

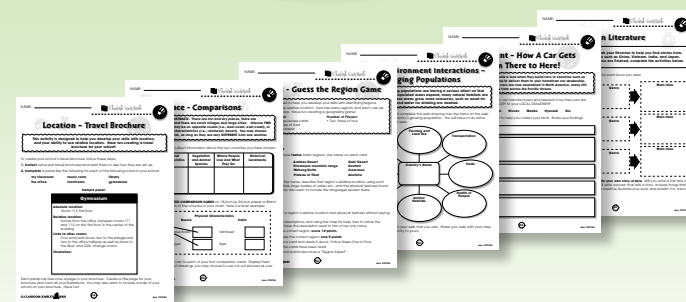
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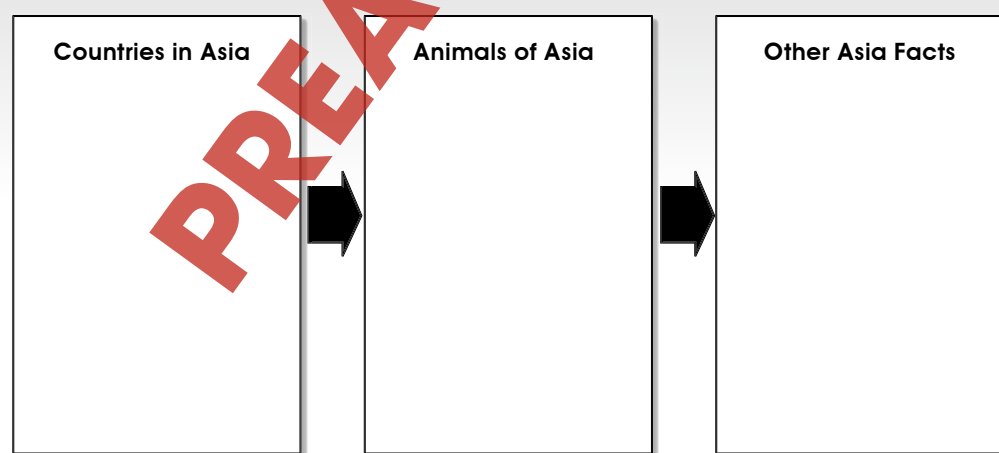
Asia - Place



1. Match the word on the left to its definition on the right. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

wildlife	The features of a place that help us recognize and describe it. They may include mountains, plains, forests, deserts, or bodies of water.	A
urban	A word describing the area of a town or a city. These areas have a large population, many kinds of transportation, and many services, like police, hospitals, and libraries.	B
rural	The animals, birds, insects, and fish that live in a particular place.	C
physical characteristics	An area outside a city. The country is an example. There are fewer people than in a city, and they are spread out across wide areas of land.	D

2. Make a list of those things that you **already know** about Asia using the following chart. You may also include some small illustrations if they help you express your ideas.



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Asia is a vast continent with many features that make it unique from all the other continents. What are these unique features? Its **physical characteristics** make it unique. The **people** of Asia, where they have chosen to live, and the languages that they speak make it unique. The **wildlife** of Asia also makes it unique. Each of these features helps us better understand Asia and describe it as a **place**.



Asia is a **continent** of surprising contrasts. There are huge cities throughout the continent, filled with millions of people, and there are wide, **barren** stretches of land where very few people choose to live. There are some of the tallest mountains in the world, and some low lying areas, like the Dead Sea, that are **below sea level**. The northern parts of Russia are icy cold, while the rainforests of Southeast Asia are hot and humid. This variety of physical characteristics is part of what makes Asia unique as a place.

STOP What are some of Asia's physical characteristics?

The people of Asia are as varied as its physical characteristics. From Turkey in the west, to Japan in the east, there are hundreds of peoples, cultures, and languages throughout Asia. Well over half of the Earth's entire population lives in Asia! India and China each have more than one billion people! Many people live in **rural** areas, farming and working the land. Many others live in large cities with dense populations.

Many of Asia's largest cities are on large bodies of water. Hong Kong, Mumbai, Jeddah, and Tokyo all have large ports on the sea that allow them to trade easily by ship with other parts of the world. Cities like Seoul and Delhi were built on rivers that allowed both travelers and traders to visit them easily.



