

# Knowledge Organiser - The Middle East

The Middle East is a region located mainly in Western Asia and partly in North-East Africa. It lies between Europe, Asia, and Africa, making it an important crossroads for trade and travel. For thousands of years, merchants used trade routes across the region to transport goods such as spices, silk, and precious metals. Today, the Middle East remains important for global trade because of major shipping routes, including the Suez Canal, and its large reserves of oil and natural gas. The climate in much of the Middle East is hot and dry, with very little rainfall. Large areas are covered by deserts, such as the Arabian Desert, although some regions have fertile land near rivers and coastlines. The population of the Middle East is over 400 million people and includes many

## Key Information

- **Location:** A region mainly in Western Asia and partly in North-East Africa.
- **Continents:** Situated between Europe, Asia, and Africa.
- **Climate:** Mostly hot and dry, with large desert areas and low rainfall.
- **Population:** More than 400 million people live in the region.
- **Languages:** Arabic is the most widely spoken language, although many others are spoken.
- **Trade:** An important centre for global trade because it connects three continents.
- **Natural Resources:** Contains some of the world's largest reserves of oil and natural gas.
- **Major Waterways:** The Mediterranean Sea, Red Sea, Persian Gulf, and the Suez Canal are important for transport and trade.
- **Cities:** Major cities include Dubai, Riyadh, Doha, and Jerusalem.
- **Physical Features:** Includes deserts, mountains, rivers, and coastal areas.

## Key Vocabulary

1	Middle East	A region mainly in Western Asia and partly in North-East Africa.
2	Region	An area that shares similar features or characteristics.
3	desert	A very dry area that receives little rainfall.
4	Natural resources	Materials found in nature that people use, such as oil, gas, and water.
5	Persian Gulf	A body of water in the Middle East that is important for trade and oil transport.
6	Red Sea	A sea located between North-East Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.
7	Arabian desert	One of the largest deserts in the world, covering much of the Arabian Peninsula.
8	Suez Canal	A man-made waterway in Egypt that links the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea and is important for trade.
9	culture	The traditions, beliefs, language, and way of life of a group of people.
10	trade	The buying, selling, and exchanging of goods and services.

## Map of Middle East



## Landmarks in Middle East

