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Lesson 9 Geography

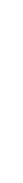
All the words in this lesson may be associated with geography.

- adapt V. to adjust to new conditions (People moving to another country adapt to a new way of life by learning new customs.)
- arable ADJ. suitable for planting (The farmer decided that the rocky soil was not arable land.)
- barren ADJ. unable to produce anything (Nothing grew in the barren field.)
- contour N. outline of a figure; shape (The *contour* of Italy is similar to that of a boot.)
- cultivate V. to prepare and use land to raise crops (Farmers use plows to cultivate the land in the spring.)
- **deciduous** ADJ. shedding leaves at the end of a growing season (Elms and maples lose their leaves in the fall because they are *deciduous* trees.)
- **dense** ADJ. close together, thick (It was difficult to walk through the *dense* undergrowth in the forest.)
- **devastate** V. destroy, ruin (A hurricane can *devastate* land and people by wrecking buildings and flooding cities.)
- **diverse** ADJ. varied, different (There were people from many countries in the city's diverse population.)
- famine N. having no food; time of starving (During the famine in Ethiopia, thousands of children died from hunger.)
- fault N. a break in the earth's crust (The fault caused by the earthquake looked like a crack in the ground.)
- foliage N. leaves of a plant; greenery (The tree's foliage made the yard shady in summer.)
- Import V. to bring in from another country for sale (Because it is difficult to grow bananas in the United States, we must *import* them from South and Central America.)
- **irrigate** V. to water farm land with a system of ditches or by using sprinklers (Where there is little rain, farmers must *irrigate* their crops.)
- metropolitan ADJ. of a large city (There are many large office buildings and stores in a metropolitan area.)
- precipice N. a very steep face of a rock; cliff (The rock climber looked over the edge of the precipice and saw the valley far below.)
- residential ADJ. having to do with homes or houses (Although the business district of the town was crowded and noisy, the neighborhoods in the residential section were quiet and peaceful.)
- **semiarid** ADJ. having little rainfall (Although there was some rain, the *semiarid* climate at the edge of the desert was not good for growing crops.)
- **survey** V. to measure for size, shape, and boundaries (The highway department had to *survey* the land before constructing the new road.)
- **tributary** N. a stream or river that flows into a larger body of water (The Wisconsin River is a *tributary* of the Mississippi.)

Exercise 1

Write the letter of the word that best completes the sentence.

٠.	we paddled our car	ioe down a small	until we reach					
	A. famine	B. tributary	C. precipice	D. fault				
2.	There is not much _	not much land in the high mountains because the soil is thin.						
	A. deciduous	B. semiarid	C. barren	D. arable				



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3.	Have someone _	your land	to determine	the boundaries		
	A. import	B. devastate		urvey	D. cultivate	
4.	Some scientists b	elieve that dino: anging environm	saurs became	extinct becaus	e they could not	****
	A. adapt	B. cultivate	C. i	mport	D. survey	
5.	The of the		st is very jagge	ed.		
	A. foliage	B. famine		ontour	D. tributary	
6.	Because my fathe	er liked having n	eighbors, he c	hose to live in a	a(n) area.	
	A. residential	B. barren	C. c	eciduous *	D. arable	
7.	In autumn, the lea			n red.		***************************************
	A. barren	B. deciduous		rable	D. semiarid	
8.	Because of the po	or harvest, the				
	A. adapt	B. survey		nport	D. devastate	
9.	The farmer used t	he water from ti	ne river to	his land.		***************************************
	A. irrigate	B. survey		dapt	D. import	
10.	The was t	oo steep to clim	ib, so the hike	rs took an alteri	nate route.	
	A. fault	B. precipice	C. c	ontour	D. tributary	
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