

## Year 7 Geography Knowledge Organiser: The Middle East

Key word	Meaning
Physical features	Natural features in Geography including bodies of water and landforms, for example, oceans, mountains and lakes.
Human features	Man-made features in Geography including settlements such as towns and cities and the built-up environment.
Biome	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things. Major biomes include tundra, forests, grasslands, and deserts.
Middle east	An extensive area of south-western Asia and northern Africa, stretching from the Mediterranean to Pakistan and including the Arabian Peninsula.
Natural resource	Something that is found in nature and can be used by people. Earth's natural resources include light, air, water, plants, animals, soil, stone, minerals, and fossil fuels.
Mediterranean climate	Is very mild (few extreme temperatures), so it really on has 2 seasons: summer and winter. Summers are longer than winter, and the winter is very mild.
Grasslands (steppe)	Land on which the natural dominant plant forms are grasses and very few trees.
Hot deserts and scrub	An arid biome that makes its home in places that receive very little rainfall (precipitation) per year, averaging less then 10 inches of rainfall per year.
Rain shadow	A region having little rainfall because it is sheltered from prevailing rain-bearing winds by a range of hills.
Erosion	The gradual destruction of something by natural forces (such as water, wind, or ice)



\*A perception of the Middle East is that everything is old or ancient mostly because a lot of it is. From what scientists can tell human civilization began in this area. They even call part of it the cradle of civilization.

\*The Middle East is also the origin point for many of the religions and belief systems which help define modern civilizations today.

\*The most populous countries in the Middle East include Pakistan (193 million), Egypt (90.6 million), Iran (79 million), and Turkey (78.7 million), while the least populated countries are Cyprus (1.1 million), Bahrain (1.4 million), Qatar (2.4 million), and Armenia (3 million).

### Key Facts

- \*The Middle East is also called the Near East, especially when talking about history.
- \*18 separate countries make up this region: Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Northern Cyprus, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.
- \*The most widely spoken languages in the Middle East are Arabic, Persian, Turkish, Berber and Kurdish.
- \*The largest cities in the Middle East are Cairo, Tehran, Istanbul, Baghdad, Riyadh, Jeddah and Ankara.
- \*The largest ethnic group in the Middle East are Arabs.
- \*Many countries in the Middle East are wealthy because they have large quantities of crude oil.

Websites: <https://globaldimension.org.uk/middle-east/> <https://www.ducksters.com/geography/middleeast.php>