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|  28 million people                            | ABC Speak Dari and Pashto   |
|  252,000 square miles                         |  <i>Salam</i> is hello in Dari   |
|  Capital is Kabul                             |  The money is afghanis   |
|  Surrounded by land<br>Very hot or very cold |  Specialty is kebabs,<br>meat cooked and served<br>on skewers (sticks) |

Other interesting facts:

- \* A popular sport is kite fighting. Opponents cover their kite strings with powdered glass and flour. When they fly their kites they try to move their kites in a way that will cut the other players' strings. The last kite flying wins.
- \* Only about 40 of every 100 people in Afghanistan can read.
- \* Families usually live in a *kala*. This is a group of buildings where big families live together, including cousins, uncles and aunts. The women work together to raise all of the kids. Grandpas are in charge of everyone's money and grandmas are in charge of all of the housekeeping chores.

