

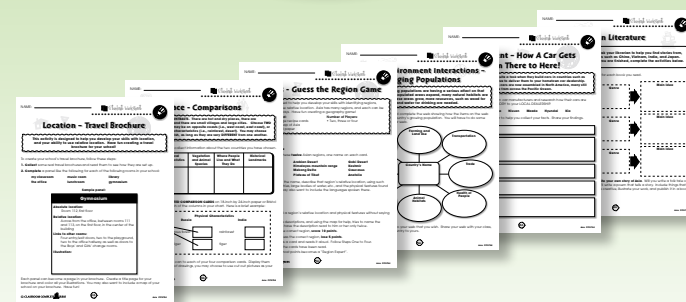
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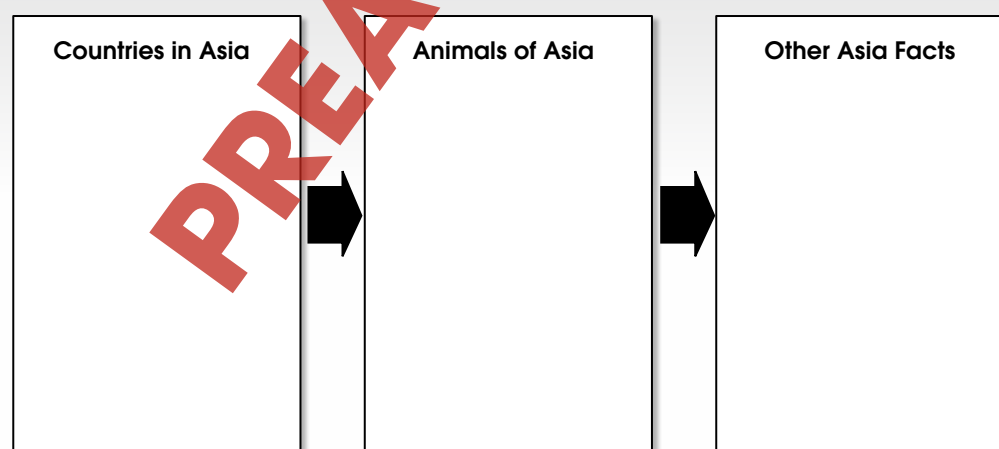
## Asia - Place



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.



## Asia - Place



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?

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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.



## Asia - Place



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.                |



## Asia - Place



Answer each question with a complete sentence.

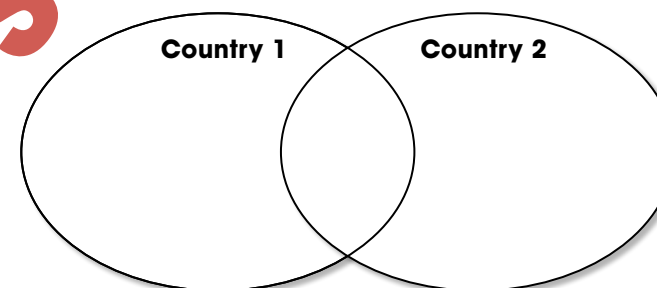
- Why is Asia a continent of surprising contrasts?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Why have some of Asia's largest cities developed on large bodies of water?  
\_\_\_\_\_

