

Waterway Location Clues

Use nearby places and connecting waters to locate Southwest Asia features.

SS7G5 "Locate selected features in Southwest Asia (Middle East)."

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DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle every country name and underline every named river, sea, gulf, strait, or canal, so you can trace each location clue.

Following Southwest Asia's Waterways

- ① Southwest Asia lies where Europe, Asia, and Africa meet. Turkey is in the region's northwest. The Black Sea is north of Turkey, while the Mediterranean Sea is south of it. East of Turkey are Iraq and Iran. The Tigris River and Euphrates River flow through Iraq, generally from the north toward the southeast. Between Israel and Jordan, the Jordan River flows south into the Dead Sea. Israel's western coast meets the Mediterranean Sea.
- ② South of Iraq lies Saudi Arabia, the region's largest country by area. Its eastern shore reaches the Persian Gulf. Iran is on the gulf's northern and eastern side, across the water from Saudi Arabia. At the Persian Gulf's southeastern exit is the Strait of Hormuz. This narrow waterway connects the Persian Gulf to the Gulf of Oman. The Gulf of Oman opens eastward into the Arabian Sea. Afghanistan lies east of Iran and north of the Arabian Sea on maps.
- ③ West of the Arabian Peninsula, the Red Sea separates Saudi Arabia from Egypt and Sudan. At the Red Sea's northern end, Egypt's Suez Canal links the Red Sea with the Mediterranean Sea. The canal creates a shorter sea route between those waters. Farther north, the Caspian Sea lies east of the Caucasus and north of Iran. It is a large inland body of water, not connected to the world's oceans. These location relationships help you identify each feature on a regional map.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which country has the Black Sea to its north and the Mediterranean Sea to its south?

2 Starting at the Persian Gulf, name the two water features you would pass before reaching the Arabian Sea.

3 Which river flows between Israel and Jordan, and where does it flow?

4 What two bodies of water does the Suez Canal link?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Write four map-location clues for a partner. Each sentence must name a selected Southwest Asia country or water feature and tell where it is compared with another named place.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle every country name and underline every named river, sea, gulf, strait, or canal, so you can trace each location clue. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country has the Black Sea to its north and the Mediterranean Sea to its south?	Turkey.
2	Starting at the Persian Gulf, name the two water features you would pass before reaching the Arabian Sea.	The Strait of Hormuz, then the Gulf of Oman.
3	Which river flows between Israel and Jordan, and where does it flow?	The Jordan River flows south into the Dead Sea.
4	What two bodies of water does the Suez Canal link?	The Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Turkey lies south of the Black Sea. Iraq is east of Turkey. The Strait of Hormuz links the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman. The Caspian Sea is north of Iran.

Accept accurate location clues that use clear relationship words such as north of, east of, south of, west of, between, or connects. Each clue must name two relevant places and state an accurate relationship.