

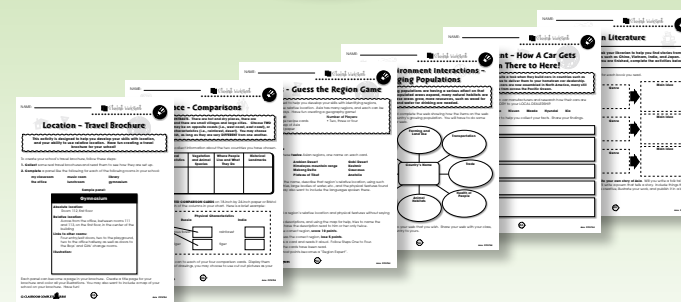
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Asia - Location

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.

continent	←	A A large land mass. There are seven of these on Earth.	→	country
Equator	←	B An imaginary line running around the middle of the Earth in an east-west direction. It is half way between the North and South Poles.	→	hemisphere
civilization	←	C A word that is used for a person who studies the Earth by looking at the features of the land, its weather, and where people live.	→	geographer
continent	←	D One of the two shapes made by cutting a sphere in half.	→	hemisphere

2. On the map, color Asia in green. Show the equator as a red line.



Asia - Location

How do we describe the location of a place? We can describe location in two ways. We can tell exactly where it is, or we can describe where it is by using the things we find around it. If we describe exactly where a place is, we are giving its **absolute location**. On a map, we can do this by looking at where lines of **latitude** and **longitude** cross. When we describe the things around a place and the things that connect it to other places, we are describing its **relative location**.



Asia is the world's largest continent. It is so large that we cannot accurately describe its exact location. Why? It is because Asia's eastern boundary is near 170°W longitude, and its western boundary is near 35°E longitude, with approximately 8 000 miles between these two points! Because it is so large, it is very difficult to give its absolute location. It is easier to describe Asia's relative location by looking at those features and places around it.

To begin with, Asia is almost entirely in the eastern hemisphere, north of the Equator. Like other continents, it has shorelines on several large bodies of water. The Arctic Ocean lies to the north, the Indian Ocean to the south, and the Pacific Ocean to the east. These bodies of water provide **links** between Asia and other parts of the globe. On its western border, Asia is linked to Europe by land. Russia, the largest country in Asia, is located in both Europe and Asia!

STOP How can we best describe Asia's location?

Asia's huge size and location makes it very interesting to **geographers**. In Asia we find Mt. Everest, the tallest point on Earth. The tropical rainforests of India and other southeastern Asian countries are very different from the frozen lands in Russia's far north. The wide variety of ancient civilizations that have existed throughout Asia gives historical and cultural geographers interesting places and peoples to study.



Asia - Location

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

- a) Asia is the world's smallest continent.
TRUE **FALSE**
- b) Asia is almost entirely in the eastern hemisphere.
TRUE **FALSE**
- c) The Arctic Ocean lies to the north of Asia.
TRUE **FALSE**
- d) Europe is east of Asia.
TRUE **FALSE**
- e) Antarctica is to the south of Asia.
TRUE **FALSE**
- f) Russia is the largest country in Asia.
TRUE **FALSE**

2. Match left to right to show your understanding of **absolute** and **relative** location. You must match each box to two examples.

relative location	Describes location by using latitude and longitude to give a place's exact location	A
absolute location	Turkey is south of the Black Sea, east of Greece, north of Syria, and west of Iran	B
	Mumbai is found at 18°N latitude and 72°E longitude	C
	Describes the location of a place by using the features around it	D