### 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.

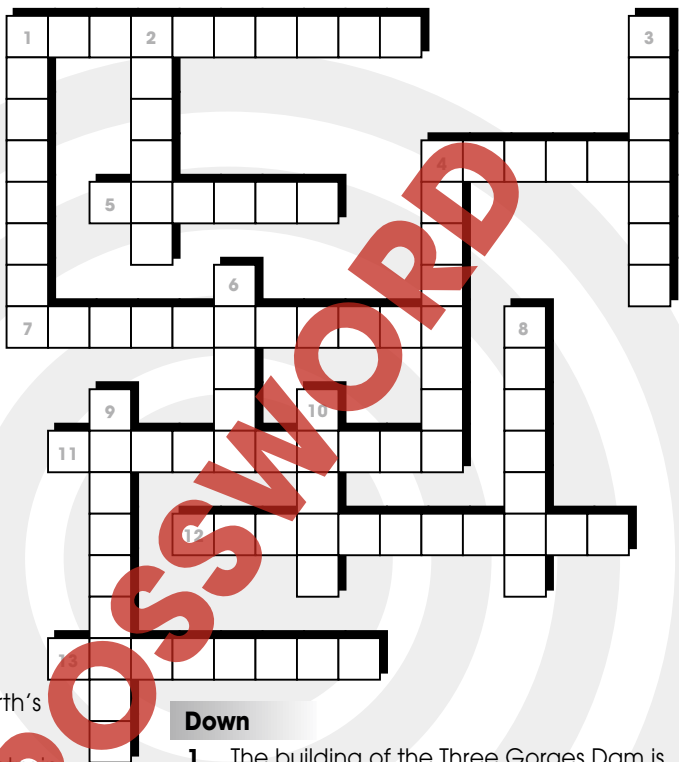






# Crossword Puzzle!

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



### Across

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

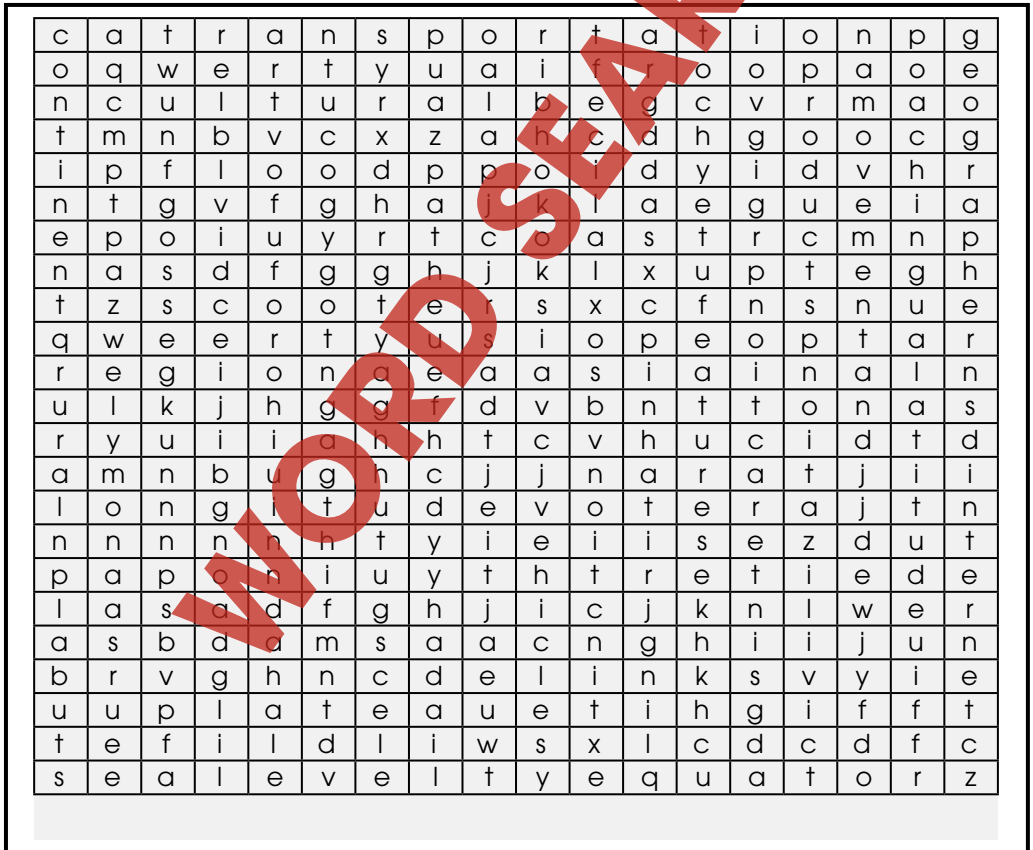
### Down

- The building of the Three Gorges Dam is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ human/environment interaction
- A region is an area of land with \_\_\_\_\_ features
- Imaginary line running east-west around the middle of the Earth
- \_\_\_\_\_ location describes a place using the features around it
- Hong Kong, Mumbai and Tokyo are cities with large sea \_\_\_\_\_
- Asia is the world's \_\_\_\_\_ continent
- The Middle East is considered a cultural and \_\_\_\_\_ center for many people
- 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
- continent
- equator
- region
- rural
- languages
- cultural
- movement
- Internet
- extinction
- interaction
- geographer
- links
- longitude
- sea level
- plateau
- transportation
- scooters
- poaching
- flood
- civilization
- latitude
- urban
- wildlife
- features
- coast
- products
- vehicles



