Understanding the Relative Location of the United States

Geographers use the term *relative location* to identify where a place is in relation to other places.

**DIRECTIONS: Fill in the Blanks** Study the political map of the United States. Use the information on the map to complete the statements that follow the map. In the space provided, write the word or words that best complete each sentence.

1. The ________________________ borders the contiguous United States on its eastern shores.

2. The ________________________ borders the contiguous United States on its western shores.

3. ________________________, a body of water, and the country of ________________________ border the United States on the south.

4. ________________________ on the north forms a land border with the United States.