

Guided Reading Activity 17-1

For use with textbook pages 421–426.

The Land

Underline the Correct Word

DIRECTIONS: Read each incomplete sentence and the two answer choices in parentheses. Underline the word in the parentheses that best completes the sentence.

- The Arabian Peninsula is separated from Africa by the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden.
(Mediterranean Sea Red Sea)
- The landlocked _____ is the largest inland body of water on Earth. (Caspian Sea/Dead Sea)
- The drying up of the Aral Sea resulted from Soviet diversion of its water for irrigation.
(Dead Sea Aral Sea)
- The Nile River in Egypt is the longest river in the world. (Nile/Tigris)
- Most of Egypt's people live on only 3 percent of its land, along the Nile Delta. (Delta/Plains)
- The ancient civilization of _____ thrived in the fertile valley between the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. (Mesopotamia/Turkey)
- ~~Intermittent~~ streams in this arid area appear and disappear suddenly, depending on rainfall.
(Intermittent/Saltwater)
- In this region most agriculture occurs on fertile coastal plains along the _____.
(Mediterranean Sea/Persian Gulf)
- The northern slopes of the Atlas Mountains, Africa's longest mountain range, have fertile soil.
(Central Plateau Atlas)
- The magnificent Caucasus Mountains rise between the Caspian and Black Seas. (Caucasus/Atlas)
- Three major tectonic plates come together in this region, making it prone to earthquakes
(floods/earthquakes)
- One of the most important natural resources in this region is petroleum, a major export.
(petroleum/iron ore)
- Some countries are diversifying their economies by developing industries other than oil.
(restricting diversifying)