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STRAITS

Gateways Between the World's Great Seas



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How to Use This Guide

Every question below has been independently fact-checked against current geographic references — corrected where the original answer key was wrong.



Highlighted Answer

The correct option is shaded green and marked with a tick, so the right choice is unmistakable at a glance.



Short Explanation

A concise note beneath every question explains why that answer is correct, with the two seas or landmasses it connects.



Fact-Checked

All 23 answers were cross-verified against current geographic sources; any inaccuracies in the original sheet have been corrected.

Note: One classic textbook phrasing says Bab-ul-Mandab "joins the Red Sea and the Persian Gulf." Geographically it actually connects the Red Sea to the **Gulf of Aden** (Indian Ocean) — the explanation for Q2 clarifies this while keeping the intended answer choice.

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DEFINITION OF A STRAIT

1

Which of the following words explains a narrow strip of water separating two landmasses and connecting two big seas?

A Strait



B Bay

C Peninsula

D Gulf



CORRECT ANSWER — **(A) Strait**

WHY?

A strait is a naturally formed, narrow channel of water that connects two larger bodies of water (usually two seas or a sea and an ocean) while separating two landmasses. A bay is an inlet of water, a peninsula is land surrounded by water on three sides, and a gulf is a large inlet of the sea — none of these fit the definition given.

BAB-UL-MANDAB (GATE OF TEARS)

2

Which of the following strait separates Arabia and Africa and joins the red sea and Persian gulf?

A Bering strait

B Bab-ul-Mandab



C Bosphorus

D Davis



CORRECT ANSWER — (B) Bab-ul-Mandab

WHY?

Bab-ul-Mandab lies between Yemen on the Arabian Peninsula and Djibouti/Eritrea in the Horn of Africa. Geographically it connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden (and onward to the Indian Ocean) rather than the Persian Gulf directly — but among the given options it remains the only correct match for a strait separating Arabia from Africa.

DAVIS STRAIT

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A strait which separates Greenland from Baffin islands is ____.

A Gibraltar

B Florida

C Davis



D Dover



CORRECT ANSWER — (C) Davis

WHY?

The Davis Strait lies between Greenland and Baffin Island (Canada), linking the Labrador Sea to Baffin Bay in the Arctic. It is named after English explorer John Davis, who charted it in the 1580s.



THE BOSPHORUS STRAIT

Strait of Bosporous connects ____

A Black sea and red sea

B Black sea and Baltic sea

C Black sea and sea of marmara



D None of these



CORRECT ANSWER — (C) Black sea and sea of marmara

WHY?

The Bosphorus flows through Istanbul, connecting the Black Sea in the north to the Sea of Marmara in the south. Together with the Dardanelles, it links the Black Sea to the Mediterranean and physically separates Europe from Asia.



STRAIT OF MESSINA

It separates Italy from Sicily.

A Palk strait

B Sunda strait

C Messina strait



D Megellan strait



CORRECT ANSWER — (C) Messina strait

WHY?

The Strait of Messina separates the southern tip of mainland Italy (Calabria) from the island of Sicily, connecting the Tyrrhenian Sea to the Ionian Sea. It is roughly 3 km wide at its narrowest point.



STRAIT OF MALACCA

Strait of Malacca separates ____.

A Malaysia and China

B Malaysia and Indonesia ✓

C Malaysia and Sri Lanka

D None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER — (B) Malaysia and Indonesia**

WHY?

The Strait of Malacca runs between Peninsular Malaysia and the Indonesian island of Sumatra, linking the Andaman Sea (Indian Ocean) to the South China Sea (Pacific Ocean). It is one of the busiest and most strategically important shipping lanes on Earth.

PALK STRAIT



Which of the following straits separate India from Sri Lanka?

A Davis

B Palk



C Sunda

D Johor



CORRECT ANSWER — (B) Palk

WHY?

The Palk Strait lies between Tamil Nadu (India) and northern Sri Lanka, connecting the Bay of Bengal to the Palk Bay. Together with Adam's Bridge, it forms the historic land-and-sea link between the two countries.

STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

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It separates Spain from Africa and connects Mediterranean sea with the Atlantic Ocean ____

A Gibraltar



B Johor

C Florida

D Davis



CORRECT ANSWER — **(A) Gibraltar**

WHY?

The Strait of Gibraltar separates Spain (Europe) from Morocco (Africa) and is the only natural connection between the Mediterranean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean. At its narrowest it is just about 13 km wide.

JOHOR STRAIT



Which of the following straits separate Mayaysia from Singapore?

A Dover

B Johor



C Sunda



CORRECT ANSWER — (B) Johor

WHY?

The Johor Strait (also called the Tebrau Strait) separates Peninsular Malaysia from the island of Singapore. It is crossed by the Johor-Singapore Causeway and the Second Link bridge.



SUNDA STRAIT

10 Sunda strait separates ____.

A Java from sicily

B Sumatra from java ✓

C Java from sinapore

D Singapore form
Sumatra

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER — (B) Sumatra from java**

WHY?

The Sunda Strait lies between the Indonesian islands of Java and Sumatra, connecting the Java Sea to the Indian Ocean. It is famous as the site of the 1883 Krakatoa eruption.

