

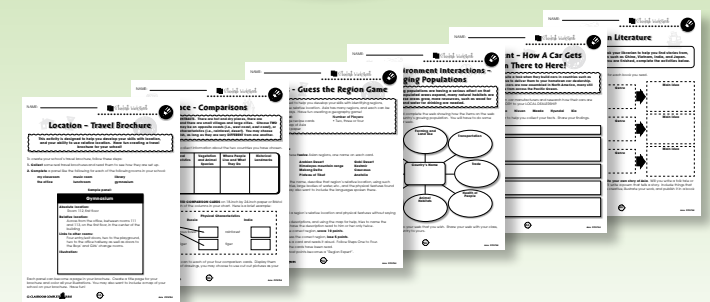
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## Human/Environment Interactions

1. How is your local environment affected by the actions of the people who live in it? How has your school worked to protect its environment? Think of the two problems below, and list the ways your school has helped to fight pollution.

Problem	Solution
Garbage in the schoolyard	
Too much paper in the garbage	

2. Complete each sentence with a word from the list. Use a dictionary to help you.

dam poaching extinct vegetation

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ is an illegal action by hunters or others to collect or kill protected animals for money. Poaching can lead to extinction of a species.
- b) A \_\_\_\_\_ is something created by people to control a river, or to create a body of water where none existed before. A small lake or basin is created behind a large dam.
- c) The word \_\_\_\_\_ is used to describe a species of living things that no longer exists anywhere on Earth. It means that all members of that species are dead.
- d) The word \_\_\_\_\_ is a word that describes all of the plant life in a particular area.



## Human/Environment Interactions

Everyday, the things that people do affect their environment. Sometimes we build a **dam** on a river to control it more effectively. Sometimes we harm the habitats of animals with pollution. Sometimes we hunt animals to extinction. When an environment is harsh or changing, people must often adapt to their environment to survive. Learning about these issues is known as the study of human/environment **interactions**.



In China, much of the landscape is being changed by the construction of the huge Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River. In the past, the Yangtze River has often flooded and killed many thousands of people, so the dam was created to control its flow. This dam is the largest in the world, and will create a huge lake behind it. Unfortunately, hundreds of towns, villages, and farms will be completely covered by the lake it will create. Thousands of people have had to move to new homes. The natural environment of local wildlife and vegetation will also be forever changed. Chinese officials hope that the benefits of controlling the river will make up for the great changes it is forcing on the environment around the dam.

Unfortunately, not all interactions between humans and their environment are positive. Throughout parts of Southeast Asia, tigers are facing extinction because of **poaching**. Poachers collect tiger skins, bones, and other organs to be sold illegally for large amounts of money. The tiger's jungle habitat is also under threat from pollution and expanding human activities. While many organizations exist to help these endangered animals, many governments in Asia have been slow to stop this poaching. With only several thousand tigers left in the wild, the day may come when we will only see these majestic creatures in a zoo or a book.

Why might wild tigers become extinct?

STOP

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## Human/Environment Interactions

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

- |      |       |  |
|------|-------|--|
| TRUE | FALSE | a) Tigers are extinct.   |
| TRUE | FALSE | b) The Yangtze River is located in China.  |
| TRUE | FALSE | c) Hundreds of towns, villages, and farms will be covered by the lake created by the Three Gorges dam. |
| TRUE | FALSE | d) Many Asian governments are slow to stop poaching.   |
| TRUE | FALSE | e) The Yangtze River has flooded and killed thousands in the past.                                     |
| TRUE | FALSE | f) No one has been forced to move their home because of the Three Gorges Dam.                          |

2. Put a check mark (✓) next to the answer that is most correct.

- a) The construction of the Three Gorges dam will create a large \_\_\_\_\_ behind it.
- A city
- B lake
- C flood
- D tiger habitat
- b) The Three Gorges Dam is found in which country?
- A India
- B Saudi Arabia
- C China
- D Southeast Asia
- c) Poachers kill tigers for \_\_\_\_\_.
- A religious reasons
- B their skin, bones, and other organs
- C for sport
- D to show they are brave



## Human/Environment Interactions

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. How will the construction of the Three Gorges dam affect the environment around it? Give examples from the reading.
- 
4. Why is poaching a negative human/environment interaction? Give some examples from the reading.
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### Research

5. Find out more about the **Three Gorges Dam** by conducting some simple research. Find answers to these questions and present them as a booklet or a PowerPoint presentation. Draw pictures for your booklet, or use clip art work to illustrate your PowerPoint presentation. Share your work with your class.

