



# Continents of the World

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**Can you remember any of the continents or the oceans?**



**Can you remember our continent song? If you can, sing it to your grown up! If you can't remember or you were absent when we learned it, don't worry! The lyrics are down below. It is to the tune of the nursery rhyme 'The Muffin Man'.**

**Do you know the continents? The continents, the continents.**

**Do you know the continents? All around the world.**

**There's Asia and there's Africa.**

**There's North and South America.**

**Antarctica and Europe.**

**And Oceania.**

**Yes, I know the continents. The continents, the continents.**

**Yes, I know the continents. All around the world.**



**Go through the information on the next few slides to find out more about each continent.**



# What Is a Continent?

A continent is a very large piece of land (landmass).

There are seven continents in the world:

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



Let's Find Out More!

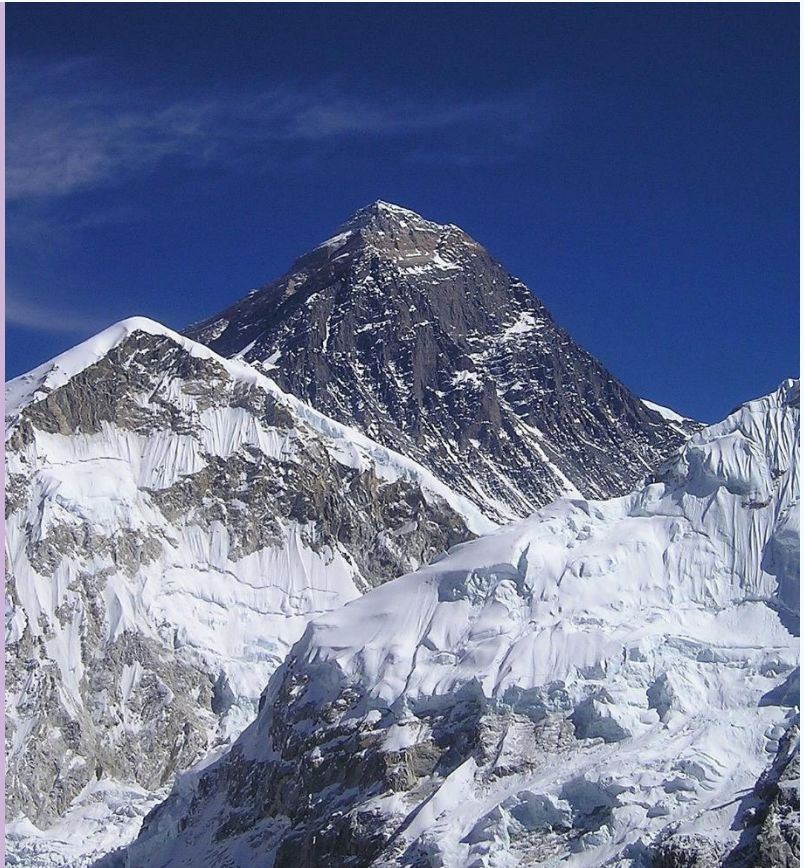
## Did You Know?

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.