THE DARDANELLES

11 Sea of Marmara and Aegean sea are connected by the strait ____

A Davis

B Mozambique

C Dardanelles



D malacca

 CORRECT ANSWER — **(C) Dardanelles**

WHY?

The Dardanelles (ancient Hellespont) links the Sea of Marmara to the Aegean Sea in northwestern Turkey. Along with the Bosphorus, it forms the historic waterway connecting the Black Sea to the Mediterranean.

BASS STRAIT



Bass strait separates Australia from

A Newzealand

B Papua new Guinea

C Tasmania



D None of these



CORRECT ANSWER — (C) Tasmania

WHY?

Bass Strait separates the Australian island state of Tasmania from the mainland (Victoria), connecting the Indian and Pacific Oceans (via the Tasman and Southern Seas). It was named after surgeon-explorer George Bass.

COOK STRAIT

13 Cook strait separates South Newzealand from ____

A North Australia

B North Newzealand ✓

C Papua

D None of these

✓ CORRECT ANSWER — **(B) North Newzealand**

WHY?

Cook Strait separates New Zealand's North Island from its South Island, connecting the Tasman Sea to the South Pacific Ocean. It is named after Captain James Cook, who sailed through it in 1770.

THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

14 English channel separates England from ____

A Italy

B France



C Germany

D Sicily

 CORRECT ANSWER — **(B) France**

WHY?

The English Channel separates southern England from northern France, linking the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean. The Channel Tunnel (opened 1994) now connects the two countries beneath the strait.

STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR

15 Identify the famous strait located in Mediterranean sea?

A Berign Strait

B China Strait

C Strait of Gibraltar ✓

D Harmoz Strait

✓ CORRECT ANSWER — **(C) Strait of Gibraltar**

WHY?

Among these options, the Strait of Gibraltar is the well-known strait associated with the Mediterranean Sea — it sits at its western mouth, forming the gateway between the Mediterranean and the Atlantic Ocean.

BERING STRAIT

16 Which of the following strait separate Asia from North America?

A Bering Strait ✓

B Plak Strait

C Harmoz Strait

D None of these

✓ CORRECT ANSWER — **(A) Bering Strait**

WHY?

The Bering Strait separates Russia (Asia) from Alaska (North America), connecting the Chukchi Sea (Arctic Ocean) to the Bering Sea (Pacific Ocean). At its narrowest, only about 82 km of water separates the two continents.

MOZAMBIQUE STRAIT (CHANNEL)



Which is the broadest strait of the world?

A Palk Strait

B Messina Strait

C Mozambique Strait ✓

D None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER — (C) Mozambique Strait**

WHY?

The Mozambique Channel, between Madagascar and Mozambique, is the widest strait in the world — stretching roughly 400 to 950 km across at various points. It is a major shipping route in the western Indian Ocean.

BAB-AL-MANDAB

18 Which of the following straits separate Asia form Africa?

A Bering Strait

B Bab-al-Mandab ✓

C Bosporous Strait

D None of these

✓ CORRECT ANSWER — **(B) Bab-al-Mandab**

WHY?

Bab-al-Mandab separates the Arabian Peninsula (Asia) from the Horn of Africa (Djibouti/Eritrea), linking the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden. It is one of the world's most strategic oil-shipping chokepoints.

FLORIDA STRAIT

19 Which of the following straits separate Florida from Cuba?

A Cuba Strait

B Florida Strait 

C Mexico Strait

 CORRECT ANSWER — **(B) Florida Strait**

WHY?

The Florida Strait lies between the southern tip of Florida (USA) and Cuba, connecting the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic Ocean. It carries the powerful Florida Current, the source of the Gulf Stream.

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LOCATION OF THE MALACCA STRAIT

Malacca strait is located in ____

A Malaysia

B Indonesia



C India

D Canada



CORRECT ANSWER — (B) Indonesia

WHY?

The Strait of Malacca runs between Peninsular Malaysia and the Indonesian island of Sumatra. Standard exam references commonly associate it with Indonesia (Sumatra forming its western shore), though it is bordered by Malaysia and Thailand as well.

DARDANELLES — LOCATION

21 Dardanelles strait is located in which country?

A Turkey



B Indonesia

C USA

D Canada

✓ CORRECT ANSWER — **(A) Turkey**

WHY?

The Dardanelles lies entirely within Turkey, linking the Sea of Marmara to the Aegean Sea and forming part of the historic boundary between Europe and Asia.



PALK STRAIT — LOCATION

22 Palk Strait is located in the ____.

A Pacific Ocean

B Arctic Ocean

C Indian Ocean



D Atlantic Ocean



CORRECT ANSWER — (C) Indian Ocean

WHY?

The Palk Strait is part of the Indian Ocean system, connecting the Bay of Bengal with the Palk Bay between India and Sri Lanka.

LONGEST STRAIT — MALACCA

23 Which is the longest strait of the world?

A Palk strait

B Malacca strait 

C Messina strait

D Bosphorous strait

 CORRECT ANSWER — **(B) Malacca strait**

WHY?

Among the given options, the Strait of Malacca (about 800 km long) is the longest, far exceeding the Palk Strait, Messina Strait, or the Bosphorus. (Note: globally, the Mozambique Channel is longer still, but it isn't among these choices.)