

# Continents of the World

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# What Is a Continent?

A continent is a very large landmass.  
A continent is usually separated by water or other natural features, like mountains.  
There are seven continents in the world:

1. Asia
2. Africa
3. North America
4. South America
5. Antarctica
6. Europe
7. Australasia



Let's Find Out More!

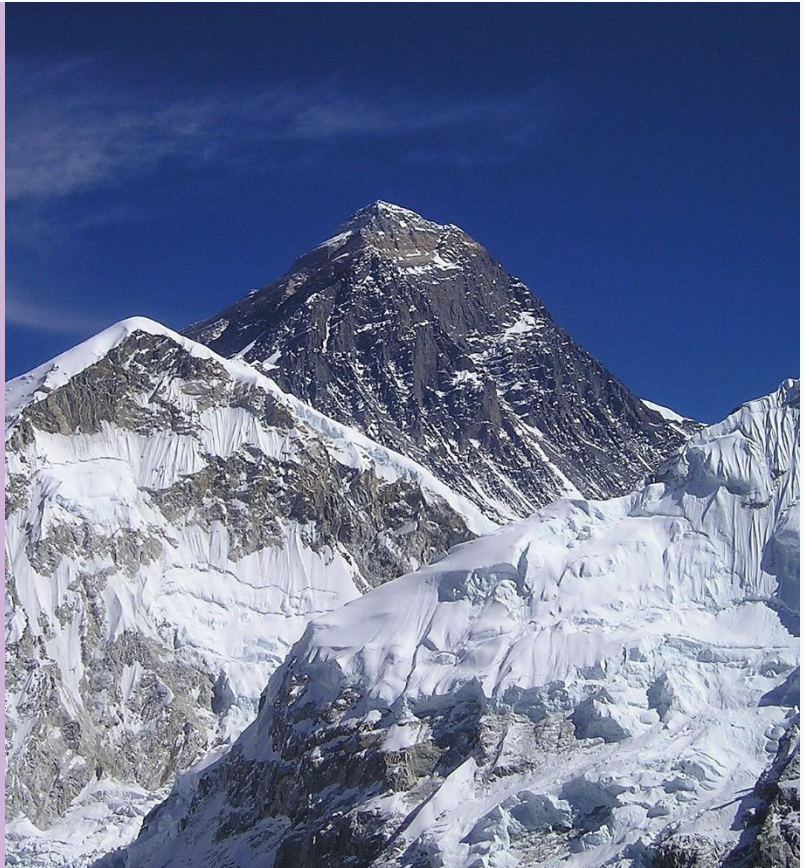
## Did You Know?

Continents only cover 29% of the Earth. The rest of the Earth's surface is water!

# Asia

Asia is the biggest continent in the world.

- 2/3 of the world's population live in Asia.
- Major countries include India and China.
- The Himalayas, the world's tallest mountains, are found here.
- The Dead Sea, the lowest point on land, is also in Asia.
- Asia is home to tigers, monkeys and giant pandas.





# Africa

Africa is the second biggest continent in the world.

- Africa has 54 countries, more than any other continent.
- Major countries include Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa.
- Africa has the longest river in the world, the Nile.
- Africa also has the world's biggest non-polar desert, the Sahara.
- In Africa, you will find giraffes, elephants and lions.



# North America

North America is the third biggest continent in the world.

- Major countries in North America include the USA and Canada.
- Pumpkin and corn originally came from here.
- North America is home to bears, moose and skunks.



# South America

South America is the fourth biggest continent in the world.

- South America only has 12 countries.
- Major countries include Brazil and Argentina.
- The Amazon, the world's biggest rainforest, is found here.
- Tomatoes, potatoes and chocolate all come from South America originally.
- South America is where you will find llamas, sloths and jaguars.

