

CHAPTER 32

Guided Reading Strategies 32.1

The Pacific Islands

READING THE SECTION For each of the following statements, fill in the blank with the appropriate word, phrase, or name.

1. The _____ is the largest natural feature on Earth.
2. There are two kinds of high islands— _____ islands and continental islands.
3. _____, the world's second-largest island, is a continental island.
4. Low islands form from _____ and are usually small and flat.
5. A ring-shaped coral island is called a(n) _____.
6. Coral reefs have been called the _____ of the ocean because of their biological diversity.
7. The _____ soils of the high islands are usually very rich.
8. Low islands are less fertile and often have no sources of _____.
9. The _____ is the deepest point in the Pacific Ocean.
10. Climates in the Pacific Islands region are generally _____ with high rainfall.
11. Only _____ has areas with highland climates.
12. Fish and _____ are important resources for the region.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, identify the three large subregions of the Pacific Islands.

1. Subregion: _____

2. Subregion: _____

3. Subregion: _____
