



Heading for the Strait of Hormuz (April 10, 2026)

TEACHING GUIDE

What? The Strait of Hormuz is a very narrow strait used by many oil tankers.

Who? It lies between two Middle Eastern countries: Iran and Oman, and connects the Persian Gulf to the Indian Ocean.

Where? Oil-producing countries (like Saudi Arabia), oil companies, and major world powers that depend on oil.

When? The strait has been used for a long time, but it is frequently in the news today due to political and military tensions in the region.

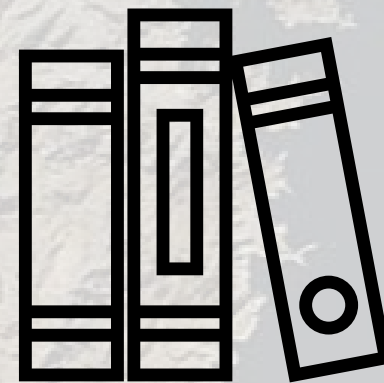
Why is it important? Because a large portion of the world's oil passes through this strait. If it is blocked, it can drive up oil prices and affect the entire planet.

For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about the Strait of Hormuz.



OBJECTIVES

- Understand what a strait is
- Locate the Strait of Hormuz on a map
- Identify the countries of the Persian Gulf
- Understand the link between geography and the global economy
- Interpret a data graph
- Solve simple math problems



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Geography**
 - The Middle East
 - Natural Resources
 - International Trade
- **English**
 - Reading and Comprehension
 - Short Answers
 - Interpreting Information
- **Mathematics**
 - Reading Graphs
 - Addition and Comparison
 - Logical Reasoning



COMPETENCIES

- Researching and interpreting information
- Analyzing visual messages (maps, graphs)
- Making connections between different pieces of information
- Organizing ideas
- Producing short and precise answers



DURATION

- About 60 minutes



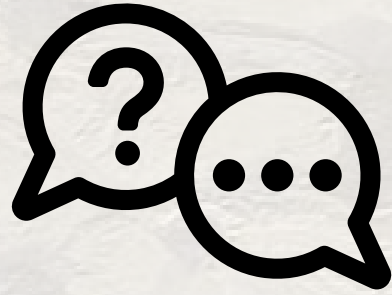
GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they have ever heard of oil.
- Ask them what oil is used for in everyday life.
- Show a picture of an oil tanker or a gas station.
- Ask the question: Why are certain places in the world essential to the global economy?



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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — What is a Strait? Exploration of different straits using Google Earth and completion of a table on the subject.

	On one side	On the other side	Width
Strait of Gibraltar	Spain	Morocco	15 km
Strait of Bering	United States	Russia	85 km
The Bab-el-Mandeb	Yemen	Djibouti / Eritrea	30 km
Strait of Dover	France	United Kingdom	35 km

STEP 2 — The Persian Gulf countries. Identification of countries and their populations using Google Earth and Wikipedia.

- A — Iraq, 46 million
- B — Saudi Arabia, 34 million
- C — United Arab Emirates, 11 million
- D — Oman, 5.5 million

STEP 3 — An Oil-Rich Region. Analysis of a graph and answers to math problems.

- Q9 — 30.4 million barrels per day
- Q10 — True
- Q11 — 13.6 million barrels per day
- Q12 — Approximately 30%



WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion to review what the students have learned.
- Discuss what surprised them (the importance of oil, the role of the strait).
- Ask: Why is the Strait of Hormuz so important to the rest of the world?
- Make a connection with other essential resources (water, food, energy).



FURTHER EXPLORATION

James K. Mahi. *The Big Book of Iran Facts: An Educational Country Travel Picture Book for Kids about History, Destination Places, Animals, and Many More*