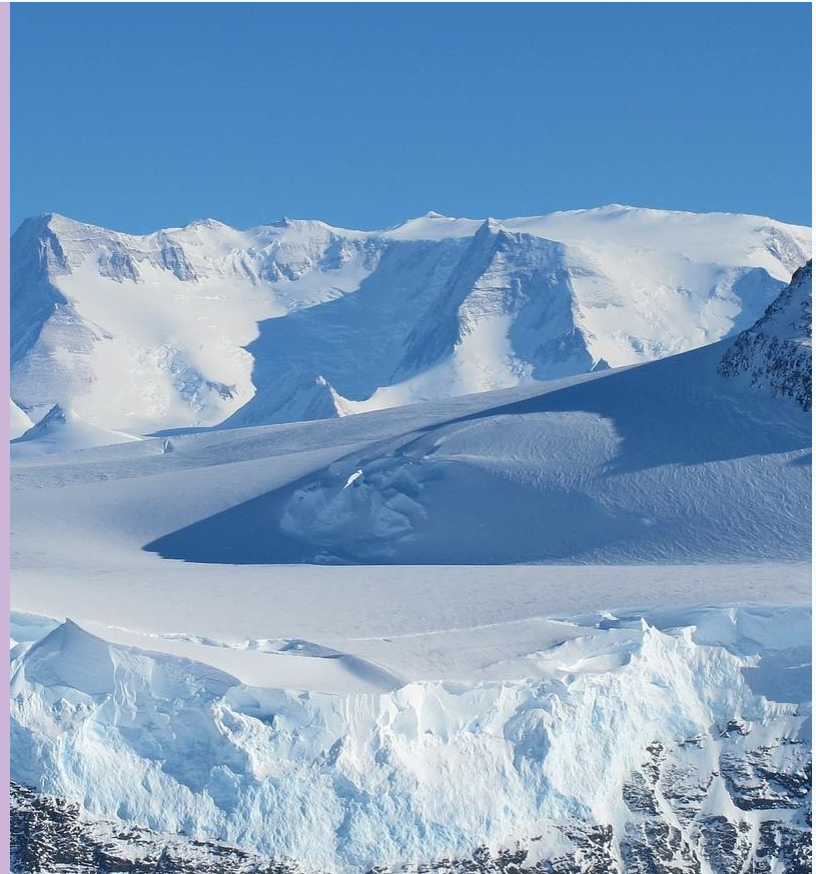
- South America only has 12 countries.
- Major countries include Brazil and Argentina.
- The Amazon, the world's biggest rainforest, is found here.
- Tomatoes, potatoes and chocolate all come from South America originally.
- South America is where you will find llamas, sloths and jaguars.



# Antarctica

Antarctica is the third smallest continent in the world.

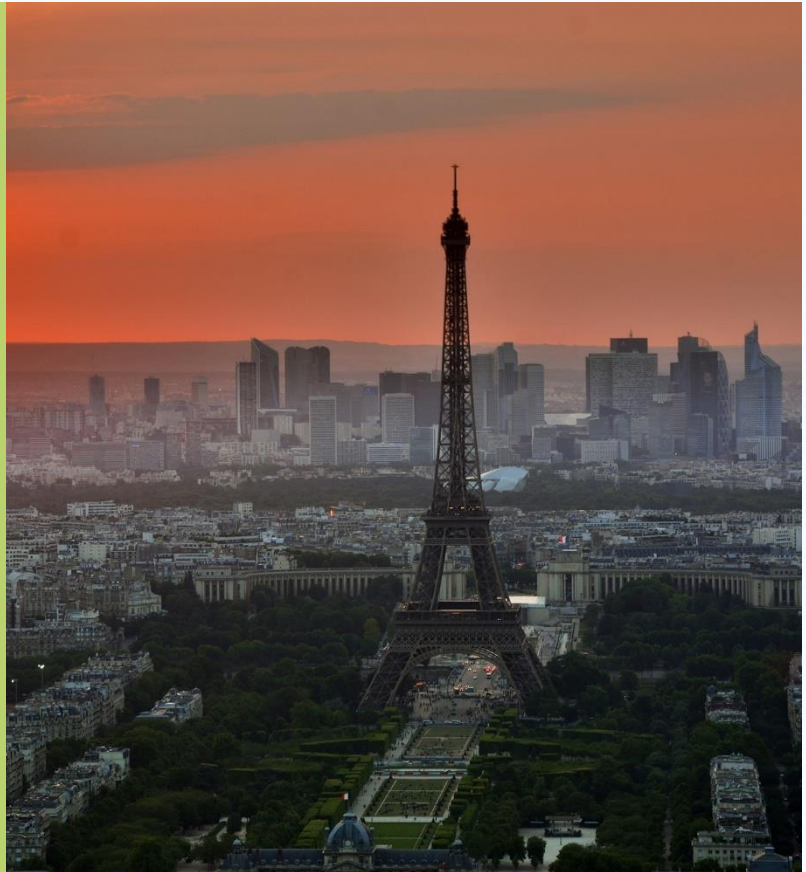
- Antarctica is almost completely covered in ice.
- It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.
- It is the coldest and windiest continent.
- Each year, hundreds of scientists live and work in Antarctica.
- Antarctica is home to penguins, albatross and seals.



