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Chile Is Long and Thin Like a Ribbon

Circle group

Look at a map of South America. On the left, you will see a country that is long and thin. It is Chile. It looks like a ribbon.

On one side of Chile are tall mountains called the Andes. On the other side is the Pacific Ocean. The land between them is narrow.

Chile is so long that its weather changes from north to south. The north has a dry desert. The middle has warm, sunny summers. The far south is cold, wet, and windy.

A person could go from a hot desert to a land of ice. She would stay in one country.

Questions

1. What shape is Chile?

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2. What mountains are on one side?

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3. What is on the other side?

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4. What is the north like?

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5. Why does the weather change from north to south?

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Words to know

ribbon: a long, thin strip of cloth
narrow: not wide from one side to the other
desert: a place that gets very little rain

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Chile Is Long and Thin Like a Ribbon

Triangle group

Look at a map of South America. On the left side, you will see a country that is very long and very thin. It is Chile. It looks like a ribbon that runs from the top to the bottom.

On one side of Chile is a tall line of mountains called the Andes. On the other side is the Pacific Ocean. The land between them is narrow.

Because Chile is so long, its weather changes as you go from north to south. The north has a very dry desert. The middle has warm, sunny summers. The far south is cold, wet, and windy.

A person in Chile could start in a hot desert and travel to a chilly land of ice. She would not even leave the country.

Questions

1. What shape is Chile?

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2. What mountains are on one side of Chile?

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3. What is on the other side of Chile?

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4. What is the north of Chile like?

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5. Why does the weather change from north to south?

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Words to know

ribbon: a long, thin strip of cloth
narrow: not wide from one side to the other
desert: a place that gets very little rain
chilly: cold enough to make you shiver

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Chile Is Long and Thin Like a Ribbon

Square group

Look closely at a map of South America. Along the left side, you will notice a country that is extremely long and very thin. It is Chile, and it looks like a ribbon stretching from the top of the map to the bottom.

On one side of Chile stands a tall chain of mountains called the Andes, and on the other side lies the Pacific Ocean. The strip of land between them is narrow.

Because Chile is so long, its weather changes as you travel from north to south. The north contains a very dry desert, the middle enjoys warm, sunny summers, and the far south is cold, wet, and windy.

A person in Chile could begin in a hot desert and journey all the way to a chilly land of ice without ever leaving the country.

Questions

1. What shape is Chile?

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2. What chain of mountains stands on one side of Chile?

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3. What lies on the other side of Chile?

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4. What does the north of Chile contain?

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5. Why does the weather change as you travel from north to south?

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Words to know

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3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Chile Is Long and Thin Like a Ribbon

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Chile Is Long and Thin Like a Ribbon

Easier · 104 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.2

1. Long and thin, like a ribbon.
2. The Andes.
3. The Pacific Ocean.
4. A dry desert.
5. The country is so long that the north and south are in very different places.

Triangle: Chile Is Long and Thin Like a Ribbon

This passage · 128 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. Very long and thin, like a ribbon.
2. The Andes.
3. The Pacific Ocean.
4. A very dry desert.
5. The country is so long that the north and the south are in very different places.

Square: Chile Is Long and Thin Like a Ribbon

Harder · 137 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 6.9

1. Very long and thin, like a ribbon.
2. The Andes.
3. The Pacific Ocean.
4. A very dry desert.
5. The country is so long that the north and the south are in very different places.