Vocabulary for PET - Unit 1.2: Geography - Reading

Choose the best word for each space (1–10).

Geography of Japan

Japan is made up of over 3,000 islands which stretch along the Pacific coast of Asia. The four largest are Honshu, Hokkaido, Kyushu and Shikoku. Japan's (1) ....closest........ neighbours are Korea, Russia and China. Japan has many high mountains and (2) .... valleys and much of its soil is rocky. This means that there is a limited (3) .... of good farmland. Where farmland does (4) .... , tea, rice and fruit are grown. Because of the lack of (5) .... Japan's cities are mostly crowded onto the flat (6) .... around the coast. Japan is the (7) .... fishing nation in the world and shellfish and seafood are also cultivated in the (8) .... bays along the coast. Because of all the mountains, rivers in Japan are short and fast-flowing and so cannot be used to (9) .... goods. However, there is an excellent (10) .... of ports and harbours which are used for this purpose.

1	bordering / nearby / closest	5	area / region / space
2	low / deep / short	6	ground / earth / land
3	amount / number / total	7	leading / important / original
4	stay / exist / live	8	thin / shallow / slim

9 transport / contain / travel

10 organisation / network / company