

A Common Classification System

Directions: Scholars regularly put countries into groups that are presumably more homogeneous than geographic or random groups. One classification system that is commonly used labels countries as First World, Second World, Third World, and Fourth World. Place each country listed below into one of those groups. If you are unsure of the exact meaning of the labels, use your best impressions. Be prepared to explain your standards for classifying the countries to your classmates.

Russia

Saudi Arabia

Slovakia

Somalia

South Africa

United Kingdom

Vanuatu

Poland

First World	Second World	Third World	Fourth World