so many mountains in Greece there are also lots of gorges, steep cliffs and chasms.

### What is the climate like?

The climate in Greece is typical of Mediterranean countries. It has warm, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Temperatures and precipitation can vary depending on what part of Greece you are in.

### What rivers are there?

The longest river in Greece is the Aliakmonas river which is 297km in length. The widest part of the river is 120m.

The second longest river is the Acheloos river which is 220km long. Other major rivers include the Pineios River, the River of Evros and the Mesta River.

### Which seas surround it?

Greece is surrounded by sea on 3 sides. This makes it a peninsula. There are 4 different seas surrounding Greece: the Mediterranean Sea; the Ionian Sea; the Aegean Sea and the Sea of Crete.

Average temperature in Athens (°C)	
January	10.2
February	10.6
March	12.3
April	16
May	20.6
June	25.1
July	27.9
August	27.8
September	24.2
October	19.5
November	15.5
December	12

Question	Answer
	Turkey, Bulgaria, Macedonia and Albania
	227
	131,940 km <sup>2</sup>
	13,676 km
	Mount Olympus
	Pindus range
	July
	January
	The Aliakmonas
	The Mediterranean, the Ionian, the Aegean and the Sea of Crete

### Activity 3.

Here is a blank map of Greece and its surrounding countries. Using the internet find Greece and colour it in one colour and label all the surrounding countries and colour them a different colour. Challenge - mark on any cities, seas, rivers, mountain ranges, etc. (You may want to enlarge the sheet to A3 to make it easier to label.)