# Comprehension Quiz

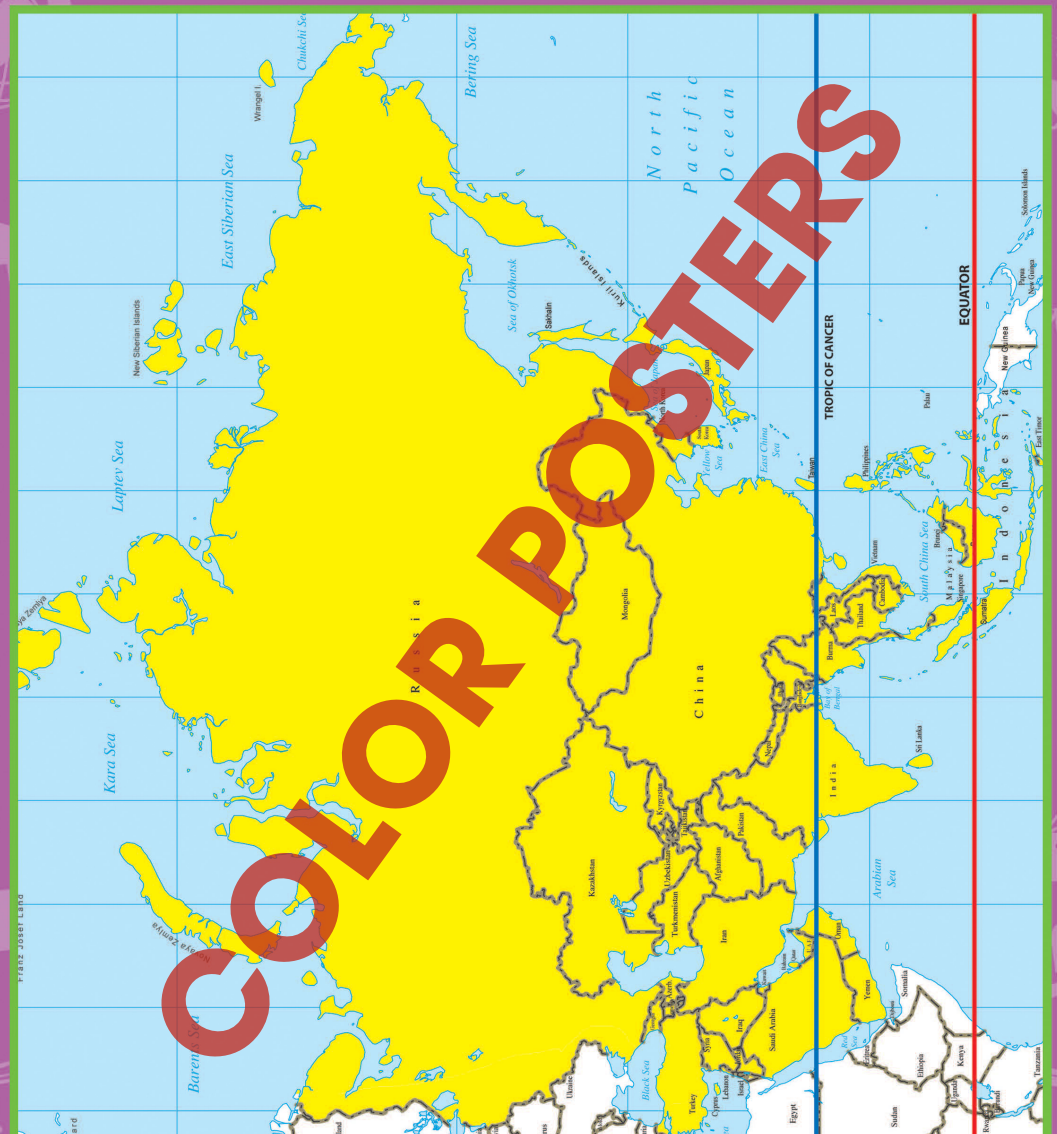
### Part C

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

- What is the difference between **absolute** location and **relative** location? As an example, describe Asia's relative location.
- How do we describe **place**? Describe Asia as a place.
- Describe what is meant by **human and environment interactions**. Explain how the poaching of tigers is a negative interaction.
- What do we mean by **movement** in geography? Give one example of transportation and one of communication.
- What is a **region**? Describe the Deccan Plateau or the Malabar coast as a region.

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# Asia Outline Map





# Asia - Place



Answer each question with a complete sentence.

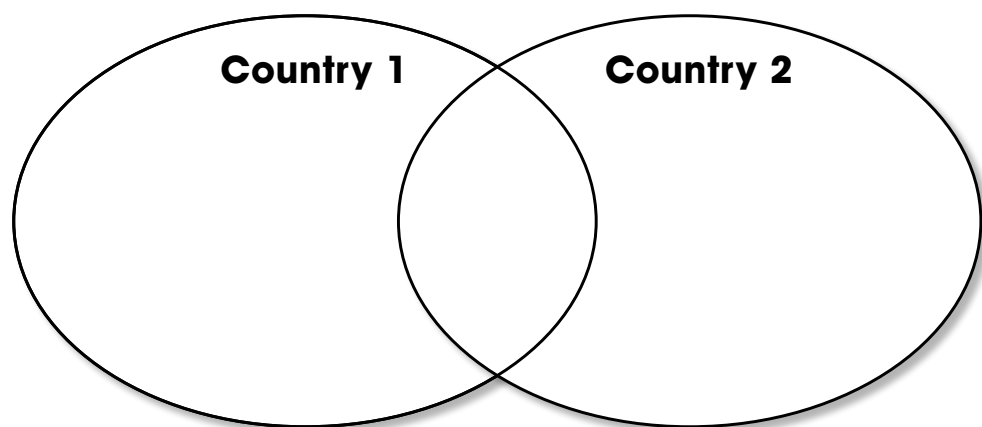
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\_\_\_\_\_

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- 5. 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!
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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

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