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Continents

There are seven **continents**: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, **Australasia**, Europe, North America and South America. Some **continents** have many countries, others do not.

Oceans

There are five **oceans** in the world: the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean.

KEY VOCABULARY

continent = A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it.

ocean = A large area of sea.

population = The number of people that live in a particular place.

landmark = A well-known building or place.

Australasia = The continent of Australasia is often referred to as just Australia. It has about 28 countries and island groups.

desert = A large area of land that has very little rainfall and where not much grows.

rainforest = A large area of land with lots of tall trees and plenty of rainfall.



Facts

- We live in Europe. Europe is the second smallest continent.
- Europe has many famous landmarks, including Stonehenge in England, the Matterhorn in Switzerland and the Eiffel Tower in France.
- The largest desert in the world (the Sahara) is in Africa.
- The Amazon rainforest is in South America.





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compass = A piece of equipment that tells you what direction you are travelling in. The main compass points are north, south, east and west.

climate = The usual weather conditions of an area.

equator = An imaginary line drawn around the middle of Earth, dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.

tropical = Hot and humid.

temperate = Mild weather. Neither very hot nor very cold.

capital city = An important city, often where the government works.

currency = The money used in a country.

cuisine = Traditional food of a country. **aerial** Seen from above.

physical feature = A feature that has been formed by nature.

human feature = A feature that has been made or changed by humans.

aerial = Seen from above.

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Climate

Countries around the world have different **climates**.

Climates can be sorted into the following zones: warm, cold (or polar), **tropical** and **temperate**. Countries near the equator tend to have a hotter **climate**. Different animals are better suited to living in countries with a particular climate.

Physical Features

Physical features are those made by nature, these include hills, mountains, cliffs, caves, the sea, rivers and beaches.



Human Features



Human features are man-made, which means they are made by humans. These include things like houses, churches, walls, roads and railways.

Aerial Photographs

Aerial photographs are photos taken from above, giving a birds eye view.