<b>Why was the Three Gorges Dam built?</b>	<b>When was it built?</b>
<b>Who built the dam?</b>	<b>How much did it cost to build?</b>
<b>When did construction begin?</b>	<b>When will it finish?</b>
<b>How big is the Three Gorges Dam?</b>	
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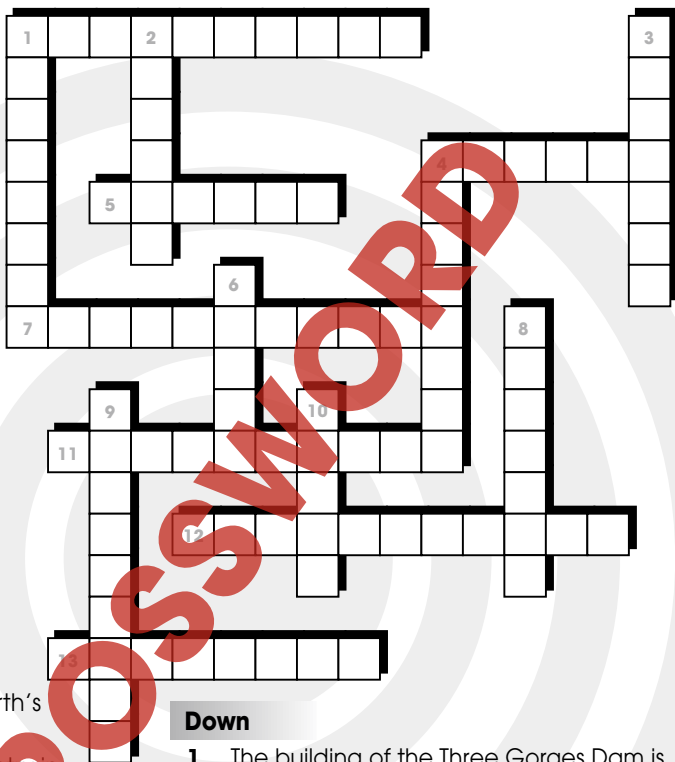
6. Unfortunately, the tiger is not the only animal facing extinction. There is the panda too, among many others. Which other animals face extinction? Research **five** other endangered animals. Collect your information on a chart like the one below. When you have finished, use a blank map of Asia to show the location of each animal you have chosen.

Endangered Animal	Habitat	Why is it endangered?	Ways to help save it



## 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

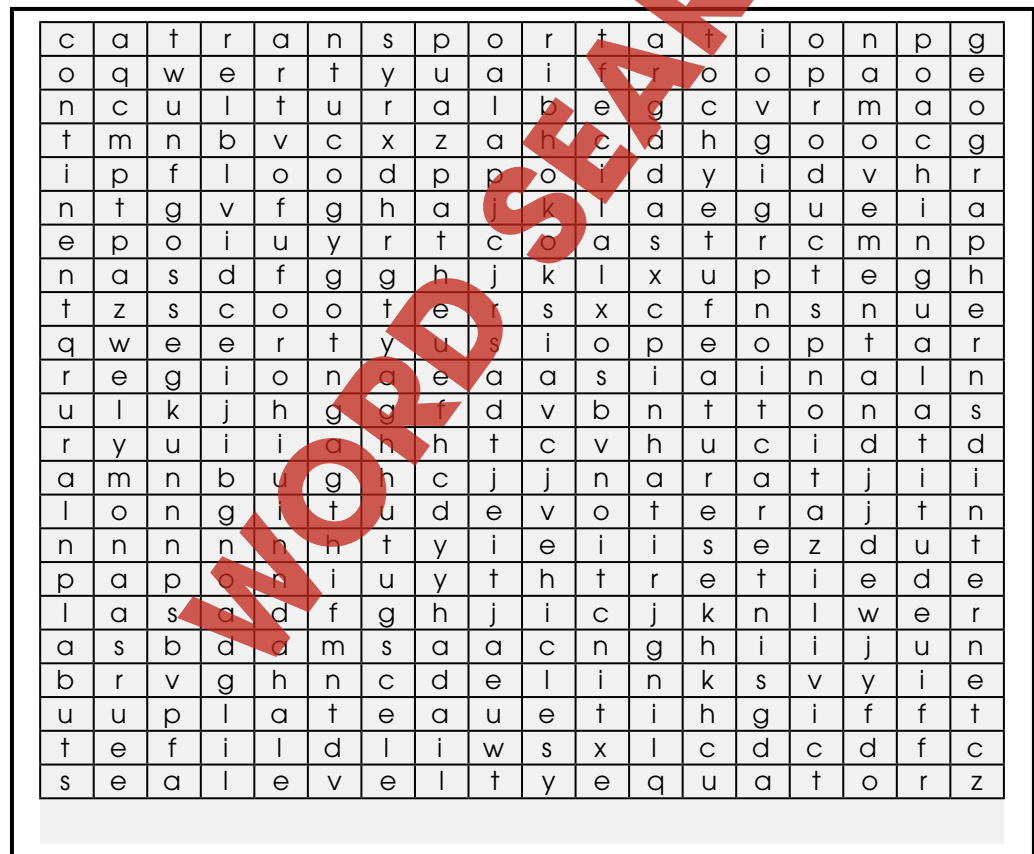
- 1 The building of the Three Gorges Dam is an example of a \_\_\_\_\_ human/environment interaction
- 2 A region is an area of land with \_\_\_\_\_ features
- 3 Imaginary line running east-west around the middle of the Earth
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ location describes a place using the features around it
- 6 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
2. Color the equator red.



SUBTOTAL: /14

## Asia Physical Map





# Human/Environment Interactions

Answer each question with a complete sentence.

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3.

Possible answers:  
Many people forced to leave homes, large area flooded by new lake

4.

Possible answers:  
Poachers hunt animals illegally, often to the point of extinction

5.

Answers will vary in detail depending on resource used.

Some possibilities:  
Built in late 1990s and the 2000s to control the flooding of the Yangtze, largest dam in the world, etc.

6.

Answers will vary (i.e. panda)

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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