

Europe Place Clues

Use relative-location clues to identify Europe's major features and countries.

SS6G7 "Locate selected features of Europe."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every named feature or country, and underline each phrase that tells where one place is compared with another.

Following Europe's Location Clues

- ① Europe has many landforms and waterways that help people describe location. In the southwest, Spain occupies much of the Iberian Peninsula. The Pyrenees Mountains form a natural border between Spain and France. France lies west of Germany. The English Channel separates the United Kingdom from France. South of France, the Mediterranean Sea borders Europe and reaches toward Italy. Italy is a long peninsula that extends into this sea. Its coast has busy ports and islands.
- ② Across central Europe, the European Plain is a broad area of low, flat land. It stretches from northern France through Germany and Poland toward Russia. The Rhine River flows generally north from the Alps through Germany and into the North Sea. The Danube River begins in Germany and flows eastward. It crosses or forms borders for several countries before reaching the Black Sea. The Alps are high mountains north of Italy and south of Germany in central Europe.
- ③ Farther east, the Volga River flows through western Russia to the Caspian Sea. The Ural Mountains run north to south in Russia. They are commonly used as part of the boundary between Europe and Asia. Southeast of the Alps, the Balkan Peninsula reaches between the Adriatic and Black Seas. Russia extends across both Europe and Asia, but its capital, Moscow, is west of the Ural Mountains. These position words help a reader locate Europe's selected features.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

- 1

Which mountain range forms a natural border between Spain and France?
- 2

What waterway separates the United Kingdom from France?
- 3

Where does the Rhine River flow from, through, and into?
- 4

Which mountains are commonly used as part of the boundary between Europe and Asia?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Create a six-entry location guide for a classmate labeling Europe. Choose six different features or countries from the passage, name each type, and write a location clue that uses another named place.

FEATURE OR COUNTRY	TYPE	LOCATION CLUE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle every named feature or country, and underline each phrase that tells where one place is compared with another. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which mountain range forms a natural border between Spain and France?	The Pyrenees Mountains.
2	What waterway separates the United Kingdom from France?	The English Channel.
3	Where does the Rhine River flow from, through, and into?	It flows generally north from the Alps, through Germany, and into the North Sea.
4	Which mountains are commonly used as part of the boundary between Europe and Asia?	The Ural Mountains.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

FEATURE OR COUNTRY	TYPE	LOCATION CLUE
Iberian Peninsula	peninsula	In southwest Europe, where Spain occupies much of it.
Alps	mountains	North of Italy and south of Germany.
Rhine River	river	Flows north from the Alps through Germany to the North Sea.
Danube River	river	Begins in Germany and flows east toward the Black Sea.
Ural Mountains	mountains	In Russia, forming part of the boundary between Europe and Asia.
English Channel	waterway	Separates the United Kingdom from France.

Accept accurate location clues that use relationships stated or reasonably inferred from the passage. Students may choose any six different named countries or selected physical features and may describe types with equivalent terms, such as waterway for channel.