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Section 1

Guided Reading Activity 26-1

Physical Geography of East Asia: The Land

Use with Chapter 26
Section 1

After reading Section 1, you should be able to locate the variety of landscapes in East Asia, to describe the importance of East Asian rivers, and to discuss natural resources of East Asia.

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

1. The country of _____ occupies about 90 percent of the land area of East Asia.
2. The _____ juts out from northern China, between the Sea of Japan and the Yellow Sea.
3. The Japanese archipelago includes the islands of _____, _____, _____, and _____.
4. On China's southern coast are the former European colonies of _____ and _____.
5. The only large lowland areas of East Asia are in _____.
6. Large parts of northwestern China and Mongolia are _____.
7. The _____, Asia's longest river, flows 3,964 miles (6,378 km) through mountains and fertile plains.
8. _____, East Asia's leading industrial country, must import a variety of minerals.
9. Korea's best farmland is located on its _____.
10. Because farmland is scarce throughout East Asia, island nations and coastal areas depend on the _____ as an important food source.


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Section 2

Guided Reading Activity 26-2

Physical Geography of East Asia: The Climate and Vegetation

Use with Chapter 26
Section 2

After reading Section 2, you should be able to name the different climate regions in East Asia, to explain how seasonal winds affect climates in East Asia, and to describe the kinds of plants and trees that grow in different parts of East Asia.

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

1. In latitude, the landmass of East Asia spans a greater range than _____.
2. Much of East Asia is in one of the _____ climate zones, while the rest is generally divided among _____, _____, and _____ climates.
3. Violent hurricanes called _____ blow across coastal East Asia from the Pacific Ocean.
4. The warm-water _____ flows along the southern and southeastern coasts of the Japanese islands.
5. The _____ flowing from the Arctic brings harsh, cold winters to Hokkaido, Japan's northernmost island.
6. Southeastern China, southern Korea, Taiwan, and the southern islands of Japan have a _____ climate.
7. Much of Mongolia and the inland areas of northern China have _____ climates.
8. Desert areas in East Asia, such as _____ and _____, are often _____ and _____.
9. In the mid-latitude climate of most of East Asia, forests are a mix of _____ trees, or conifers; broad-leaved _____ trees; and broad-leaved _____.
10. Other valuable plants in East Asia are the tea bush and the _____, whose leaves provide food for silkworms.