

Southwest and Central Asia Challenge 4

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Name three countries that do *not* have mostly arid or semiarid climate zones. What *physical features* might explain why these countries have more moderate climates?

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List four countries that have a coniferous forest vegetation zone. What *physical features* might help explain why this type of vegetation is found there?

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Which two larger countries have large areas that are scarcely populated? How might the *vegetation* and *climate zones* of these areas help explain why the population is so low?

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In which two countries do *commercial* and *subsistence farming* take place in the same areas? Do you think the *climate* in these places helps or hinders this land use? Name the *physical features* that help explain why farming can take place in these climate zones.

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Locate a *small* country with these features:

- It has abundant oil, making it one of the wealthiest countries in the area.
- Nomadic herding takes place here.
- It has a low population density, with one city of about 2 million people.
- It is located on a gulf.
- It is entirely in a desert scrub vegetation zone.

What country do you think this is? Why do you think so?

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You are a businessperson. You want to move to a city in Southwest or Central Asia. You must meet the needs of your family.

- You are an expert in petroleum.
- Your son wants to captain a fishing boat.
- Your family prefers a mild winter.
- Your spouse wants to live in a city.
- Your daughter loves skiing.

Where do you think you might settle? Why did you choose this location?