

CHAPTER 11

**Guided Reading Strategies 11.1
Central America and the Caribbean**

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, circle the boldface word or phrase that *best* completes each statement below.

1. Central America is a(n) **isthmus / peninsula** that links North and South America.
2. The **Lesser / Greater** Antilles include Cuba, Hispaniola, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico.
3. More than **700 / 7,000** islands make up the Bahamas.
4. Hispaniola is divided between the countries of **Haiti / Jamaica** and the Dominican Republic.
5. Some islands in the region were formed from **hurricanes / volcanoes**.
6. The **Cayman Islands / Dominican Republic** began as coral reefs.
7. The mountainous interior of Central America has a **tundra / highland** climate.
8. Mangrove trees are unusual because their roots grow in **salt water / quicksand**.
9. Jamaica has major deposits of **bauxite / nickel**, the ore from which aluminum is made.
10. In 2001 two earthquakes a month apart killed hundreds of people in **El Salvador / Cuba**.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, identify the seven countries that make up Central America.

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