

The continents

Quick Summary



There are 7 continents. A continent is a large land mass with a group of countries, usually joined by land.



Oceania



Location

The Continents



Human features



Physical features

There are 7 continents in the world:

Europe - our continent, South America, North America, Africa, Asia, Oceania and the Arctic.

The line around the middle of the Earth is called the equator. It is very hot at the equator as it is the widest part of the Earth and is therefore closest to the sun. Above the equator is the northern hemisphere. Below the equator is called the southern hemisphere. There are lines called the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn. In tropical areas the weather can be extreme.



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Maps and atlases

1. Look up the place using the **Index** at the back of the book.
2. The number in bold is the page number and the letter and number after it is the grid reference.
3. Turn to the page and look up the grid reference.
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Vocabulary continents, countries, physical features, human features, landscape, environment, waterways, river, lake, sea, coast, source, mouth, land, rainforest, tropical zone, temperate zone, equator, mountain ranges, volcanoes, statue, cathedral, grid reference, scale, maps, northern hemisphere, southern hemisphere, rainfall.

Aspirations and career links to Geography: Environmental consultant, Cartographer, Town planner, Geographical information systems officer, Conservation officer, Landscape architect, Teacher/lecturer.



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Diversity



Physical processes



Human processes



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