

# THE BLUE PLANET

The Earth is an amazing planet with lots of beautiful places, blue oceans, high mountains, green forests, lakes, rivers and incredible animals.

There are \_\_\_ continents:

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_.

There are also \_\_\_ oceans in the world.

**Click & watch!**

The globe has four hemispheres: northern, southern, western and eastern. The line that separates the northern and southern hemisphere is called the equator. The equator is about 40,000 km long.



**Do you know how the continents got their names?**  
**Match the continents and the information about their names.**

The land of the Afri tribe.

Terra Australis Incognita  
– The unknown land in the south.

Named after an ancient princess.

Probably named after the Phoenician  
word 'asa' which means 'east'.

Named after an Italian explorer.

The name means 'the opposite  
of the north'.



# THE CONTINENTS

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The continents cover about 29% of the Earth and most of them are on the northern hemisphere. There is something special about each continent!

**Asia** is the largest continent and it also has the greatest number of people. 60% of the world's population live on the Asian continent. There are over 2,300 languages in Asia – more than anywhere else!

**Australia** is the smallest continent and it is home to many interesting animals, such as kangaroos and koalas. It is the only continent which is one country.

**Europe** is the richest continent and the two smallest countries in the world, Monaco and Vatican City, are located here.

**Africa** is the second largest, and the second most populated continent. It is also the hottest. The Sahara, the world's largest desert, covers 25% of the African continent. It is almost as big as the USA.

**South America** is home to the Amazon rainforest – the green lungs of the planet. You can also find the driest place on Earth there - the Atacama Desert in Chile.

**North America** is located on the northern and western hemisphere. Canada and USA, the second and third largest countries in the world are located here. It also includes Greenland – the largest island in the world.

**Antarctica** is the smallest continent by population – it is very cold and very few people live there. There are no cities there and most of the people living there are scientists. Most of Antarctica is covered with ice.



# THE OCEANS

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**The Pacific Ocean** is the biggest and deepest ocean. It covers 30% of our planet. Its deepest point, the Mariana Trench, located near Japan, is the lowest place on the surface of the Earth. It is over 11 km deep! The ocean was named by the Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan, who discovered it in 1520 and called it 'Mar Pacifico' because of its calm waters. The name means 'peaceful sea'.

**The Atlantic Ocean** is the second largest ocean on Earth. It covers about 20% of the planet and it separates Europe, Africa and the Americas. It has the shape of the letter S. Its name comes from Greek mythology and it means the 'Sea of Atlas'. Atlas was the Greek god of navigation and astronomy.

**The Indian Ocean** is the only ocean named after a country. It is located between Africa, Australasia and the Southern Ocean and it covers almost 20% of the Earth's surface.

**The Arctic Ocean** is located on the northern hemisphere and it surrounds Greenland. It is the smallest ocean and it covers less than 3% of the Earth's surface. Its name comes from the word 'arktos' which means 'bear' in Greek. That's probably because you can spot polar bears there! It is very cold and much of the ocean is covered by ice. There are also icebergs there.

**The Southern Ocean** is located in the southern hemisphere and it surrounds Antarctica. It covers 6% of the Earth's surface. It is very cold and it gets even colder in winter, between April and October, when the water temperature is usually below 0°C.



# QUIZ TIME!

## Click & watch!

How much do you know about the Earth?

Answer the questions below:

1. What is the largest continent? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the hottest continent? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What does the name 'Pacific' mean? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which ocean separates Europe and North America? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the deepest place on Earth called? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the tallest mountain on Earth? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Which continent has the greatest population? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Which continent has no cities? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What is the name of the forest known as the green lungs of the planet?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What is the world's largest country? \_\_\_\_\_
11. The Earth can be divided into four parts. What are they called?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Can you name the 4 directions of the world? \_\_\_\_\_
13. What are the names of the 5 oceans? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Which continent is Japan part of? \_\_\_\_\_
15. What is the name of the biggest island on Earth? \_\_\_\_\_
16. What is the name of the biggest desert in the world? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What is the name of the great river that flows through the rainforests of South America?  
\_\_\_\_\_
18. On which continent do you find the Himalayas? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What is the world's population now? \_\_\_\_\_
20. How did America get its name? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What is the capital city of China? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What is the other name for the South Pole? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Where do penguins live – in the South or the North Pole? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Do polar bears live in the South Pole? \_\_\_\_\_
25. What is the name of the line that separates the northern and southern hemisphere?  
\_\_\_\_\_
26. How long is the line that separates the northern and southern hemisphere?  
\_\_\_\_\_
27. What is the ratio of land and water on Earth's surface? \_\_\_\_\_
28. What is the smallest country in the world? \_\_\_\_\_
29. What are the winter months in Australia? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Where is the driest place on Earth? \_\_\_\_\_