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1. Which word matches the definition? Color the arrow that points to the correct word. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

below sea level	←	A A phrase used to describe a place whose elevation is lower than the level of the sea between high and low tide.	→	continent
rural	←	B All of the creatures living in a certain place.	→	wildlife
dense population	←	C A word that is used to describe a wide-open area with few living things in it.	→	barren
Seoul	←	D A large city in South Korea that developed on a river.	→	Hong Kong

2. Circle the word TRUE if the statement is true. Circle the word FALSE if it is false.

- | | | |
|------|-------|--|
| TRUE | FALSE | a) The Dead Sea is below sea level. |
| TRUE | FALSE | b) Tokyo and Hong Kong each have more than one billion people in them. |
| TRUE | FALSE | c) Rainforests can be found in north Russia. |
| TRUE | FALSE | d) Less than half of the Earth's population lives in Asia. |
| TRUE | FALSE | e) Mumbai and Jeddah are both large sea ports. |
| TRUE | FALSE | f) Africa is linked to Asia at the Panama Canal. |
| TRUE | FALSE | g) The rainforests of Southeast Asia are hot and humid. |



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Answer each question with a complete sentence.

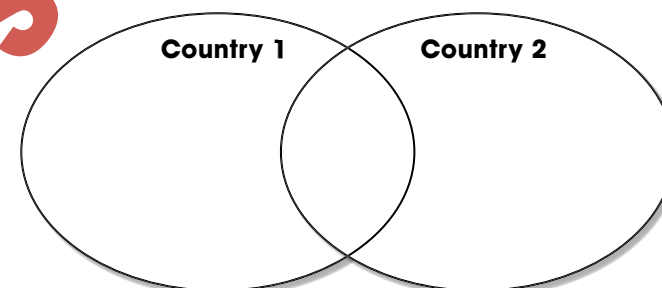
- Why is Asia a continent of surprising contrasts?
- Why have some of Asia's largest cities developed on large bodies of water?

Research

- Use the flow chart organizer, **My Chosen Country**, on the next page to record information about your chosen country. If your family immigrated from Asia, why not learn more about that country!
- Many different languages are spoken in Asia, many within a single country! Find ten examples of different languages spoken, and name the country in which they are spoken. Complete a chart like the one below.

Language	Spoken in which countries?

- Using a Venn Diagram like the one below, compare **two bordering countries** in Asia (i.e., China and Russia). Think about population, languages, and the culture and customs. Share your work with your classmates.





My Chosen Country

Use the flow chart organizer to record information about your chosen country. If your family immigrated from Asia, why not learn more about that country!

Relative Location

Physical Characteristics

Population and Major Cities

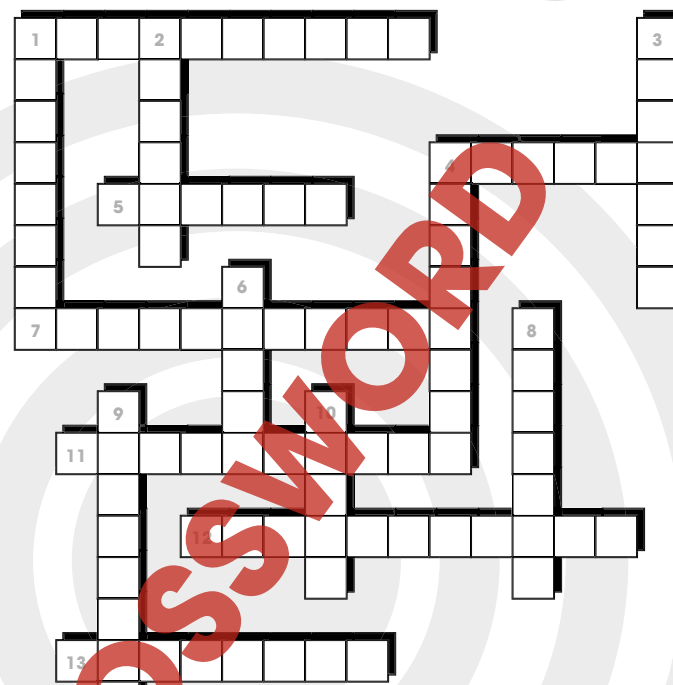
Languages and Other Interesting Facts



Crossword Puzzle!



