



# Continents of the World

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# What Is a Continent?

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:

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



Let's Find Out More!

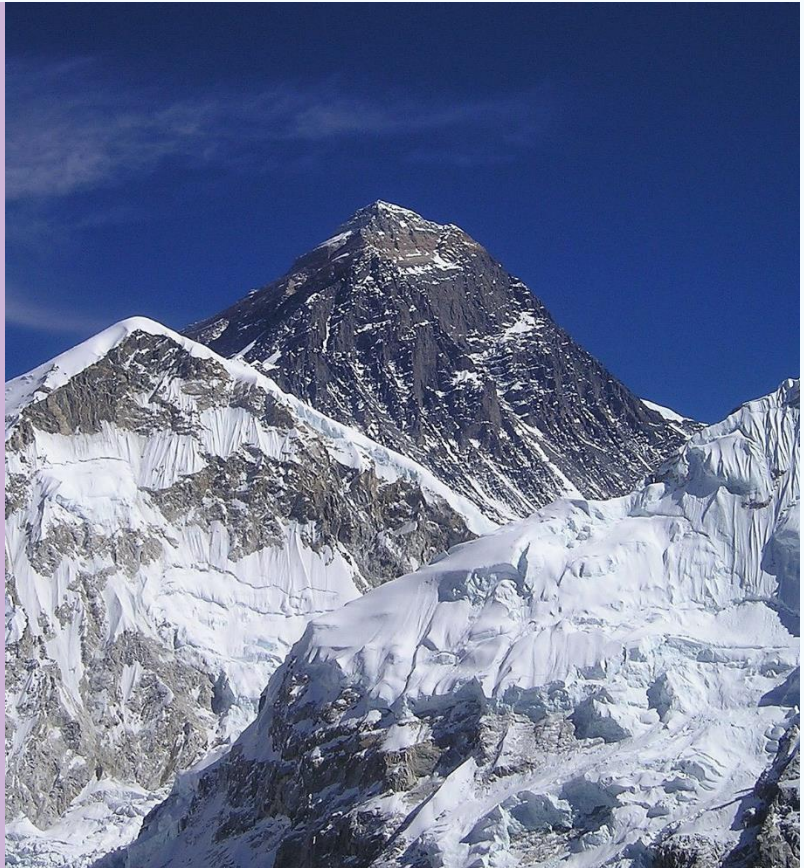
## Did You Know?

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.
- Asia is made up of 48 countries.
- 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.

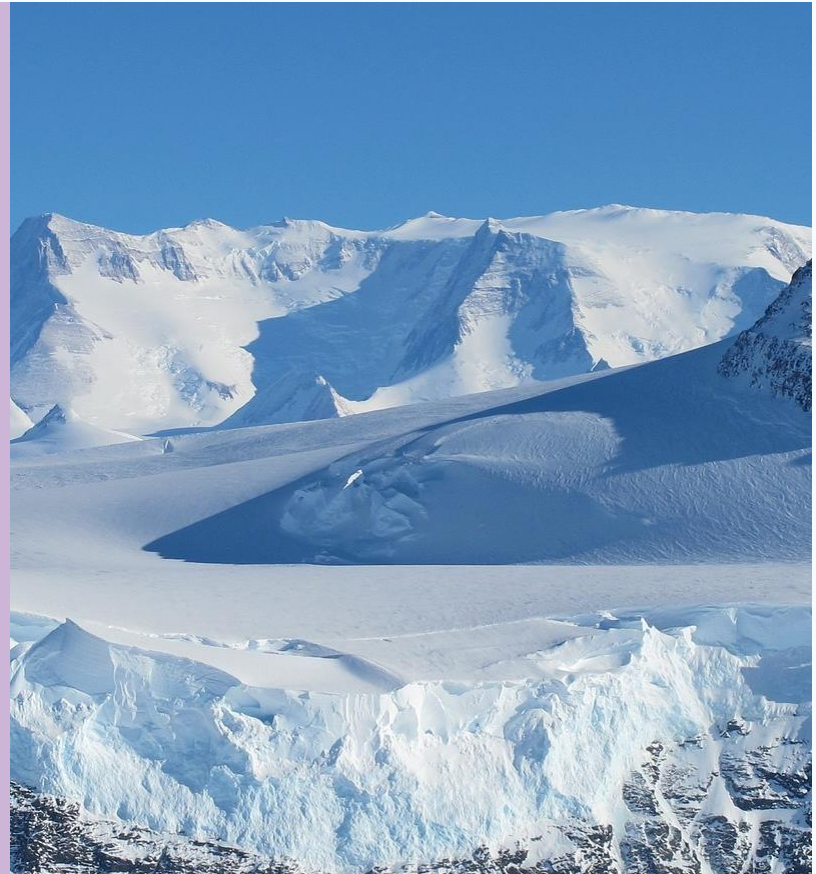
- South America only has 12 countries.
- Major countries include Brazil and Argentina.
- The Amazon, the world's biggest rainforest, is found here.
- Tomatoes, potatoes and chocolate all come from South America originally.
- South America is where you will find llamas, sloths and jaguars.



