

Globe Label Detectives

Sort place labels into North America and the Caribbean.

SS.3.G.2.1 "Label the countries and commonwealths in North America (Canada, United States, Mexico) and in the Caribbean (Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Jamaica)."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every occurrence of Canada, the United States, and Mexico, then circle every occurrence of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Jamaica, so you can identify labels by region.

Labels for a Globe

- ① North America has three large countries named Canada, the United States, and Mexico. Canada is north of the United States, and Mexico is south of the United States. Canada and Mexico each share a border with the United States. These country names are labels people can place on a map of North America. Reading the labels helps travelers talk about locations clearly.
- ② The Caribbean is a region with islands and island countries. Puerto Rico is a commonwealth of the United States in the Caribbean. Cuba, the Bahamas, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Jamaica are Caribbean countries. Their names are important map labels. Although these places are close to one another, each has its own location, people, government, and history.
- ③ First, organize the place names into two groups before labeling an actual map. Put Canada, the United States, and Mexico in a North America group. Put Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Jamaica in a Caribbean group. Check each label carefully. A correct group shows whether a place belongs in the North America group or the Caribbean group. Puerto Rico is called a commonwealth, while the other listed Caribbean places are countries.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What are the three countries in the North America group?

2 Which two countries share a border with the United States?

3 Which Caribbean place is a commonwealth of the United States?

4 Write the five Caribbean country labels named in the passage.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

With your teacher's North America and enlarged Caribbean maps, locate all nine places named in the passage. Place each name on the matching country or island area on an outline copy, or use removable labels and show your teacher. Check Haiti and the Dominican Republic separately on their shared island. Then write a three-sentence announcement for a globe display. Name one country in North America, name one country in the Caribbean, and identify Puerto Rico as a Caribbean commonwealth.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every occurrence of Canada, the United States, and Mexico, then circle every occurrence of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Jamaica, so you can identify labels by region. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are the three countries in the North America group?	Canada, the United States, and Mexico.
2	Which two countries share a border with the United States?	Canada and Mexico.
3	Which Caribbean place is a commonwealth of the United States?	Puerto Rico.
4	Write the five Caribbean country labels named in the passage.	Cuba, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Jamaica.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Canada is a country in North America. Jamaica is a country in the Caribbean. Puerto Rico is a commonwealth in the Caribbean.

Accept place names with or without the word "the" before Bahamas. For the open response, accept any correct North American country and Caribbean country from the passage, as long as Puerto Rico is correctly identified as a Caribbean commonwealth. Before the activity, provide readable labeled reference maps and outline copies or removable labels, including enlarged Caribbean detail. Require actual nine-place label placement. Canada lies north of the contiguous U.S.; Mexico south; Bahamas north of Cuba; Jamaica south of Cuba; Haiti in western Hispaniola and Dominican Republic in the east; Puerto Rico east of Hispaniola. Check positions against the supplied reference. Keep three-sentence announcement as the written extension; it alone is not the map task.