

Continent Location Clues

Read location words to find countries and oceans in North America.

2.11.a "locating the countries of North America and the bordering oceans;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every country name and circle every ocean name so you can see the places to locate.

North America Places

- ① North America is a continent. Canada is in the north. The United States is south of Canada. Mexico is south of the United States. These three large countries connect from north to south on the continent.
- ② Three oceans border North America. The Arctic Ocean is north of Canada. The Atlantic Ocean is east of the continent. The Pacific Ocean is west of the continent. Oceans are huge bodies of salt water.
- ③ North America also includes countries in Central America, such as Guatemala and Panama. It includes island countries in the Caribbean, such as Cuba and Haiti. To locate a place, use its position, north, south, east, or west, and name the nearby ocean.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which country is south of Canada and north of Mexico?

2 What ocean is north of Canada?

3 What ocean is west of North America?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Use the world map or globe your teacher provides. Point to Canada, the United States, Mexico, and one Central American or Caribbean country named in the passage. Locate the Arctic, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans. Show your teacher. Then write two clues about places you located. Use a different country and ocean in each sentence, with a direction word.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every country name and circle every ocean name so you can see the places to locate. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country is south of Canada and north of Mexico?	The United States.
2	What ocean is north of Canada?	The Arctic Ocean.
3	What ocean is west of North America?	The Pacific Ocean.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Canada is south of the Arctic Ocean. Mexico is east of the Pacific Ocean.

Required: provide a world map or globe with readable countries and the three oceans; supply a closer Central America/Caribbean map if labels are too small. Model directions and label reading, then observe each learner locating the assigned countries and oceans. Correct names alone do not show location. Keep the three passage answers; accept accurate two-sentence clues with different country/ocean names and direction words. Check pointing against the actual map, with communication support.