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TOPOGRAPHY

Asia has every type of climate. The center of Asia is far from the oceans. It never receives wind or moisture from the oceans. It has cold and warm weather. It is always dry. Deserts are in central and southwestern Asia.

The winters in Siberia are some of the coldest in the world. Northern Japan and northern China have hot summers and cold winters.

Rainfall in Asia is varied. Some regions have much rain, while other regions have very little. Winds from the oceans bring moisture to the side of the mountains that faces the ocean. It brings little rain to the far side of the mountains.

Northeastern India is one of the wettest areas on Earth. Some areas of southwest Asia receive as little as three to four inches of rain a year.

WATERWAYS

Rivers are important to the people of Asia. Many people live in the delta plains and river valleys. The rivers provide: irrigation water for crops, and a source of transportation.



All the rivers flow east in China. The main rivers include: the Yellow (Hwang Ho), Yangtze, and the Si Kiang River. The rivers that flow to southeast Asia begin near the borders of Tibet. The Tigris and Euphrates drain the country of Iraq.



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Asians have many different languages and writing systems. Because of the different languages and dialects used, many people do not understand the language spoken in the next village or town.

PRODUCTS



Agriculture is the main industry throughout Asia. The principal food produced is rice.

The second main crop is wheat. Other crops produced include: sorghum, millet, barley, soybean, kaoliang (kafir corn), and maize.

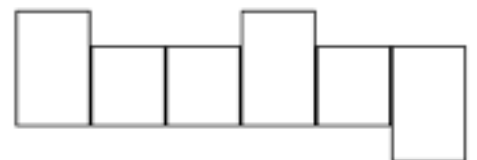
Some of the commercial crops include: silk, cotton, rubber, jute, palm oil, sugar cane, and tea.

Mining is a great source of income to Asia. Minerals include oil, coal, natural gas, tin, iron ore, chromium, mercury, manganese, and selenium.

Asia produces many nonmetals products. They include cement, graphite, magnesite, mica, fertilizers, salt, pyrite, salt, and talc. Asia is the leading continent in the output of minerals.

Write the words into the correct word shape puzzle.

wheat minerals cotton talc barley maize





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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

delta
snow

mountain
rivers

dialects
rice

jungles
largest

