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Q8

Consider the following countries : 1. Finland 2. Germany 3. Norway 4. Russia How, many of the above countries have a border with the North Sea ? (a) Only one (b) Only two (c) Only three (d) All four Official key: B.

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Explanation

(a)

Only one. Germany and Norway both front the **North Sea**.

(b) Official key

Only two. Germany and Norway. Finland and Russia do not border the **North Sea**.

(c)

Only three. Russia's Baltic/Arctic coasts are not the **North Sea**; Finland is Baltic.

(d)

All four. Finland is landlocked from the **North Sea**; Russia's **North Sea** claim is false here.

Summary

Official key is (b) only two. Germany and Norway have **North Sea** coasts. Finland faces the Baltic. Russia's western seas here are the Baltic and the Barents/White - not the **North Sea**. So two countries, not three or four.

Related possible facts

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North Sea

Shelf sea between Britain, Scandinavia and the Low Countries / Germany.

Skagerrak / Kattegat

Connect the North Sea to the Baltic; Norway's south coast is North Sea / Skagerrak.

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