

**China, Mongolia, and Taiwan****Vocabulary Builder****Section 1**

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| Gobi             | Himalayas         | Chang Jiang (Yangzi River) |
| loess            | North China Plain | Huang He (Yellow River)    |
| Plateau of Tibet |                   |                            |

**DIRECTIONS** Read each sentence and fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. Asia's longest river, the \_\_\_\_\_, flows through Central China.  
(**Chang Jiang/Huang He**)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the world's coldest desert.  
(**North China Plain/Gobi**)
3. The Roof of the World is another name for the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(**Plateau of Tibet/Himalayas**)
4. The Yellow River picks up large amounts of fertile, yellowish soil called \_\_\_\_\_.  
(**loess/Gobi**)
5. Mount Everest, the world's highest mountain, is located in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(**Himalayas/North China Plain**)

**DIRECTIONS** Answer each question by writing a sentence that contains at least one word from the word bank.

6. Where are China's main population centers?

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7. How do China's rivers both help and hurt the country's people?

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