# Antarctica

Antarctica is the third smallest continent in the world.

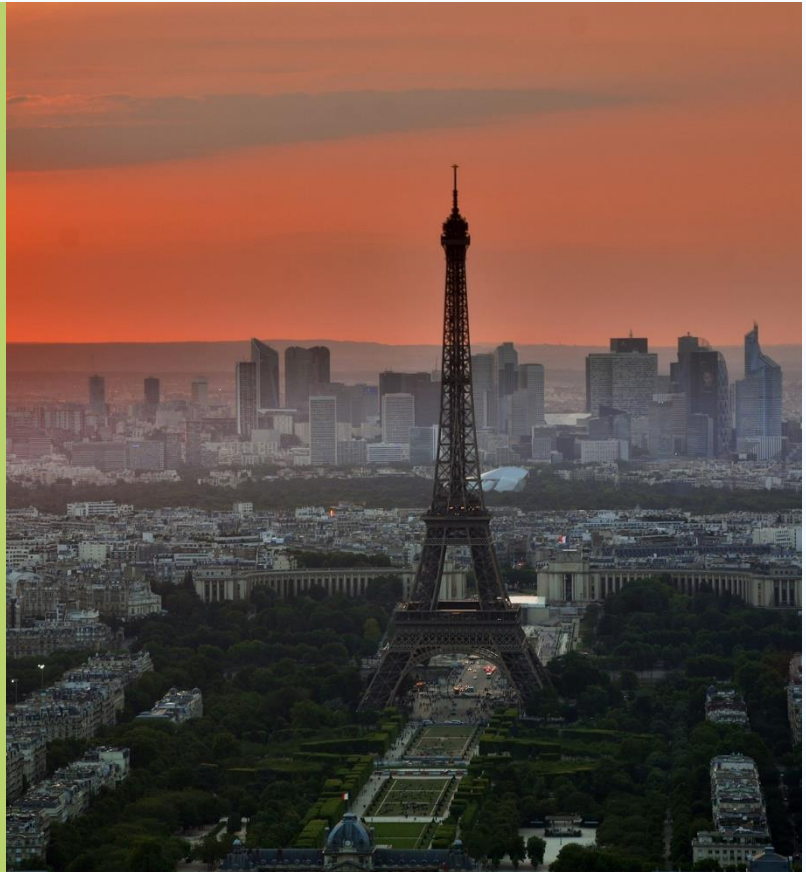
- Antarctica is almost completely covered in ice.
- It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.
- It is the coldest and windiest continent.
- Each year, hundreds of scientists live and work in Antarctica.
- Antarctica is home to penguins, albatross and seals.



# Europe

Europe is the second smallest continent in the world.

- Europe 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.





# Australasia

Australasia is the smallest continent in the world.

- 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.
- The continent nearest to Australasia is Asia.
- Australasia has many unique animals including kangaroos, koalas and emus.