Asia - Location

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

3. Which major bodies of water surround Asia?

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

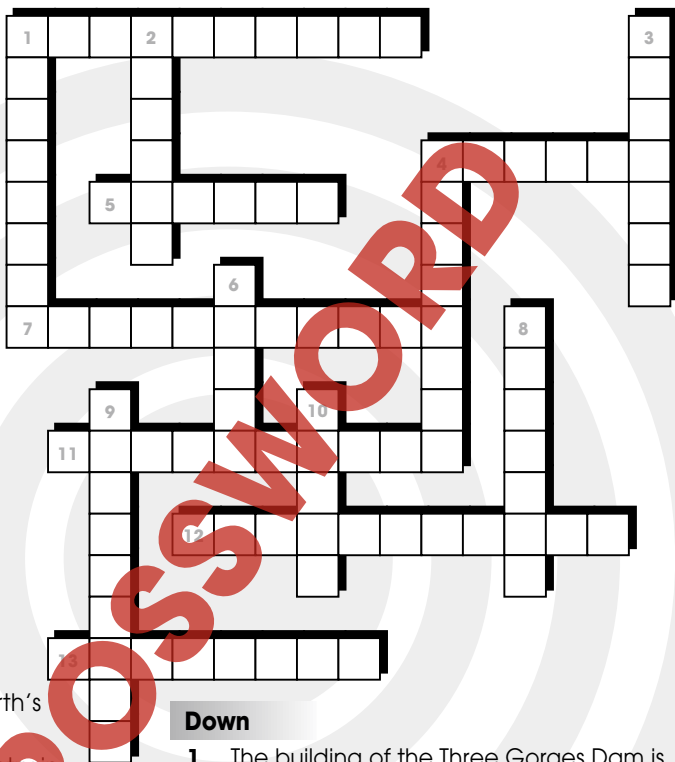
6. Find Thailand on a map of Asia. Using the features around it, describe its **relative location**.

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?



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

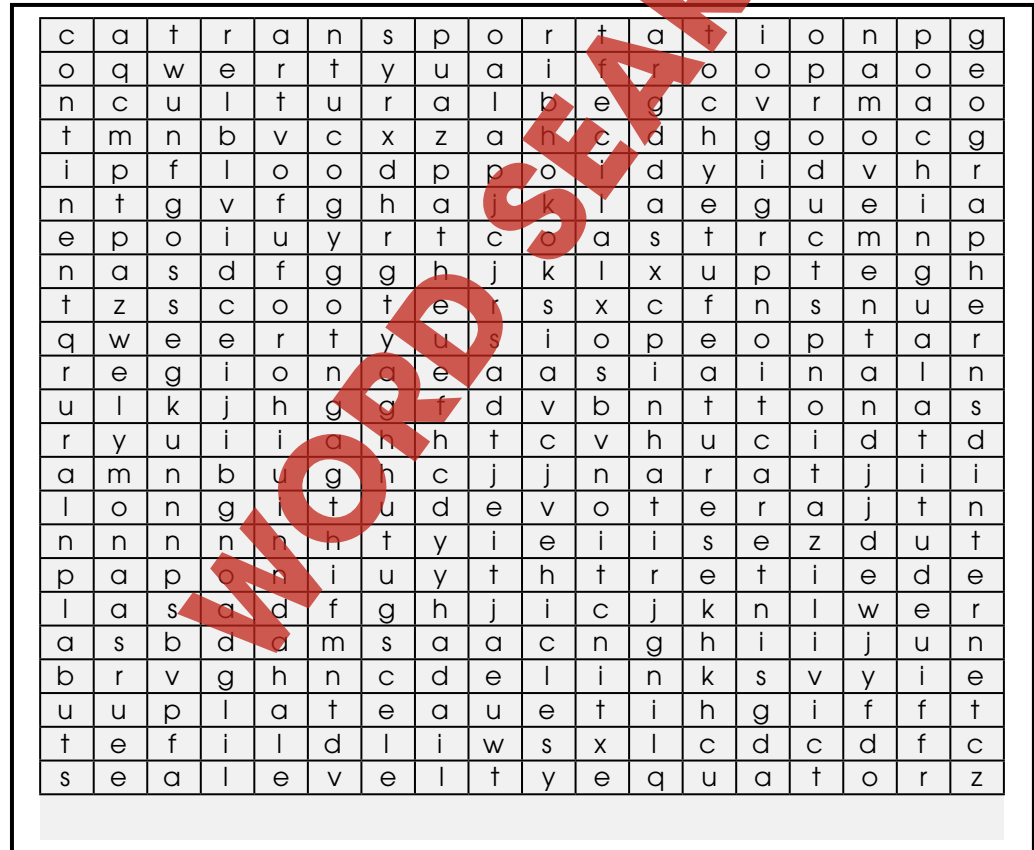
- 1 The building of the Three Gorges Dam is an example of a _____ human/environment interaction
- 2 A region is an area of land with _____ features
- 3 Imaginary line running east-west around the middle of the Earth
- 4 _____ location describes a place using the features around it
- 6 Hong Kong, Mumbai 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 _____



Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

- | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Asia | movement | sea level | latitude |
| continent | Internet | plateau | urban |
| equator | extinction | transportation | wildlife |
| region | interaction | scooters | features |
| rural | geographer | poaching | coast |
| languages | links | flood | products |
| cultural | longitude | civilization | vehicles |



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

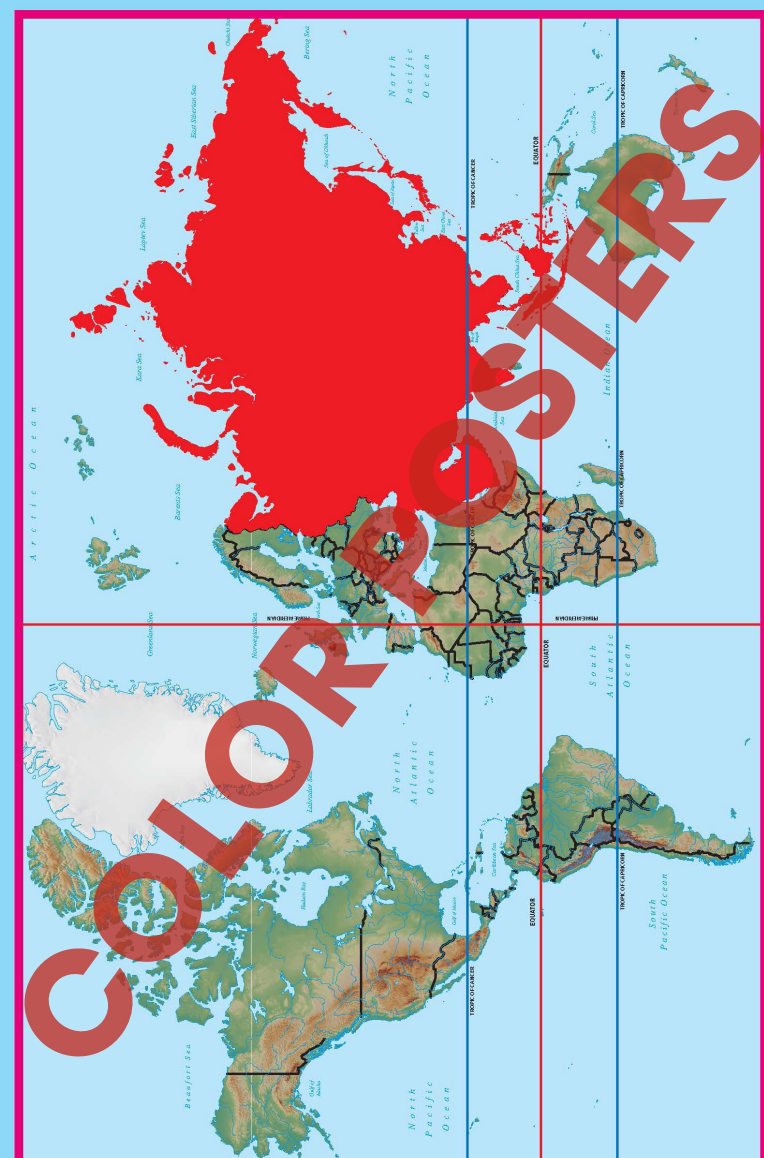
Label the map by doing the following:

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



SUBTOTAL: /14

Asia World Location Map





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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 harbor, etc.

Across:

- 2. population
- 4. Russia
- 5. subway
- 7. environment
- 11. hemisphere
- 12. rainforests
- 13. movement

Down:

- 1. positive
- 2. unique
- 3. equator
- 4. relative
- 6. ports
- 8. largest
- 9. religious
- 10. China

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY

