

Knowledge Organiser - The Seven Continents and Five Oceans

Significant Places			
			
Earth	Antarctica	Australasia	Africa
Earth is the planet that we live on; the world. The Earth is part of the Universe in the Solar System. It is one planet out of eight.	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.	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. Australasia has many unique animals like	Africa has 54 countries, more than any other continent. Major countries include Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa. The River Nile in Africa is thought by many to be the longest river in the world. In Africa, you will find giraffes, ele-
			
Asia	North America	South America	Europe
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.	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 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 hosts llamas,	Europe has 44 countries. Major countries include France, Germany and the UK. Apples, pears and raspberries all originally come from Europe. Europe is home to foxes, wolves and bears.

Key Vocabulary		
1	Continent	A very large area of land. There are 7 continents in the world. Asia, Africa, Antarctica, Europe, North and South America, Australia.
2	Country	A nation with its own government.
3	Ocean	A very large area of sea. There are 5 oceans on Earth.
4	Atlas of the globe	A book of maps or charts of Earth.
5	Climate	The weather conditions in an area in general or over a long period.
6	Compare	Estimate, measure, or note what is the same or different about more than one thing or place.

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: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australasia. An ocean is a very large area of salt water. Most of the Earth is covered in ocean. There are five oceans in the world: Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean and Arctic Ocean.