

Vocabulary practice

beach (n) land with sand or stones that is next to the sea

desert (n) a large area of land where there is little rain and not many plants grow

east (n) the direction from which the sun rises in the morning; opposite to west.

lake (n) a large area of water with land all around it

north (n) the direction on the left when you look at the sunrise; opposite to south

rain (v) when water falls from the sky in drops, it rains

river (n) water that travels along a natural channel across the land to the sea

sand (n) the substance usually found on beaches and in deserts that is made of very small pieces of rock

sea (n) the salty water that covers about three-quarters of the Earth's surface

south (n) the direction on the right when you look at the sunrise; opposite the north.

1 Write the Keywords from the box that are connected to water:

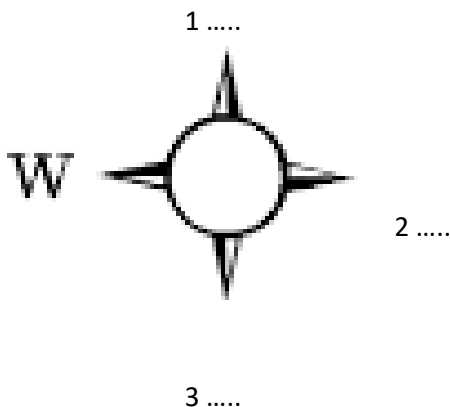
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2 Complete the points on the compass with words from the Keywords box.



3 Complete the paragraphs with words from the Keywords box. 5 and 6 are the same word.

The Sahara ¹ _____ is in ² _____ Africa. It's a very big area of ³ _____ with no plants or trees. It doesn't ⁴ _____ very often there.

There is a ⁵ _____ in Europe called ⁶ _____ Geneva. It's between France and Switzerland. The main ⁷ _____ that goes into it is called the Rhone. The Alps mountains are to the ⁸ _____.

Grammar practice

4 Find these sentences in the article and complete them.

The fishermen were happy _____ there were fish in the water.

People used the water in the two rivers for agriculture, _____ the water didn't arrive at the Aral Sea.

5 Complete the sentences with *so* or *because*.

1 The water is very salty _____ there are no fish.

2 I'm happy _____ I passed my exam.

3 We went to the beach _____ it was a sunny day.

4 The water was cold _____ we didn't go swimming.

5 It was a long way to the lake _____ we went by car.

6 I didn't sing the song _____ I can't sing very well.

7 We're having our party on Sunday _____ nobody works that day.

8 It rained all day _____ we stayed at home.