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Mediterranean Sea is a border of which of the following countries? 1. Jordan 2. Iraq 3. Lebanon 4. Syria Select the correct answer using the code given below: (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 2 and 3 only (c) 3 and 4 only (d) 1, 3 and 4 only Official key: C.

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Explanation**(a)**

Option (a) is 1, 2 and 3. Jordan is inland from the Mediterranean behind Israel/Palestine; Iraq is a Persian Gulf and Mesopotamian state with no Mediterranean shore. Including both invalidates this set. This option is not the key.

(b)

Option (b) is 2 and 3 only. Iraq has no Mediterranean coast, even though Lebanon does. This option is therefore wrong.

(c) Official key

Lebanon and Syria both have Mediterranean coastlines (Beirut-Tripoli; Latakia-Tartus). Jordan and Iraq do not. The stem list therefore yields 3 and 4 only, which is the official key.

(d)

Option (d) is 1, 3 and 4 only. Lebanon and Syria are correct, but Jordan's only sea outlet is **Aqaba** on the Red Sea, not the Mediterranean. This option is not the key.

Summary

Official key is (c) 3 and 4 only. On the eastern Mediterranean, Lebanon and Syria are littoral states. Jordan is landlocked from that sea and faces the Red Sea at **Aqaba**. Iraq's coasts are on the Persian Gulf. The stem names Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon and Syria; only the last two border the Mediterranean.

Related possible facts

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Levantine coast

Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Gaza on the eastern Mediterranean

Aqaba

Jordan's only seaport, on the Red Sea

Iraq coastline

Short Persian Gulf front near Umm Qasr / Shatt al-Arab

Hatay / Iskenderun

Turkish Mediterranean coast north of Syria

Dead Sea

Jordan-Israel/Palestine salt lake, not a Mediterranean arm

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