unique
positive
population
ports
largest
subway
environment
Russia
China
hemisphere
rainforests
movement
equator
religious
relative



Across

- 1 Well over half of the Earth's _____ lives in Asia
- 4 _____ is the largest country in Asia
- 5 Underground trains that are very important in cities like Tokyo, Japan
- 7 Every day, the things people do affect their _____
- 11 Asia is almost entirely in the eastern _____
- 12 The Malabar Coast in India is a region thick with _____
- 13 _____ describes how people, products and ideas move from place to place

Down

- 1 The building of the Three Gorges Dam is an example of a _____ human/environment interaction
- 2 A region is an area of land with _____ features
- 3 Imaginary line running east-west around the middle of the Earth
- 4 _____ location describes a place using the features around it
- 6 Hong Kong, Mumbai and Tokyo are cities with large sea _____
- 8 Asia is the world's _____ continent
- 9 The Middle East is considered a cultural and _____ center for many people
- 10 The Yangtze River is located in _____



Comprehension Quiz

Part A



Circle the word TRUE if the statement is true. Circle the word FALSE if it is false.

- | | | |
|------|-------|---|
| TRUE | FALSE | a) Most of Asia is north of the Equator. |
| TRUE | FALSE | b) Asia is the world's largest continent. |
| TRUE | FALSE | c) More than half of all the people on Earth live in Asia. |
| TRUE | FALSE | d) China and India each have more than one billion people. |
| TRUE | FALSE | e) Tigers and other endangered animals are safe from poachers. |
| TRUE | FALSE | f) Train travel in Asia's busy cities, such as Tokyo, causes more pollution and traffic jams than cars alone. |
| TRUE | FALSE | g) Latitude and longitude are used to find a place's relative location. |
| TRUE | FALSE | h) The word rural describes an area in the country or a remote area. |



Part B

Label the map by doing the following:

1. Show the following features on the map by writing the letter on the map in the correct location.
 - a) Asia
 - b) Europe
 - c) Indian Ocean
 - d) Pacific Ocean
 - e) Africa



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Asia Physical Map





Asia - Location



Answer the questions in complete sentences.

3. Which major bodies of water surround Africa?

4. Why is it difficult to describe Asia's exact location?

Research and Applications

5. Many atlases list the exact locations of the world's major cities using latitude and longitude. Using an atlas, find the exact location of the **ten Asian cities** of your choice. Also list the country in which we find each city and the hemisphere(s) in which it is found. Make a chart like this to help you organize the information you find. One has been done for you.

City Name	Hemisphere (give two)	Exact Location	Country
Bangkok	northern and eastern	13°N latitude 100°E longitude	Thailand

6. Find Thailand on a map of Asia. Using the features around it, describe its **relative location**.

7. **A challenge for you!** The city of Mumbai is located in India, on the Arabian Sea. How did its location affect how it developed as a city? How has it changed over time?

3. Arctic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean (Arabian Sea, Red Sea, and Mediterranean Sea may also be included)

4. Too vast to use latitude and longitude to pinpoint an exact location where these lines cross

5. Answers will vary

6. Possible answers: east of Burma, north of Malaysia, south of China, west of Laos and Cambodia, etc.

7. Possible answers: Mumbai is an ancient city that grew during the period of European colonialism (i.e. Portugal, England) which helped develop the area for trade because its location provided an excellent



1. A physical characteristics

B urban

C wildlife

D rural

2. Answers will vary.

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Possible answers: tall mountains, millions of people, etc.

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1. A below sea level

B wildlife

C barren

D Seoul

2. Answers will vary.

a) T
b) F

c) F

d) F

e) T

f) F

g) T

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3. Answers will vary; Should include references to both physical characteristics and to the population

4. Answers will vary; Should include references to both trade and travel as main ideas for the location of these cities

5. Answers will vary; Should reflect the concepts developed in this section and elsewhere in the resource

6. Answers will vary

7. Answers will vary

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY