

# Florida Feature Hunt

Read closely to identify Florida's land and water features.

**SS.4.G.1.1** "Identify physical features of Florida."

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Underline each physical feature of Florida named in the passage. Circle each named water feature so you can tell water features from land features.

### Florida's Natural Features

- ① Florida is a peninsula, a piece of land with water on three sides. The Atlantic Ocean borders Florida on the east, and the Gulf of Mexico borders it on the west. At the southern tip, the Florida Straits separate Florida from Cuba. Sandy beaches and low coastal plains stretch along much of the shoreline. These features meet the sea.
- ② In central Florida, Lake Okeechobee is the state's largest lake. South of the lake lies the Everglades, a wide wetland with sawgrass, slow-moving water, and many small islands. The Everglades is not a deep lake. It is a low, watery landscape where water moves slowly toward Florida Bay in the far south of the state.
- ③ Florida also has rivers, springs, and forests. The St. Johns River begins in east-central Florida and flows north, an unusual direction for a major river. Clear freshwater springs bubble up from underground in several parts of the state. In northern Florida, rolling hills rise above the flat land. Britton Hill, near the Alabama border, is Florida's highest natural point.

**2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE** \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

**1** What kind of landform is Florida, and how many sides have water?

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**2** Name the water feature on Florida's east side and the water feature on its west side.

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**3** What type of physical feature is the Everglades, and where is it located compared with Lake Okeechobee?

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**4** What is Florida's highest natural point, and where is it located?

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**3 YOUR TURN** \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Choose one physical feature from the passage that is not named in Questions 1 through 4. Write two sentences that name the feature, tell whether it is a land or water feature, and give one fact about it.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Underline each physical feature of Florida named in the passage. Circle each named water feature so you can tell water features from land features. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                                                                | ANSWER                                                                                     |
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| 1 | What kind of landform is Florida, and how many sides have water?                                        | <b>Florida is a peninsula with water on three sides.</b>                                   |
| 2 | Name the water feature on Florida's east side and the water feature on its west side.                   | <b>The Atlantic Ocean is on the east side, and the Gulf of Mexico is on the west side.</b> |
| 3 | What type of physical feature is the Everglades, and where is it located compared with Lake Okeechobee? | <b>The Everglades is a wide wetland south of Lake Okeechobee.</b>                          |
| 4 | What is Florida's highest natural point, and where is it located?                                       | <b>Britton Hill is Florida's highest natural point. It is near the Alabama border.</b>     |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

A freshwater spring is a water feature. It bubbles up from underground in several parts of Florida.

Accept only features stated in the passage and not named in Questions 1 through 4. The response should correctly identify the chosen feature as land or water and include an accurate passage-based fact.