

Points or Areas?

Use a world map or globe to tell city labels from region labels.

WG.4.a "identifying and analyzing the location of major geographic regions and major cities on maps and globes;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

CITY

A city is one place where many people live. On most maps, a city is marked with a point, dot, or small label.

Paris, France, is a city shown at one location on a map.

REGION

A region is a larger area with shared physical or human features. On a map, a region covers space instead of one point.

The Andes are a mountain region along the western edge of South America.

1 SORT

8 items

Use a world map or globe to locate each place, circle CITIES or REGIONS, then choose two items and explain how the map showed each as a point or an area.

1. Cairo, Egypt

CITIES

REGIONS

2. Sahara Desert

CITIES

REGIONS

3. Amazon Basin

CITIES

REGIONS

4. Tokyo, Japan

CITIES

REGIONS

5. Mexico City, Mexico

CITIES

REGIONS

6. Himalayas

CITIES

REGIONS

7. Sydney, Australia

CITIES

REGIONS

8. Lagos, Nigeria

CITIES

REGIONS

2

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

Using a map or globe, write one new CITIES example and one new REGIONS example. Include where each is located.

CITIES _____

REGIONS _____

CHALLENGE

Using a world map or globe, locate Buenos Aires and Patagonia. Write one sentence that tells where the city is compared with the region and names the continent.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Cairo, Egypt	CITIES	Cairo is a major city in Egypt.
2	Sahara Desert	REGIONS	The Sahara is a large desert region in northern Africa.
3	Amazon Basin	REGIONS	The Amazon Basin is a large drainage region in South America.
4	Tokyo, Japan	CITIES	Tokyo is a major city in Japan.
5	Mexico City, Mexico	CITIES	Mexico City is a major city in Mexico.
6	Himalayas	REGIONS	The Himalayas are a major mountain region in Asia.
7	Sydney, Australia	CITIES	Sydney is a major city in Australia.
8	Lagos, Nigeria	CITIES	Lagos is a major city in Nigeria.

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)

- **CITIES:** Seoul, South Korea, is a city on the Korean Peninsula in East Asia.
- **REGIONS:** The Mediterranean region surrounds the Mediterranean Sea between southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia.

Challenge: Buenos Aires is north of Patagonia, on the eastern side of South America.

Sort key: 1 CITIES, 2 REGIONS, 3 REGIONS, 4 CITIES, 5 CITIES, 6 REGIONS, 7 CITIES, 8 CITIES. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify cities as point locations and regions as areas that cover space on the map or globe.