# Europe

Europe is the second smallest continent in the world.

- Europe is the most densely populated continent. It 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.



# Oceania

Oceania is the smallest continent in the world.

- The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef, is in Oceania.
- The continent nearest to Oceania is Asia.
- Oceania has many unique animals including kangaroos, koalas and emus.



# Can you identify the 7 continents?

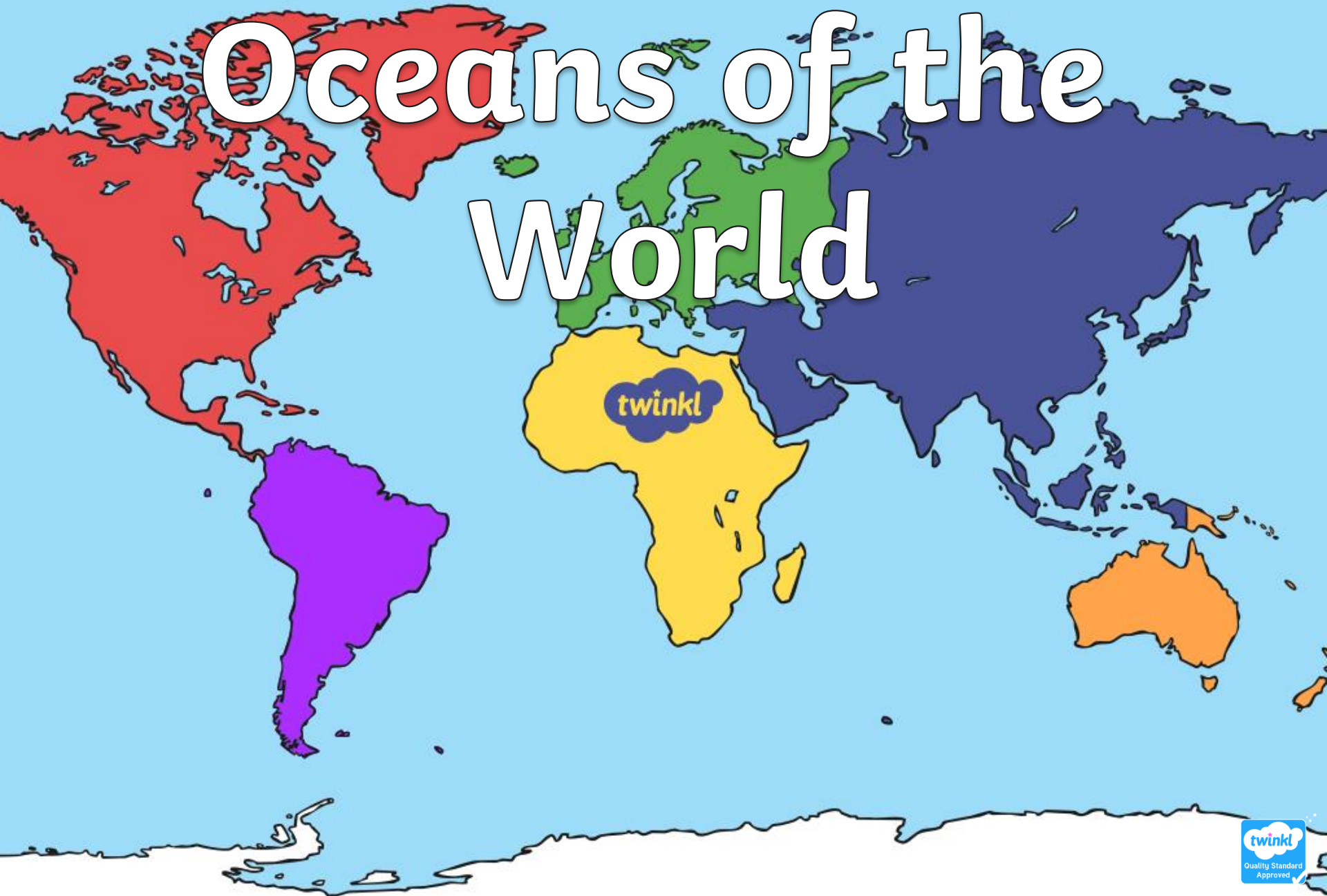


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<https://world-geography-games.com/continents/>

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# Oceans of the World



# What Is an Ocean?

An ocean is a very large area of salt water. Most of the Earth is covered in ocean.

