

Glossary for Middle East

KEY TERMS: semi-arid, forced migration, reservoir, water stress, finite resource, OPEC, exports, sustainable, region, conflict, economy, refugees population density, arid, desalination, crude oil, diversify, geopolitics, Mount Damavand, biome, climate

As you learn these words, write them next to their correct definition:

1 arid	Very dry, receives very little rain
2 water stress	Where a country or region cannot meet its demand for fresh water
3 Finite resource	There is a limited amount of something
4 semi-arid	Areas with grass and some low bushes but no trees
5 population density	The number of people living in an measured area
6 desalination	Seawater is turned into fresh water
7 diversify	Develop a wider range - eg more ways to earn money
8 geopolitics	How different factors shape the relationships between countries
9 Mount Damavand	The highest mountain in the Middle East
10 biome	An area that shares similar vegetation and plant life
11 reservoir	Artificial lake created to store water
12 OPEC	Organisation Petroleum Exporting Countries
13 exports	Sell things to another country
14 economy	All buying, selling distributing activities
15 conflict	Serious disagreement that may lead to war
16 sustainable	Can be carried on into the future without causing harm
17 crude oil	Naturally occurring and unrefined petroleum
18 forced migration	People who have been forced to move away from their home country to seek safety somewhere else.
19 region	An area within a country
20 climate	The average weather recorded over a period of time
21 refugees	Movement of people away from their homes due to political conflict, natural disaster or hazard.
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