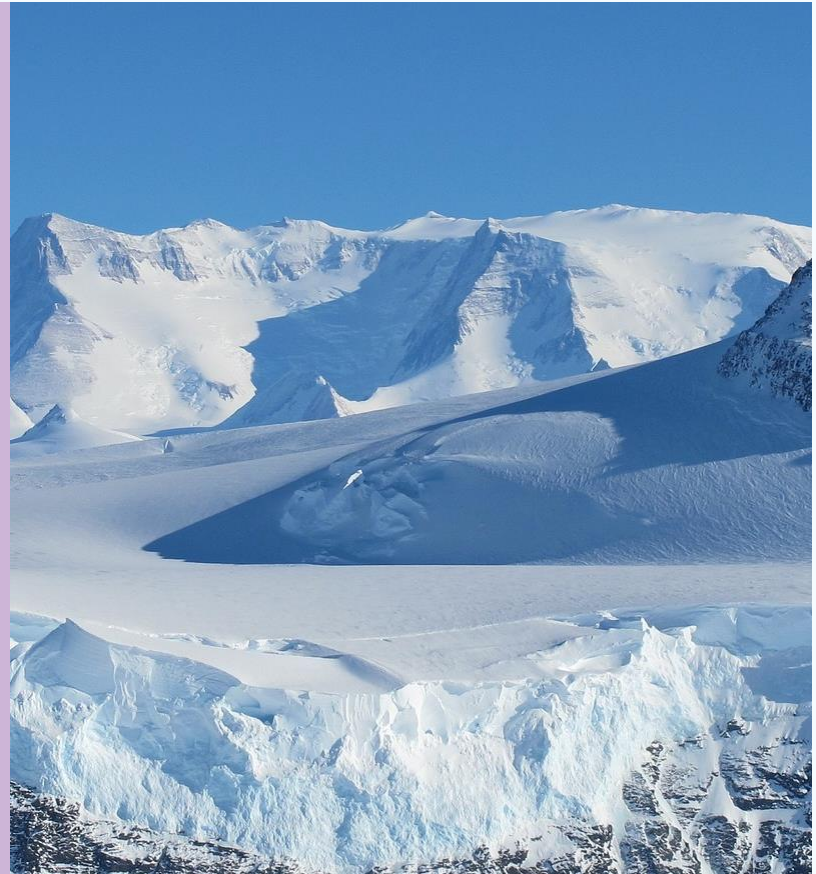




# Antarctica

Antarctica is the third smallest continent in the world.

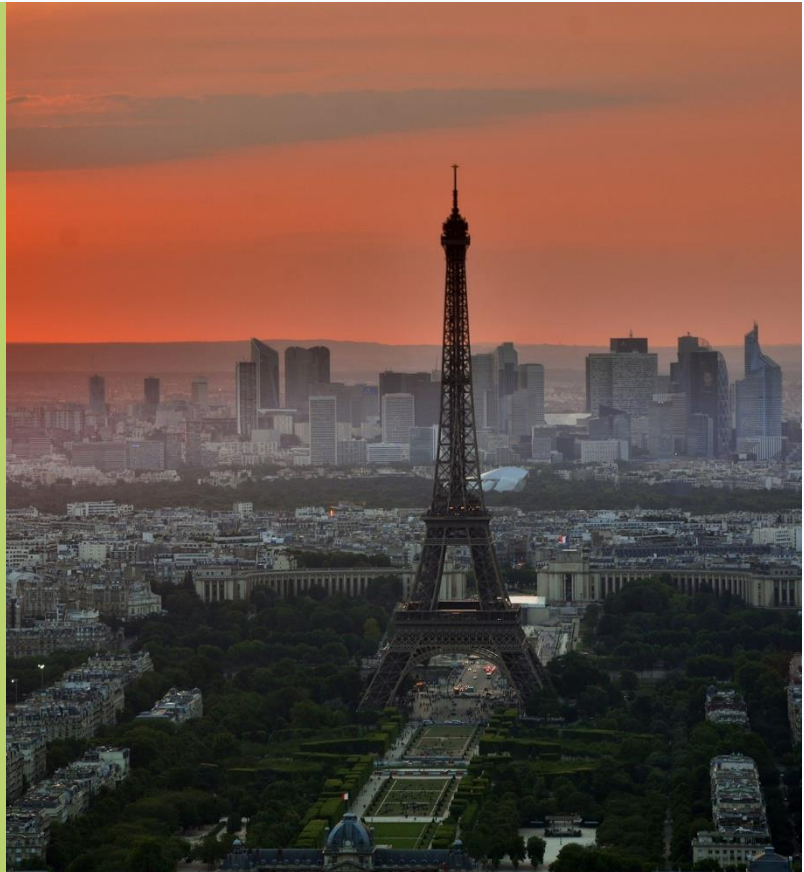
- Antarctica is almost completely covered in ice.
- It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.
- It is the coldest and windiest continent.
- Each year, hundreds of scientists live and work in Antarctica.
- Antarctica is home to penguins, albatross and seals.



# Europe

Europe is the second smallest continent in the world.

- Europe has 44 countries altogether.
- Major countries include France, Germany and the United Kingdom.
- Apples, pears and raspberries all originally come from Europe.
- The majority of Australians have ancestors from Europe.
- Europe is home to foxes, wolves and bears.