Use an atlas to locate the 7 continents on your map

**Word Bank**

- North America
- South America
- Africa
- Antarctica
- Australasia
- Europe
- Asia

# Oceans of the World



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# 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

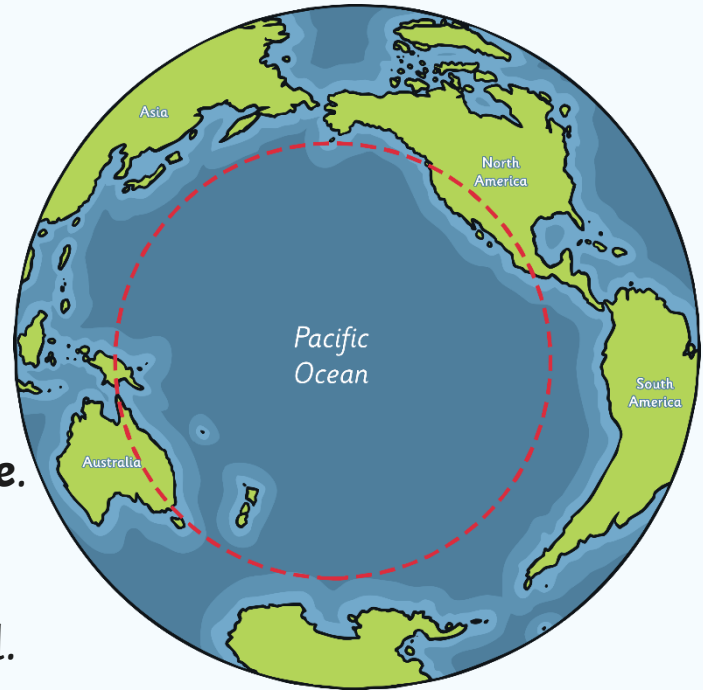
The Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean in the world.

It reaches from North and South America to Asia and Australia.

The Pacific Ocean is surrounded by a line of volcanoes known as the **Ring of Fire**.

It is also home to the **Great Barrier Reef**, which is the largest coral reef in the world.

**Challenger Deep**, the deepest point on Earth, is in the Pacific Ocean.



## Did You Know...?

The word 'Pacific' means peaceful.

# Atlantic Ocean

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

It reaches from North and South America to Europe and Africa.

The Atlantic Ocean is huge, but only half the size of the Pacific Ocean.

The **Mid-Atlantic Ridge**, the longest mountain range in the world, is underwater in the Atlantic Ocean.



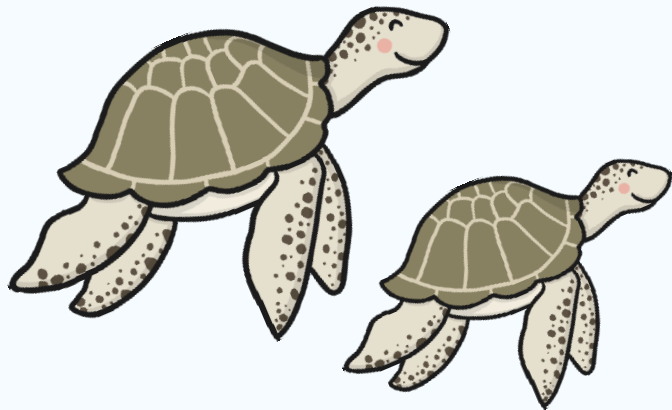
## Did You Know...?

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.





