

CHAPTER 32

Guided Reading Strategies 32.3

The Pacific Islands

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine each of the pairs of statements below. Circle the letter of the statement in each pair that is true.

- 1. **a.** Raw materials in the Pacific Islands are limited.
b. The Pacific Islands region has a wide variety of raw materials.
- 2. **a.** Overall, the Pacific Island region is wealthy.
b. Overall, the Pacific Island region is poor.
- 3. **a.** Coconut oil and copra have been major exports of the region.
b. Gold and silver have been major exports of the region.
- 4. **a.** Each country of the Pacific can charge fees for economic activities within its Exclusive Economic Zone.
b. Each country of the Pacific must pay a fee for economic activities within its Exclusive Economic Zone.
- 5. **a.** Overall, the population of the Pacific Islands is high.
b. Overall, the population of the Pacific Islands is low.
- 6. **a.** Port Moresby is the largest city in the Pacific Islands region.
b. New Caledonia is the largest city in the Pacific Islands region.
- 7. **a.** The Pacific Islands region saw rapid urban growth in the late 1900s.
b. Urban growth in the Pacific Islands region declined in the late 1900s.
- 8. **a.** Death rates in the Pacific have remained high while birthrates have fallen.
b. Birthrates in the Pacific have remained high while death rates have fallen.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, explain how mining has both helped and hurt the tiny island country of Nauro.
