

Dots or Areas

Use map clues to tell cities from geographic regions.

WG.6.a "identifying and analyzing the location of major geographic regions and major cities on maps and globes;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

CITY

A city is a settlement at one specific location. On a map or globe, it is usually marked by a dot or small symbol.

Berlin is a city in Germany.

REGION

A geographic region covers an area of Earth. On a map or globe, it spreads across a larger space.

Antarctica is a region around the South Pole.

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For each clue, circle CITY or REGION, then use a map or globe to choose two items and explain the map evidence for each choice.

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| 1. Tokyo, on the eastern coast of Honshu, Japan | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |
| 2. São Paulo, in southeastern Brazil | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |
| 3. The Sahara Desert, across northern Africa | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |
| 4. Cairo, along the Nile River in northern Egypt | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |
| 5. The Indian Ocean, south of Asia | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |
| 6. The Andes Mountains, along western South America | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |
| 7. Sydney, on the southeastern coast of Australia | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |
| 8. Mumbai, on the western coast of India | ☐ CITY | ☐ REGION |

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PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM #

HOW I KNEW

ITEM #

HOW I KNEW

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new CITY example and one new REGION example. Include a location clue in each example.

CITY

REGION

CHALLENGE

Choose one CITY item and one REGION item. Use a map or globe to write two sentences that locate both, name a continent, and state one north, south, east, or west relationship. Then use a Russia map from your teacher: locate and label Moscow on a copy or overlay. On separate paper, name the map and describe Moscow's position within Russia and relative to a labeled river or geographic region. Ask your teacher to check your located places and evidence.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Tokyo, on the eastern coast of Honshu, Japan	CITY	Major city in Japan.
2	São Paulo, in southeastern Brazil	CITY	Major city in Brazil.
3	The Sahara Desert, across northern Africa	REGION	Broad desert region in northern Africa.
4	Cairo, along the Nile River in northern Egypt	CITY	Major city in Egypt.
5	The Indian Ocean, south of Asia	REGION	Broad ocean region of water.
6	The Andes Mountains, along western South America	REGION	Mountain region along western South America.
7	Sydney, on the southeastern coast of Australia	CITY	Major city in Australia.
8	Mumbai, on the western coast of India	CITY	Major city in India.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **CITY:** Vancouver is on Canada's west coast.
- **REGION:** The Arctic is around Earth's North Pole.

Challenge: Tokyo is in Asia, on Japan's east coast. The Indian Ocean is south of Tokyo and lies between Africa, Asia, and Australia. Map check: Moscow is a city in Russia. Verify its located point and the learner's named mapped reference and directional relationship.

Items 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 are CITY. Items 3, 5, and 6 are REGION. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify a city as one mapped point and a region as an area that spreads across space. Required: supply a readable map of Russia, showing Moscow and nearby labeled physical features, with direction reference and a copy/overlay. Observe actual location and marking, and check each written relationship against that map. Original written classification alone is incomplete; support access and retry.