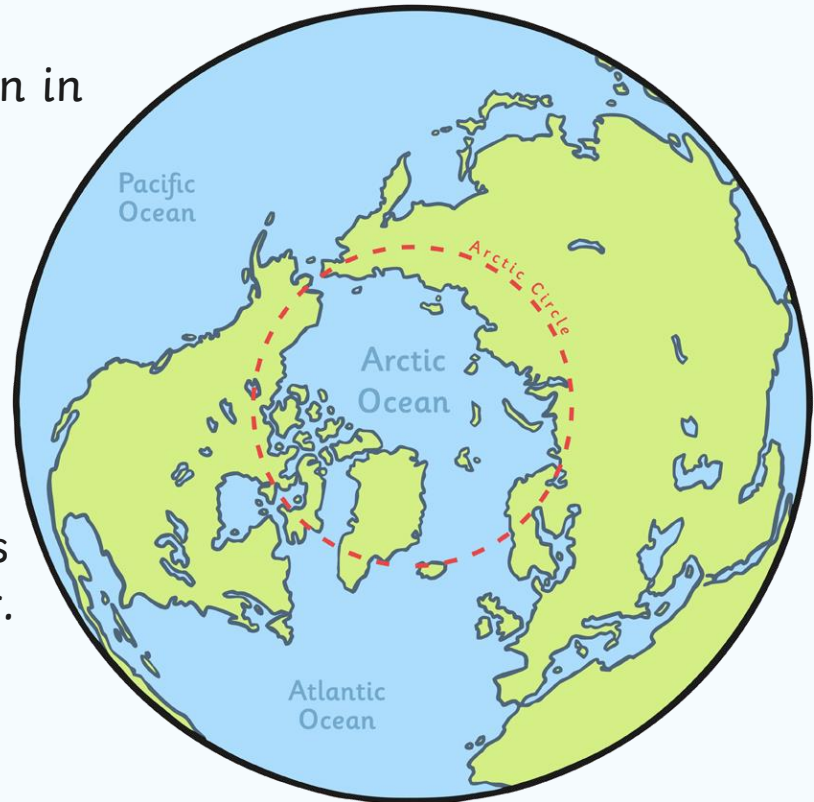
# Arctic Ocean

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.

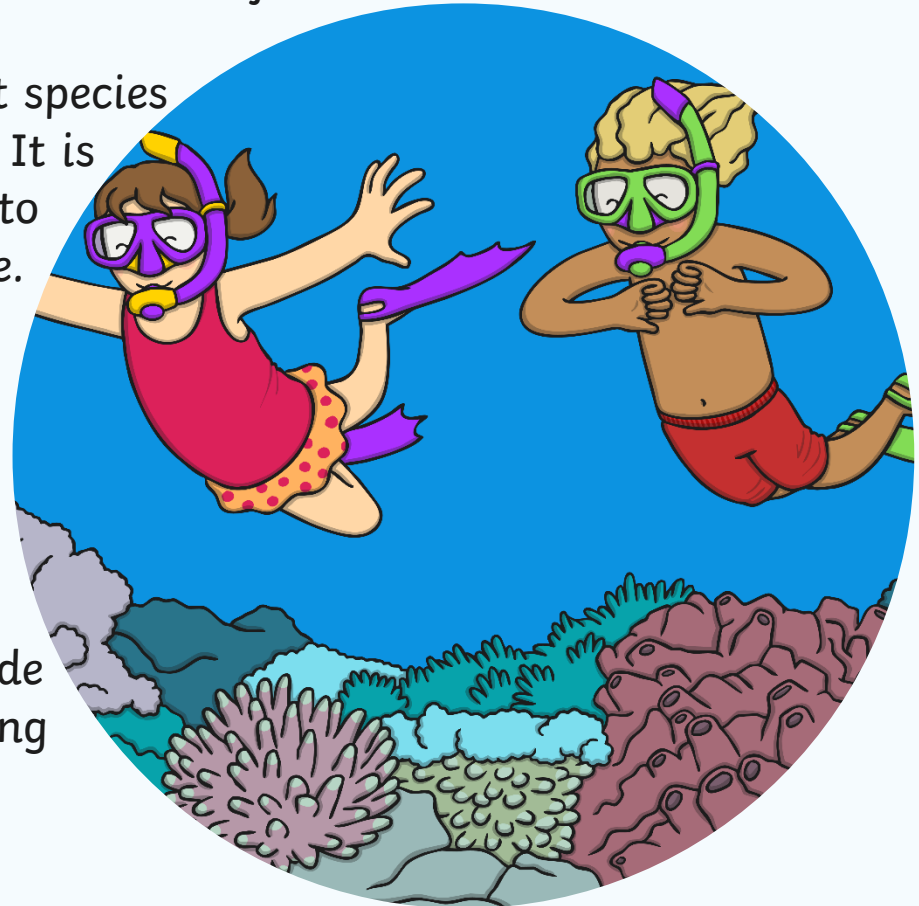
# Why Are Oceans so Important?

