

# Knowledge Organiser: The Middle East

## Selected Key words and definitions

Arab Spring	A wave of unrest and protests which began in Tunisia (North Africa) in 2010, and spread to other Arab countries.
Conflict	Serious disagreement, which may lead to violence and even full-scale war.
Desalination plant	Where sea water is turned into fresh water which people can drink, by removing the salt.
Development	A process of change to improve people's lives
Dictatorial	Keeps tight control over the people, so they have little freedom.
Hydroelectricity	Electricity generated when flowing water spins a turbine.
Independence	When a country that had been a colony begins to govern itself.

## Useful web-site

<http://clilenergies.wikispaces.com/1.+Energy+and+sources+of+energy>

## Key Concepts

Where and what is the Middle east?  
 Physical geography of the Middle East  
 Climate zones and biomes  
 The population of the Middle East  
 Case study – The Arabian Peninsula  
 Conflict in the Middle East  
 Israel and the State of Palestine



## Did you know?

- The Dead Sea is so salty that no animals can live in it.
- The salty water is so dense that you can float around in it, reading a book

## Surrounded by land, with no ocean coastline

### Landlocked

Surrounded by water with no ocean coastline.  
 •Jordan is landlocked except at its southern extremity, where nearly 26 kilometres (16 mi) of shoreline along the Gulf of Aqaba provide access to the Red Sea.

## Links to other topics in geography

Coastal landscapes  
 Tectonic landscapes  
 Population  
 Urbanisation  
 Weather and climate



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