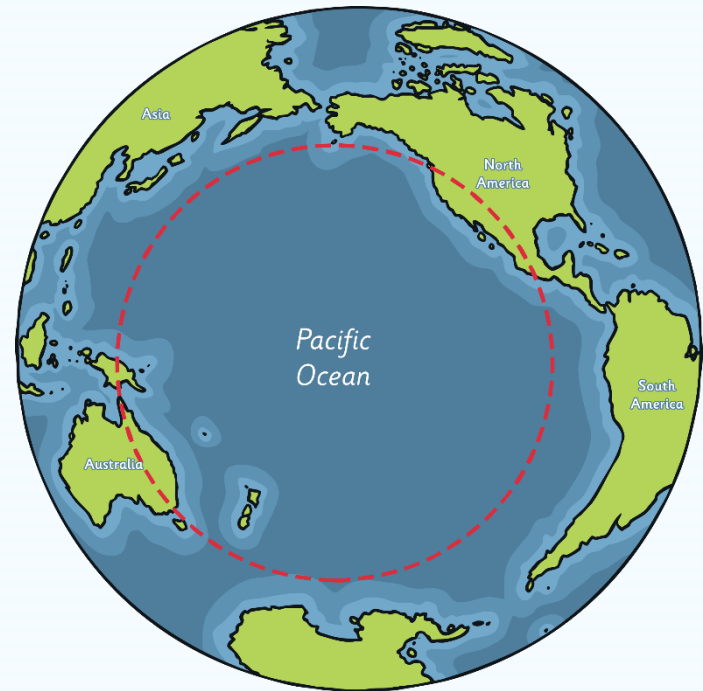
There are five oceans in the world:

- Pacific Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Southern Ocean
- Arctic Ocean



# Pacific Ocean

The Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean in the world.



## **Did You Know...?**

The word 'Pacific' means peaceful.

# Atlantic Ocean

The Atlantic Ocean is the second biggest ocean in the world.

It is sometimes split into the North Atlantic Ocean and the South Atlantic Ocean.



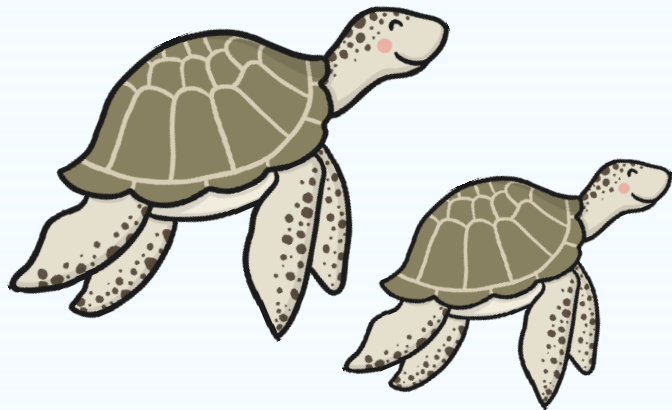
## Did You Know...?

The first person to sail across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe to America was Leif Eriksson, a Viking, in the year 1000.

# Indian Ocean

The Indian Ocean is the third biggest ocean in the world. It is named after the country of India.

The Indian Ocean is home to many endangered sea creatures, including turtles, seals and dugongs (also known as sea cows).



# Southern Ocean

The Southern Ocean is the second smallest ocean in the world.

It is also known as the Antarctic Ocean as it surrounds Antarctica.

It is the coldest and wildest ocean in the world.

The Southern Ocean is home to emperor penguins, blue whales, elephant seals, giant squid and the wandering albatross.



