

Where is Egypt?

Egypt is a large country located in the north-east of Africa, though part of its territory - the Sinai Peninsula - extends into south-west Asia. This unique position means Egypt is considered a transcontinental country, bridging two continents. It shares land borders with Libya to the west, Sudan to the south, and Israel and Gaza to the north-east.

The River Nile is central to life in Egypt. It is the longest river in the world and flows northwards through the country before emptying into the Mediterranean Sea through a wide, fan-shaped area called the Nile Delta. The delta is one of the most fertile regions in Egypt and is home to a large proportion of the population.

Beyond the Nile Valley, Egypt is dominated by the Sahara Desert, which is one of the hottest and largest deserts on Earth. The Eastern Desert lies between the Nile and the Red Sea, while the Western Desert stretches towards Libya. Egypt also borders the Red Sea to the east and the Mediterranean Sea to the north, giving it important coastal access for trade and travel.

Egypt's capital, Cairo, sits near the Nile Delta and is the most populated city in Africa, home to over twenty million people.



Questions

1. In which part of Africa is Egypt located?
2. What is the name of the peninsula that extends into Asia?
3. What does the term "transcontinental" mean?
4. Which country borders Egypt to the south?
5. In which direction does the River Nile flow through Egypt?
6. What is the Nile Delta?
7. Why is the Nile Delta important?
8. Which two deserts are mentioned in the article?
9. Which two seas border Egypt?
10. Cairo is described as the most populated city in Africa. Why do you think Egypt's population is so concentrated in one area of the country?