Oceans make up over 70% of the Earth's surface.

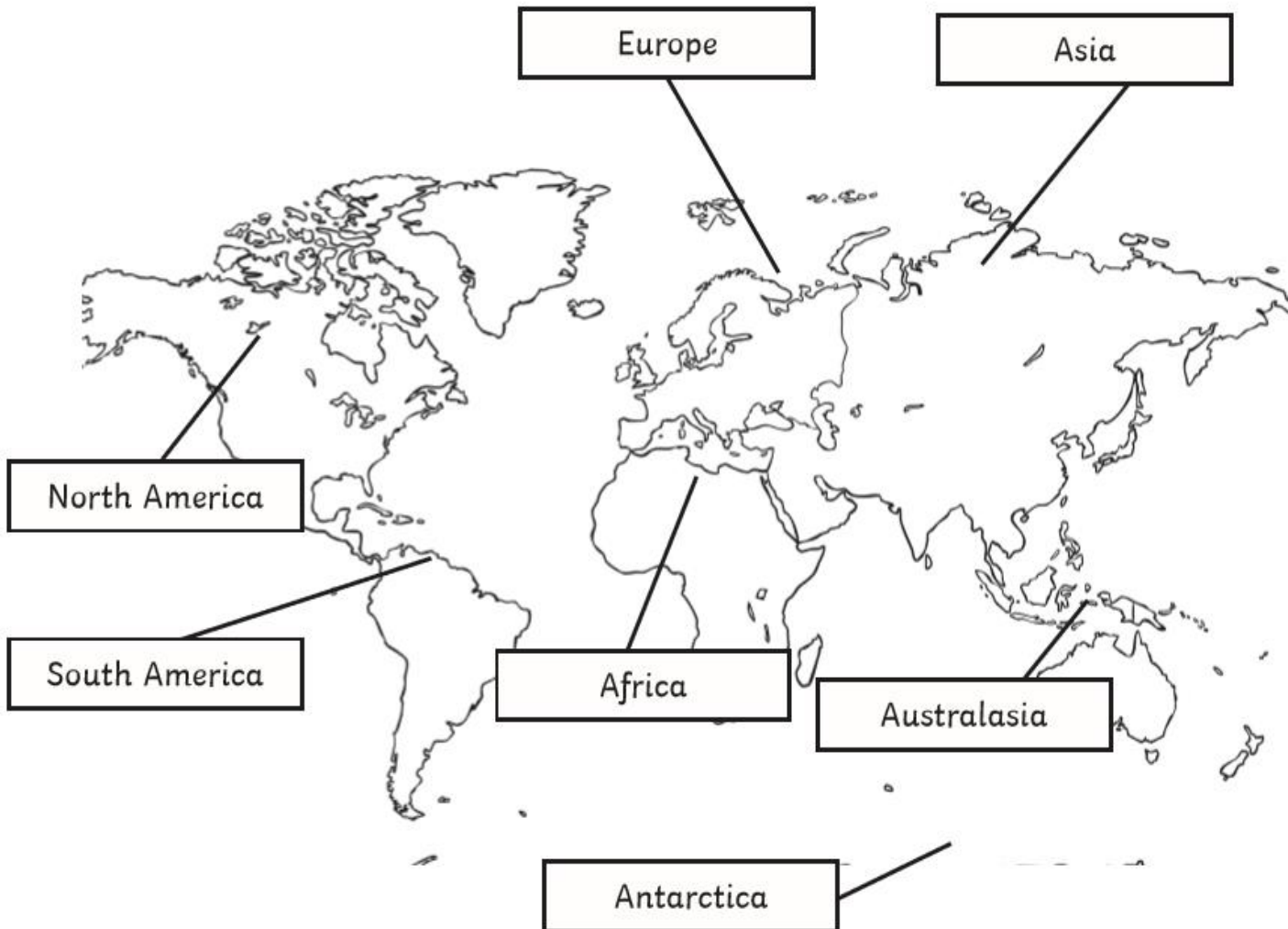
There are over 700,000 different species of animal that live in the ocean. It is important to protect the oceans to make sure their habitats are safe.

