

Country Location Clues

Use regions and nearby places to identify where major countries are located.

6.3.D "Identify the location of major world countries for each of the world regions."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each country name. Above each underlined name, write its world region, using clues from the passage.

Reading World Regions

- ① Countries can be located by naming their world region and describing where they sit within it. In North America, Canada stretches across the north, above the United States. Mexico lies south of the United States, joining North America to Central America. Farther south, South America has Brazil on its eastern side along the Atlantic Ocean. Argentina lies south of Brazil, and Chile forms a long strip along South America's western edge. These location clues help readers picture countries even without a map.
- ② Across the Atlantic Ocean, Europe and Africa have countries with useful position clues. France is in western Europe, while Germany is east of France in central Europe. Italy reaches south into the Mediterranean Sea. In Africa, Egypt is in the northeast, beside the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea. Nigeria is in western Africa on the Gulf of Guinea. South Africa is at Africa's southern tip, below Namibia and Botswana, which are both farther north.
- ③ Asia extends from the Middle East to the Pacific Ocean. India is in southern Asia, with China north of it in eastern Asia. Japan is an island country east of China in the Pacific. Indonesia lies in Southeast Asia, between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. In the region often called Oceania, Australia is south of Indonesia. New Zealand is southeast of Australia in the Pacific Ocean. These relative positions connect major countries to their world regions clearly for readers.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

- 1

Which country is north of the United States, and what world region is it in?
- 2

Which country is on the eastern side of South America along the Atlantic Ocean?
- 3

Name the country in northeastern Africa beside the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.
- 4

Which country is southeast of Australia, and what region is it in?

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YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose four major countries not named in the passage, each from a different world region. Complete the table with each country’s region and one accurate clue about its location within or near that region.

WORLD REGION	COUNTRY	LOCATION CLUE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each country name. Above each underlined name, write its world region, using clues from the passage. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country is north of the United States, and what world region is it in?	Canada, North America.
2	Which country is on the eastern side of South America along the Atlantic Ocean?	Brazil.
3	Name the country in northeastern Africa beside the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.	Egypt.
4	Which country is southeast of Australia, and what region is it in?	New Zealand, Oceania.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

WORLD REGION	COUNTRY	LOCATION CLUE
South America	Colombia	It is in northern South America, beside the Caribbean Sea.
Africa	Kenya	It is in eastern Africa on the Indian Ocean.
Europe	Spain	It is in southwestern Europe.
Asia	Thailand	It is in Southeast Asia on the mainland.

Accept equivalent location descriptions that correctly identify the country's world region and relative position. For the table, accept any four countries not named in the passage if they represent four different regions and have accurate location clues.