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Activity:

Information about borders and the different types that exist.

Instructions 1. Read the information below about borders. Listen to the audio and follow the reading. You can use the dictionary to help you understand.

What is a border?

Borders are geographic limits. Borders establish the limits of the territory and control of a country. Borders separates countries, states, provinces, cities, and towns.

Borders can be categorized into physical borders and political borders. Borders can be real separations or imaginary lines that separate geographic areas.

What are natural boundaries?

Natural boundaries are visible geographic characteristics. For example, mountains, rivers, or deserts, lakes, etc. A natural boundary (border) has lengths and dimensions easy to recognize.

Different types of natural boundaries

1. Frontiers
2. Rivers and lakes
3. Oceans
4. Tectonic plates
5. Mountains

What are political boundaries?

Political boundaries are characterized by an imaginary line. This imaginary line separates countries, states, provinces, counties, cities, and towns.

Sometimes, political boundaries can also separate cultures, languages, ethnicities, and cultural resources.

Political boundaries characteristics

Political boundaries mark political control. Political boundaries determine the distribution of resources, demarcate areas of military control, divide economic markets, and create areas of legal rules.

> **Global:** boundaries between nations or countries.

> **Local:** boundaries between towns, districts, and municipalities.

Types of political boundaries

> **Militarized:** People cannot cross these borders easily. They are guarded by military forces. For example: the border between North Korea and South Korea.

> **Open:** People can cross these open borders freely. For example, the countries in the European Union.



Instructions 2. Choose the correct answer based on the images shown.

A) Choose the picture that **represents** a **natural** boundary.



A



B

B) Choose the picture that **represents** a border **created** by **humans** (imaginary division).



A



B

C) Check the **four** boxes with **words** that are **types** of **natural** boundaries.

Rivers	
Buildings	
Tectonic plates	
Lakes	
Fences	
Oceans	



D) Label the pictures below between **GLOBAL** and **LOCAL** political boundaries.

 (South America)	 (Colombia)

E) Label the pictures below between **MILITARIZED** or **OPEN** border.

 (Belgium - Netherlands)	 (North Korea - South Korea)

F) According to the text, what is the border in the world with more military forces?

