

Asia Location Clues

Use place relationships to locate selected features in Southern and Eastern Asia.

SS7G9 "Locate selected features in Southern and Eastern Asia."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each country name and underline each named physical feature. Then write N, S, E, or W above words that show where one location is compared with another.

Reading Regional Location Clues

- ① Southern Asia is organized around India and its neighbors. Pakistan lies west of India, while Nepal sits along India's northern border in the Himalayan Mountains. The Indus River flows through Pakistan across dry plains. East of India, Bangladesh borders the Bay of Bengal, and the Ganges River reaches that bay. The Indian Ocean spreads south of India. Together, these locations help a map reader connect rivers, mountains, countries, and nearby water in one regional view.
- ② In Eastern Asia, China is south of Mongolia and contains two major deserts. The Gobi Desert stretches across northern China and southern Mongolia. Farther west in China, the Taklamakan Desert lies in a basin between mountain ranges. China's Huang He, also called the Yellow River, flows east toward the Bohai Sea. The Yangtze River, farther south, also crosses China from west to east. These rivers give map readers two east-flowing reference lines for locating other places.
- ③ The Korean Peninsula projects south from northeastern Asia. North Korea occupies its northern part, and South Korea occupies its southern part. Japan is an island country east of the peninsula, across the Sea of Japan. Taiwan is an island off China's southeastern coast. Vietnam lies on the eastern edge of mainland Southeast Asia, southwest of China. By tracing these coastlines and borders, map readers can place countries in relation to China and one another clearly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which country is west of India, and which river flows through that country?

2 Name the two deserts described in China and Mongolia.

3 Which country occupies the northern part of the Korean Peninsula, and which country occupies the southern part?

4 Which island country is east of the Korean Peninsula, and which island lies off China's southeastern coast?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose one selected feature named in the passage. Write exactly three map-location clues for it without naming it, and use at least two directional or relationship words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each country name and underline each named physical feature. Then write N, S, E, or W above words that show where one location is compared with another. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country is west of India, and which river flows through that country?	Pakistan is west of India, and the Indus River flows through Pakistan.
2	Name the two deserts described in China and Mongolia.	The Gobi Desert and the Taklamakan Desert.
3	Which country occupies the northern part of the Korean Peninsula, and which country occupies the southern part?	North Korea occupies the northern part, and South Korea occupies the southern part.
4	Which island country is east of the Korean Peninsula, and which island lies off China's southeastern coast?	Japan is east of the Korean Peninsula, and Taiwan lies off China's southeastern coast.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

I am a river in China. I cross China from west to east. I am farther south than the Huang He.

Accept accurate three-sentence clue sets that do not name the chosen feature and include at least two clear location relationships. Accept equivalent directional wording when it correctly describes the passage.