

Range Finder

Use location clues to identify major mountain ranges.

3.3.b "identifying and locating major mountain ranges;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each mountain range name. Circle the words that tell where each range is located, so you can match the range to its place on a world map.

Mountains Around the World

- ① Mountain ranges are long chains of high land. The Himalayas rise in south-central Asia. They lie north of India and along the southern edge of Tibet. Some of the world's highest peaks are there. The Himalayas helped shape life in ancient India because travelers had few easy paths across their steep, snowy slopes during much of the year.
- ② Far across the world, the Andes form a long range along the western side of South America. The range runs near the Pacific Ocean and passes through Peru. Ancient Andean peoples built communities in high valleys and on mountain slopes. The Andes gave them stone, water from melting snow, and places that could be easier to defend.
- ③ In northwestern Africa, the Atlas Mountains stand south of the Mediterranean Sea. They cross parts of Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia. The Alps are in central Europe, north of Italy. Both ranges are important landmarks when you locate places on a world map. First find the continent, then use nearby countries, seas, and directions to place each mountain range.

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ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

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Which mountain range lies north of India?

2

On which side of South America are the Andes, and which ocean is nearby?

3

Which mountain range is in northwestern Africa and south of the Mediterranean Sea?

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A world map shows Italy. Which major mountain range is north of Italy?

3

YOUR TURN

Your own words

Make a map-label guide for three different mountain ranges from the passage. In each row, write the range, its continent, and one location clue that would help someone place it on a world map.

MOUNTAIN RANGE	CONTINENT	LOCATION CLUE

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each mountain range name. Circle the words that tell where each range is located, so you can match the range to its place on a world map. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which mountain range lies north of India?	The Himalayas.
2	On which side of South America are the Andes, and which ocean is nearby?	The Andes are on the western side of South America, near the Pacific Ocean.
3	Which mountain range is in northwestern Africa and south of the Mediterranean Sea?	The Atlas Mountains.
4	A world map shows Italy. Which major mountain range is north of Italy?	The Alps.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

MOUNTAIN RANGE	CONTINENT	LOCATION CLUE
Himalayas	Asia	north of India
Andes	South America	along the western side, near the Pacific Ocean
Alps	Europe	north of Italy

Accept a correct mountain range, continent, and location clue from the passage in each row. Location clues may use equivalent wording, such as "west side" for "western side."