# Australasia

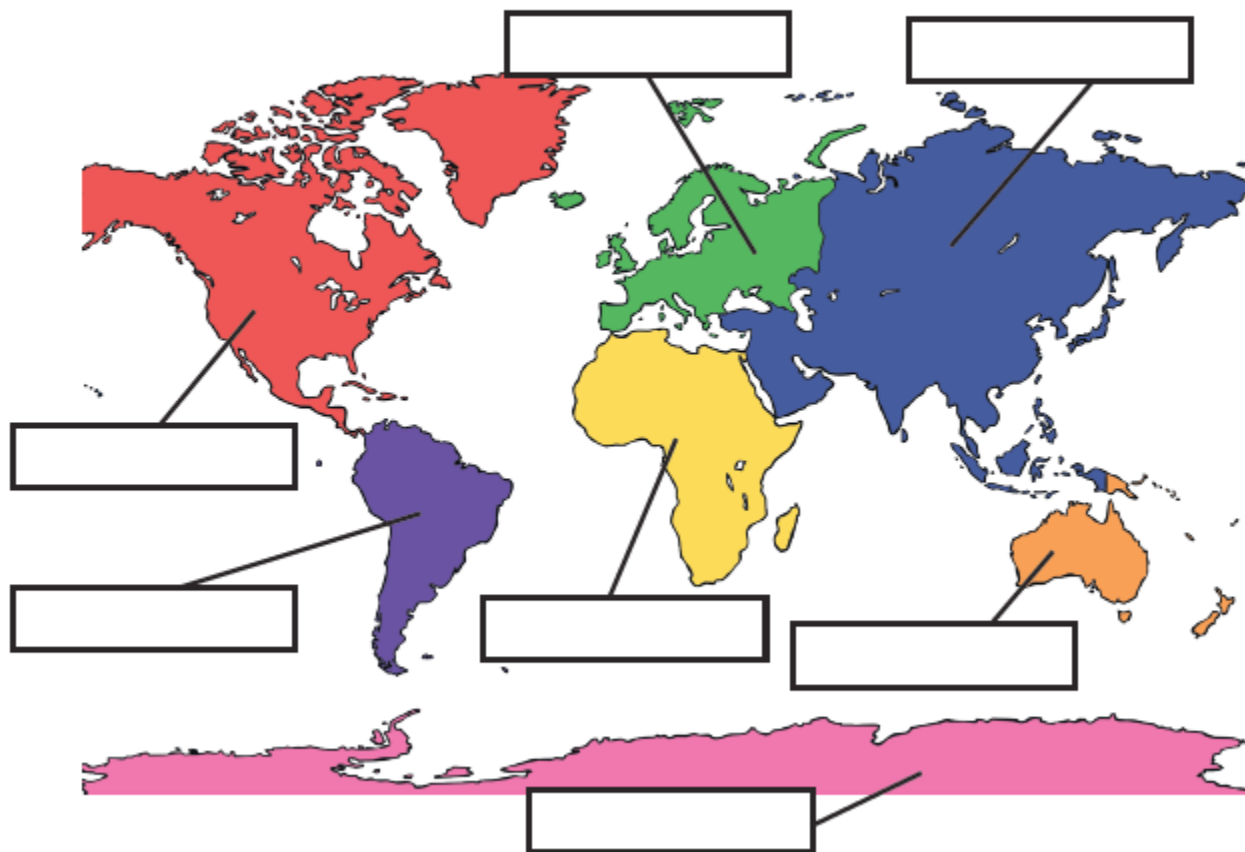
Australasia is the smallest continent in the world.

- Australasia is sometimes called an island-continent.
- The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef, is in Australasia.
- Australasian Aboriginal people first came to Australasia more than 50 000 years ago.
- The continent nearest to Australasia is Asia.
- Australasia has many unique animals including kangaroos, koalas and emus.



# Now try and label the continents

## The Seven Continents of the World



### Word Bank

North America

South America

Africa

Antarctica

Australasia

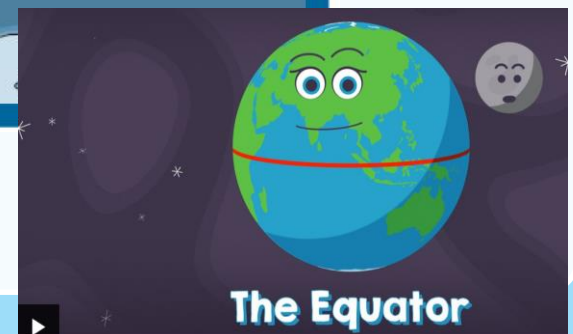
Europe

Asia

# Watch the clip and use the map to label the oceans



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/geography-ks1ks2-the-world/zkk6t39>





# Now complete the reading task

## Continents of the World

A continent is a massive area of land usually separated by water. There are seven continents in the world.



### 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.



## Continents of the World

### Questions

1. What is a continent?  
☐ a massive area of land, usually separated by water  
☐ another word for a country  
☐ an area of water between land
2. Name the biggest continent in the world.  
☐ Australasia  
☐ Asia  
☐ South America
3. Name the continent that is usually covered in ice.  
☐ Europe  
☐ South America  
☐ Antarctica
4. Name two countries in North America.  
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5. Complete the sentence:  
Antarctica is the \_\_\_\_\_ smallest continent in the world.

You can pick your level of challenge