

Continents of the World

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Asia

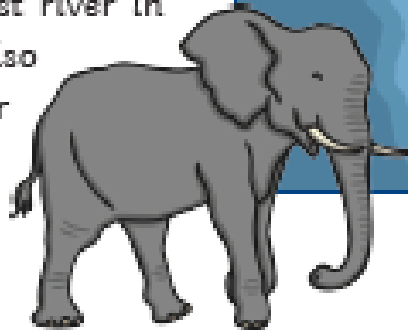
Asia is the largest continent in the world. About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the people in the world live here. They live in 48 countries, including India, Japan and China. The Himalayas, the tallest mountains in the world, are in Asia. Here you will also find the lowest point on land, the Dead Sea. Asia is home to tigers, monkeys and giant pandas.



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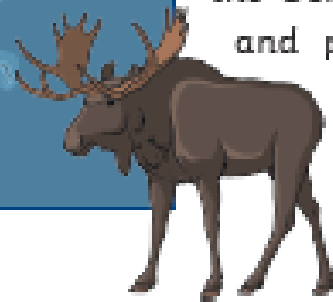
Africa

Africa is the second largest continent in the world. Africa has 54 countries, more than any other continent. These countries include South Africa and Egypt. Africa has the longest river in the world, the Nile. Africa also has the biggest non-polar desert, the Sahara. Africa is home to rhinos, lions, giraffes and elephants.



North America

North America is the third largest continent. Countries here include the USA, Canada and Mexico. Corn and pumpkins come from North America. Animals found in North America include skunks, bears and moose.



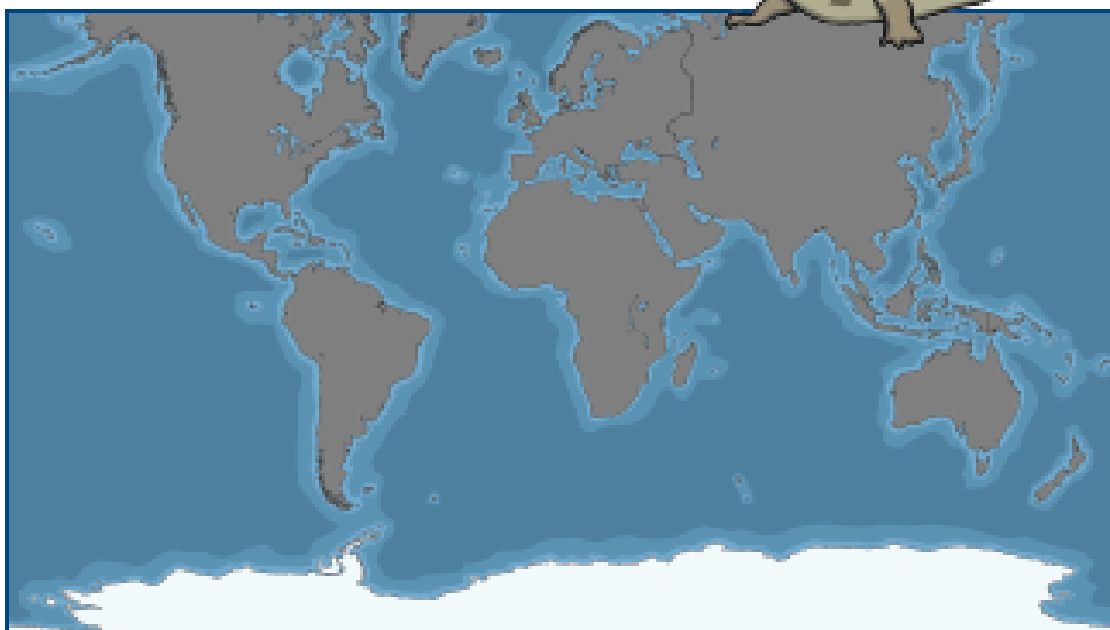
South America

South America is the fourth largest continent in the world. South America has 12 countries, including Brazil, Peru and Argentina. South America is home to the largest rainforest in the world, the Amazon. The Andes mountain range runs the length of the continent. Potatoes, tomatoes and chocolate come from South America. Animals you will find here include sloths, llamas and jaguars.



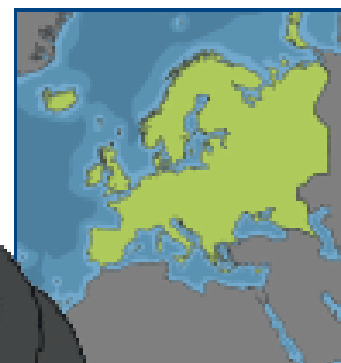
Antarctica

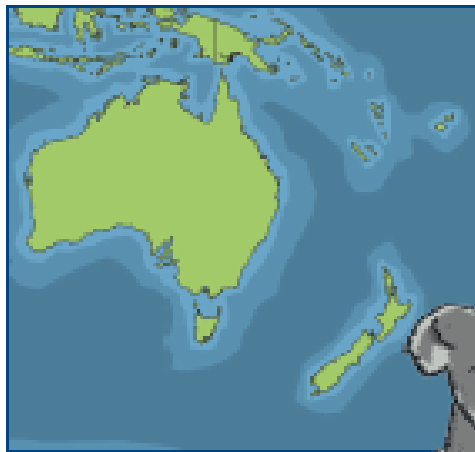
Antarctica is the third smallest continent in the world. It is almost totally covered in ice. Also, it is completely surrounded by the Southern Ocean. Antarctica is the coldest continent on Earth and no trees grow there. Every year, hundreds of scientists live and work in Antarctica. Here you will find penguins, albatross and seals.



Europe

Europe is the second smallest continent in the world. It has 44 countries, including France, Italy and the United Kingdom. Some parts of Europe are very cold and other parts are very warm. Apples, pears and raspberries come from Europe originally. Animals you will find in Europe include foxes, bears and wolves.





Australasia

Australasia is the smallest continent in the world. It is also sometimes called an island-continent. Here you will find the largest coral reef in the world, the Great Barrier Reef. Aboriginal Australasians arrived in Australasia more than 50,000 years ago. Animals found in Australasia include kangaroos, emus and koalas.



Questions

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- South America
- Antarctica

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Accept two of the following: Canada, USA, Mexico

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