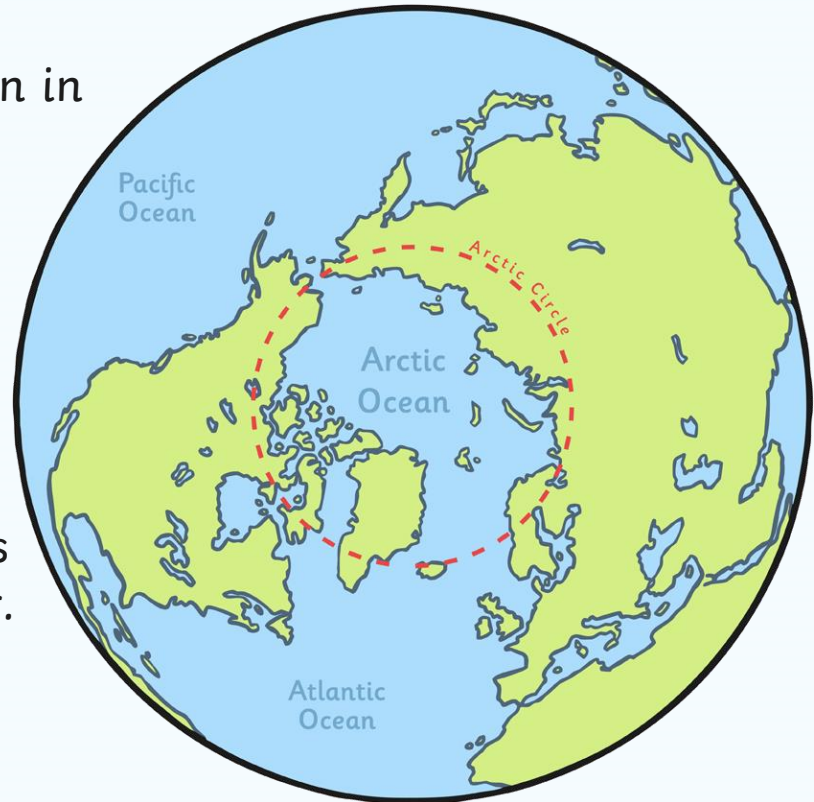
# Arctic Ocean

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world.

It surrounds the Arctic.

Often, the Arctic Ocean is completely covered in ice.

Polar bears live on the ice that covers the ocean and can swim in the water.



## Did You Know...?

Because of climate change, the amount of ice covering the Arctic is getting smaller every year.

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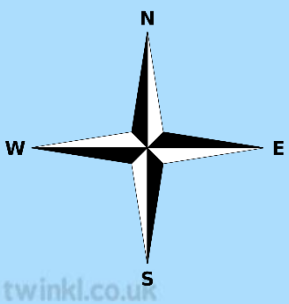
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# World Map



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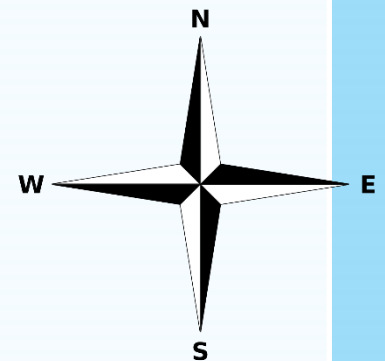
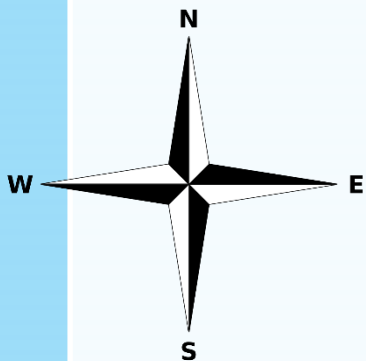


