

Waters Near and Far

Identify major bodies of water and use location words to find them.

3.3.a "identifying and locating major bodies of water;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each named major body of water and circle the words that tell where it is, so you can connect each water body to its location.

Water Bodies Around Us

- ① Major bodies of water help people describe where places are. Oceans are the largest bodies of salt water on Earth. The Pacific Ocean lies west of North and South America. It reaches east of Asia and Australia. A traveler sailing west from California enters the Pacific Ocean, while a traveler sailing east from Japan also enters this ocean.
- ② The Atlantic Ocean is east of North and South America. It is west of Europe and Africa. Across North America, the Gulf of Mexico is south of the United States and east of Mexico. This gulf is a large area of salt water connected to the Atlantic Ocean. Coastal communities use these waters for travel, fishing, and trade.
- ③ The Great Lakes are five connected freshwater lakes along the border of the United States and Canada. Lake Superior is the largest Great Lake by surface area. It is north of Wisconsin and Michigan. Lake Michigan is east of Wisconsin and west of Michigan. Unlike oceans and the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes contain fresh water, not salt water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 Which ocean would you enter by sailing west from California?

2 Where is the Atlantic Ocean in relation to Africa?

3 Which major body of water is south of the United States and east of Mexico?

4 Which Great Lake is north of Wisconsin and Michigan?

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a major body of water that is not named in the passage. Write two sentences. Name it and tell where it is by using nearby continents, countries, or direction words.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each named major body of water and circle the words that tell where it is, so you can connect each water body to its location. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which ocean would you enter by sailing west from California?	The Pacific Ocean.
2	Where is the Atlantic Ocean in relation to Africa?	The Atlantic Ocean is west of Africa.
3	Which major body of water is south of the United States and east of Mexico?	The Gulf of Mexico.
4	Which Great Lake is north of Wisconsin and Michigan?	Lake Superior.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Indian Ocean lies between Africa, Asia, and Australia. It is south of Asia and east of Africa.

Accept the named bodies of water and location relationships stated in the passage. For the open response, accept any major body of water not named in the passage if both sentences give accurate location information.