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Chapter 13: People's Republic of China – Section 1: The Geography of China

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. On a map of Asia, _____ is easy to find. Its large size causes it to stand out because it covers most of Eastern _____.
2. In addition to being surrounded by _____ other countries, China is also bordered by several bodies of _____.
3. China is one of the largest countries in the world in _____ and the largest in _____.
4. China is home to two large _____, the Gobi and the Taklamakan.
5. Most of China's 1 billion people live in the areas of the country that have the _____ climates, which are in the southeastern and eastern parts of China.
6. The Huang He, or _____ River, begins in the mountainous plateau of Tibet.
7. The other major river in China is the _____, or Yangtze River.
8. The Chang Jiang and Huang He are connected by the _____, which is one of the world's oldest and longest canal systems.
9. The _____ Mountains are the tallest mountains in the world.
10. China's climate is overall _____ in the north and becomes _____ and more tropical the further south and east you are.

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11. One of the most important natural resources is _____ land. Over half of China's land is used for _____.
12. In 2012, China finished building the largest _____ dam in the world.
13. The northeast, along the route of the Huang He, is China's most heavily _____ region. _____, the capital city, is located here.
14. A result is that air _____ has become a major issue for China and the rest of the world.
15. According to the People's Republic of China's own statistics, the leading causes of death in China are respiratory and heart diseases that can be linked to long exposure to air _____.
16. _____ pollution is another major environmental concern for China.
17. The _____ in the river puts all of the cities along its banks at risk. Many species of plants and animals that once lived in the river are _____.
18. Another major environmental issue in China is _____.
19. China has the largest _____ in the world at about 1.4 billion people, but this position may not last.
20. Over 90 percent of the people in China are part of the _____ ethnic group.
21. _____, or standard Chinese, is the official language of China and the most commonly spoken language.

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22. One unique feature about the people of China is that over 50 percent of the population does not practice an official _____.
23. People who declared their faith in a religion were not allowed to join the Chinese _____.