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### The Geography of Asia Geography of Asia



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Locate the following geographic features on the map of Asia:

Pacific Ocean

Indian Ocean

Arabian Sea

Red Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Black Sea

Sea of Japan

Bay of Bengal

Gulf of Persia

Philippine Islands

Indonesian Islands

Arabian Peninsula

Indian Subcontinent

Japanese Islands

New Guinea

Papua New Guinea

Himalaya Mountains

Ural Mountains

Gobi Desert

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### The Geography of Asia Multiple Choice Questions

Circle the correct answer.

- The content of Asia includes the
  - Hawaiian Islands
  - Japanese Islands
  - Aleutian Islands
  - All of the above
- Eurasia is
  - Another name for the Middle East
  - The combined landmass of Europe and Asia
  - A peninsula of Asia
  - None of the above
- Which ocean forms the northern border of Asia?
  - Atlantic Ocean
  - Pacific Ocean
  - Indian Ocean
  - Arctic Ocean
- A part of Asia borders on the
  - Red Sea
  - Black Sea
  - Caspian Sea
  - Irish Sea
- Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world, is in the
  - Ural Mountains
  - Himalaya Mountains
  - Caucasus Mountains
  - Andes Mountains
- The Ganges River is located in the country of
  - China
  - Japan
  - India
  - Indonesia

## The Geography of Asia



Asia is the largest continent in the world. This landmass technically includes the continent of Europe which is a giant western peninsula of Asia. Due to the great cultural differences between countries in the East and West, geographers are willing to consider the two areas as separate continents. Together Asia and Europe are called Eurasia. The islands in the Pacific Ocean that lie to the east of the Asian mainland are considered to be part of the Asian continent. These include the countries of Japan, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Guinea and Papua New Guinea. There are about fifty countries in Asia including the huge countries of China and Russia.

Asia is bounded by water on three sides. The Arctic Ocean lies to the north, the Pacific Ocean to the east, and the Indian Ocean to the south. With an extensive seacoast, Asia has many seas including the Barents Sea in the north, the Bering Sea near Alaska, the Sea of Japan, the East China Sea, the South China Sea, the Arabian Sea and the Red Sea plus the Bay of Bengal and the Persian Gulf. Europe lies to the west and geographers set the boundary between Europe and Asia at the Ural Mountains of Russia, the Black Sea, the Caspian Sea and the Caucasus Mountains which run between the Black and Caspian Seas. Countries of the Middle East are all located on the Asian continent so Asia also borders on the easternmost shores of the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea.

An important feature of Asia is its mountains, the highest in the world. With a height around 30,000 feet, the Himalayan Mountains dominate south central Asia. Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world, is situated in the Himalayas. In fact, overall Asia is the highest of the seven continents. The continent is characterized by high plateaus.

The two most famous rivers of Asia are the Ganges of India and the Yangtze of China. China is also known for cold deserts where temperatures drop well below zero degrees F. China's deserts include the Gobi Desert of Mongolia and northern China, the Chang Tang on the Plateau of Tibet in China, and China's Taklimakan Desert.