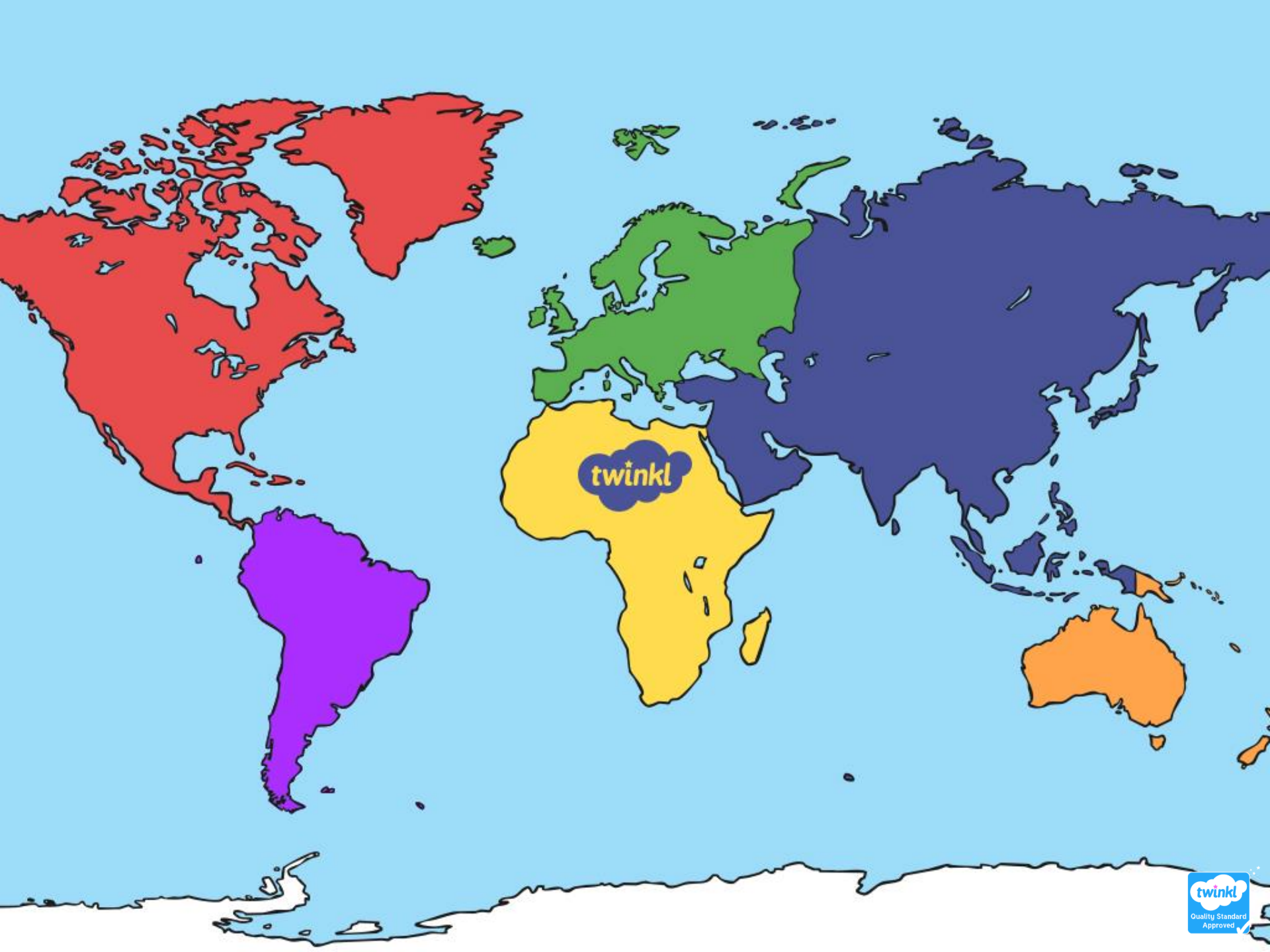
# Written Task -

You are going to make your own world map. You can either use the template to help you or you can draw your own. Use the coloured map on the previous slide to help the children see the position of each continent and location of the oceans. You are going to label all seven continents and all five oceans.

The continents are Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Oceania.

The oceans are the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean (you could split up the Atlantic Ocean into North Atlantic Ocean and South Atlantic Ocean, remember your compass directions), Indian Ocean, Southern Ocean and the Arctic Ocean.





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