The ocean is also full of tiny plants which help to produce oxygen, which we need to breathe.

On top of this, oceans also provide food for many creatures, including humans!

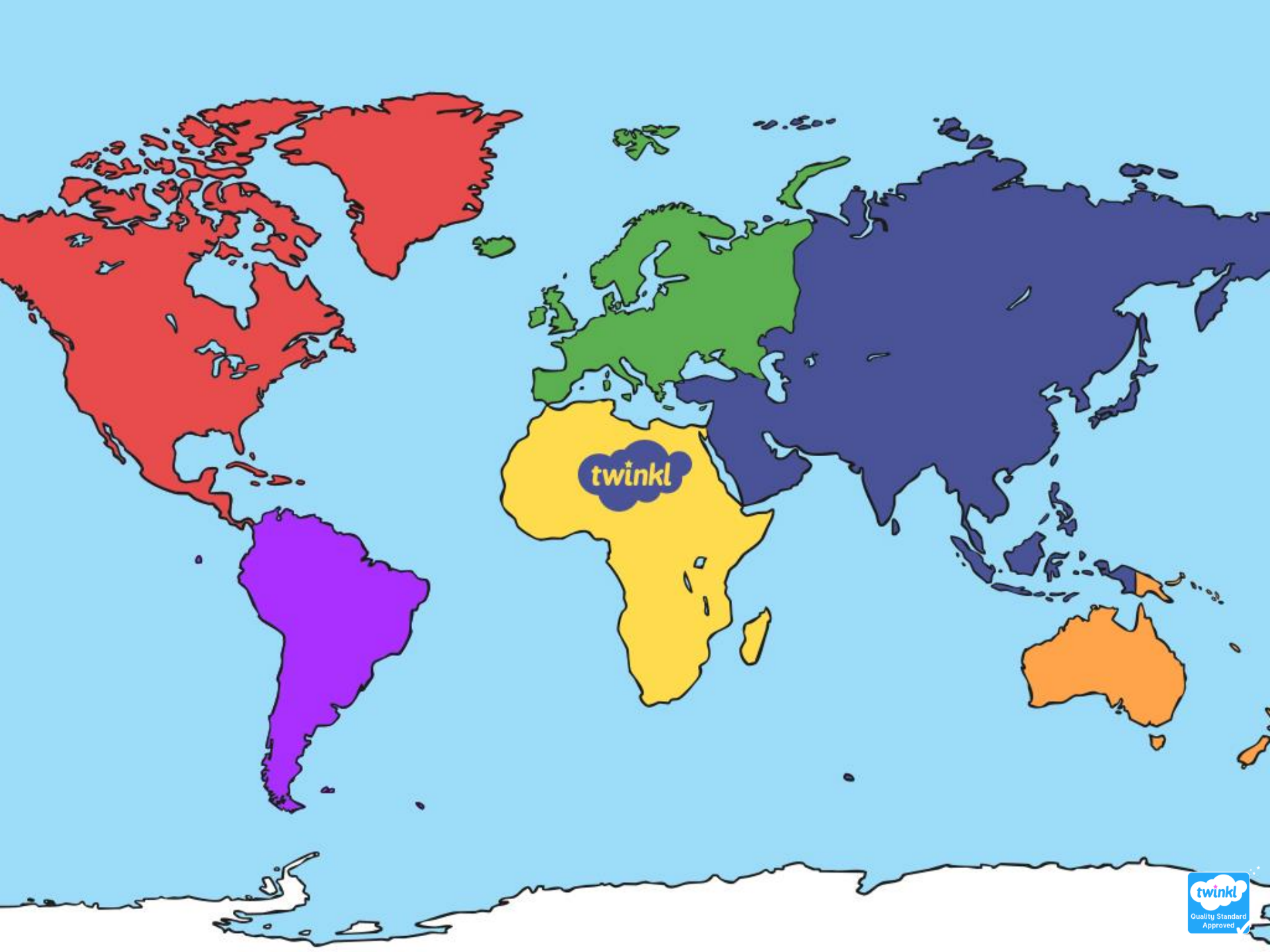


Use an atlas to now add the 5 oceans on your map



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



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