

# How to Become a Country in 4 Steps

There are four main elements required to officially create a country that is recognised by the global community.

- ✓ **Territory** – determined by a boundary, also known as a border.  
A country that does not share its borders with any other country is called independent.
- ✓ **Population** – the people, also known as citizens, who live in the territory
- ✓ **Government** – the organisation that controls the actions and policies of the state, including the rules and laws
- ✓ **Sovereignty** – the ability for the government to make decisions and laws within the state’s territory, without interference from another country.

Once a country has been officially created, it is called a **sovereign state**, or **nation**.

Complete this word grid by finding all the answers that match each question below.

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	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is another term that is used to describe a country?	
2	A sovereign state is also known as a _____?	
3	What is the total area of a country called?	
4	What are the <b>two terms</b> used to define the area of a sovereign state's territory?	
5	The people who are legally permitted to live in a sovereign state are called by what name?	
6	What is the collective term for all citizens who live in a sovereign state?	
7	What is the name given to the organisation that manages a sovereign state?	
8	What are the two components that make up the system of authority that is formed by a government, for managing the sovereign state?	
9	What is the term used when another country challenges a sovereign state using force?	
10	_____ is the ability for the government of a country to rule within the territory of their state, without interference from other countries.	
11	Australia does not share its border with any other country, and this helps to maintain security for its citizens. What word best describes a territory where the border is surrounded by water?	



## ANSWERS

1. SOVEREIGN STATE
2. NATION
3. TERRITORY
4. BORDER / BOUNDARY
5. CITIZENS
6. POPULATION
7. GOVERNMENT
8. RULES AND LAWS
9. INVASION
10. SOVEREIGNTY
11. INDEPENDENT

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