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Section 1**Guided Reading Activity 25-1***South Asia Today: Living in South Asia*

Use with Chapter 25
Section 1

After reading Section 1, you should be able to identify the major crops of South Asia, to describe industrial development in South Asia, and to discuss mining and fishing resources of South Asia.

 As you read Section 1, fill in the blanks below.

1. _____ ranks among the world's top 12 producers of goods and services.
2. Most people in South Asia make their living by _____.
3. South Asian farms vary in size from large plantations in _____ to small plots of land in _____.
4. The major food crop grown in South Asia is _____.
5. _____ and _____ are world leaders in the production of cotton.
6. Originally grown in China, _____ was introduced to India by British planters who brought plants and seeds from China.
7. One of the most impressive agricultural achievements is the _____, in which new varieties of rice, wheat, and maize have dramatically increased crop yields.
8. Most of the _____ in South Asia takes place on the Indo-Gangetic Plain and in eastern India.
9. The majority of farmers in rural Bangladesh _____ during the flood season.
10. _____ is India's most important industry.

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Guided Reading Activity 25-2

South Asia Today: People and Their Environment

Use with Chapter 25
Section 2

After reading Section 2, you should be able to explain how people have affected South Asia's wildlife, to discuss deforestation and reforestation in South Asia, to describe how water use is changing in South Asia, and to discuss how activities such as tourism affect the environment.

As you read Section 2, fill in the blanks below.

1. Over time, much forestland in South Asia has been converted into _____ or _____.
2. _____ vastly increase the demand on firewood in Nepal and Bhutan.
3. _____ and _____ have cause rapid deforestation in Sri Lanka.
4. In Bangladesh, using _____ as the main fuel has caused a severe loss of woodlands.
5. In India, the _____ movement was started to save the remaining forests of northern India.
6. Wildlife, such as _____, _____, and _____, are found in Sri Lanka.
7. Some animals in South Asia have become rare through _____ or _____.
8. To protect animals, governments in South Asia have _____ and _____.
9. The Tarbela Dam of _____ is the world's largest earthen dam.
10. Plans to build dams in India's _____ have met with both intense excitement and violent disapproval.