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"Where Could I Bee" – Middle East

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People of Earth

How do you **DO?**

Allow me to introduce

Myself to **YOU.**

My name is Wer Cudi **BEE,**

And I'm a proud member of the

Cudi Bee **FAMILY.**

We love to travel.

But it's so hard to **DECIDE.**

Because in a far-off Galaxy is

Where we **RESIDE.**

The reason I'm talking

To you people of **EARTH**

Is because I've decided

To explore your **TURF.**

My sense of direction

Is not very **STRONG.**

I get lost quite a bit.

Can you help me **ALONG?**

If I get lost or curious

I will shoot you some **CLUES**

You'll do some research

And then what you'll **DO**

Is give my location

Be it land or on **SEA**

Basically you'll tell me

Where Could I **BEE.**

When it comes to geography

I don't know **MUCH**

I'm at a place where Djibouti

And Yemen almost **TOUCH**

Also called the gate of tears

This narrow **WATERWAY**

Sees millions of barrels of oil

Pass through it each **DAY**

The waters connect the Gulf of Aden

To the strategic Red **SEA**

Can you tell me

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The correct answer is Bab-el-Mandeb. This strait connects the Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden near the Horn of Africa. Bab-el-Mandeb along with the Red Sea and Suez Canal allow ships to travel to the Mediterranean Sea without navigating around the continent of Africa.

Bonus: What other famous straits do you know?

7.2.1 Identify on a physical map the major landforms and bodies of water of each region.
7.3.1 Identify on a political map the major countries and population centers of each region.
7.2.2 Describe the distribution of major renewable and nonrenewable resources of each region.

I'm at a place built by Europeans

Near the Sinai **TIP**

At a human-made waterway

That takes Africa out of the **TRIP**

It connects the Red and

Mediterranean **SEAS**

Now connect the clues

And tell me where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Suez Canal.

7.2.1 Identify on a physical map the major landforms and bodies of water of each region.
7.3.4 Evaluate and summarize the impact of geography on population distribution, density, growth, change, settlement patterns, the availability of resources, and migration, including push and pull factors.
7.4.4 Evaluate the effects of human modification of and adaptation to the natural environment through transformation caused by agriculture, the use of modern irrigation methods, industry, demand for energy, and urbanization.

The land I'm in now

Has very little fertile **SOIL**

But it doesn't really need it

It's one of the world's largest exporters of **OIL**

Tell me the name

Of this O.P.E.C. **COUNTRY**

And you may win this

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The correct answer is Saudi Arabia.

7.2.3 Explain how the competition for scarce resources can cause economic and political conflict and cooperation.
7.3.6 Describe the distribution of resources and evaluate how the three levels of economic activates (primary, secondary, tertiary) contribute to the development of a country or region
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If you want sand

Here there is sand to **SPARE**

It's the largest sand desert

That you will find **ANYWHERE**

310 miles wide

And 620 miles **LONG**

You certainly don't

Want to turn **WRONG**

For you might find

On these sands of orange and **RED**

That it's pretty easy

For someone to wind up **DEAD**

Turn to the Arabian Peninsula

And it's desert **HISTORY**

If you want to find

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The correct answer is Rub' Al Khali or the Empty Quarter. Found in the Arabian Desert the Rub' Al KhaliIs the largest continuous sand desert in the world. Here the sand dunes do not drift possibly do to the water that leaches up from the sabkhas.

Bonus: Can you name all the countries that the Rub' Al Khali occupies?

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I’m climbing on mountains

As high as I **CAN**

But I’ve forgotten their name

Here in Southwest **IRAN**

Tell me the name of this Middle Eastern

Mountain **CHAIN**

Tell me where could I bee

With my forgetful **BRAIN** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Zagros Mountains.

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I’m in Saudi Arabia

Near the **COAST**

Where a friend told me

What I should fear the **MOST**

He said “beware the Sabkhas

That are found around **HERE”**

But what a sabkha is

I’m just not quite **CLEAR**

Please look up the definition

Of sabkhas for **ME**

Then turn in that answer

Instead of where can I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

A Sabkha is any form of salt flat. Harmless when dry these flats when wet can become covered with a thin crust that is easily broken leaving one stuck or worse.

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I’m smack dab in the middle

Of the largest desert on **EARTH**

Now I really know

What a glass of water is **WORTH**

When you see water being wasted

Just think of **ME**

And how thirsty I am

Wondering where could I **BEE** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is the Sahara Desert North Africa.

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I am straight across from Europe

In a very large **TOWN**

It is not the capital

But it has more **RENOWN**

Than silly ole Rabat

Where politics aren't for **KIDS**

Rabat didn't even make it

Into **SHOWBIZ**

Now give me this city and country

And please be your **FAIREST**

Even if you don't know where could I bee

We will always have **PARIS** © 2019 All rights reserved.

The correct answer is Casablanca, Morocco.

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