Locate the Stops

Use directions and nearby countries to describe locations across three regions.

7.G.1 "Formulate a broad understanding of the location of countries within Africa, Asia, and the Southwest Pacific."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each country name, then circle the words that locate it within a region or relative to another country.

Three Location Reports

1. Imagine three location reports arriving from distant parts of the world. The first comes from Africa, a continent that stretches across the equator. Morocco sits in the continent's northwest corner, near the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. Egypt lies in northeastern Africa, beside the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. Farther south, Kenya is in eastern Africa, near the Indian Ocean. South Africa is a country at the continent's southern end. These four countries show why saying only "in Africa" gives a traveler too little information.

2. The second report moves east to Asia, which lies east of Africa. India is in southern Asia, on a peninsula that reaches into the Indian Ocean. China is in eastern Asia, generally northeast of India. Japan is an island country in the Pacific Ocean, east of China. Indonesia stretches across islands in southeastern Asia, south of much of the Asian mainland. Its islands lie north of Australia. From India to Japan to Indonesia, the report uses parts of Asia as well as nearby places to make each location clearer.

3. The final report comes from the Southwest Pacific, a region of ocean and islands southeast of mainland Asia. Australia is a large country there, south of Indonesia. Papua New Guinea is an island country north of Australia. Fiji is an island country east of Australia, while New Zealand lies southeast of Australia. A trip from Indonesia to Papua New Guinea moves east, not toward Africa. The names of nearby countries and simple directions help you picture this region without knowing the exact distance between places.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Which country is in northwestern Africa, and which is in northeastern Africa?

2. How are Kenya and South Africa located within Africa?

3. Where is Japan in relation to China, and where is Indonesia in relation to Australia?

4. Where are Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and New Zealand in relation to Australia?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Plan a three-stop trip with one country in Africa, one in Asia, and one in the Southwest Pacific. In three or four sentences, name and locate each stop within its region, describe how you move between the regions, and compare the locations of two of your countries using north, south, east, or west.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each country name, then circle the words that locate it within a region or relative to another country. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country is in northwestern Africa, and which is in northeastern Africa?	**Morocco is in northwestern Africa. Egypt is in northeastern Africa.**
2	How are Kenya and South Africa located within Africa?	**Kenya is in eastern Africa. South Africa is at the continent's southern end.**
3	Where is Japan in relation to China, and where is Indonesia in relation to Australia?	**Japan is east of China. Indonesia is north of Australia.**
4	Where are Papua New Guinea, Fiji, and New Zealand in relation to Australia?	**Papua New Guinea is north of Australia, Fiji is east of it, and New Zealand is southeast of it.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My first stop is Kenya in eastern Africa. I travel east to India in southern Asia. Then I head southeast to Fiji, an island country in the Southwest Pacific east of Australia. India is north of Fiji.

Accept any three countries, one from each named region, if their locations, route directions, and country comparison are geographically accurate. Broad directions are sufficient.