

North America

North America is the continent we live on. The 3 largest and main countries in North America are: Canada, the United States, and Mexico. It is the third largest of the 7 continents. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west.

Some fun facts about our continent:

- The city with the largest population in North America is Mexico City, Mexico. The country with the largest population in North America is the United States.
- The longest river in North America is the Mississippi River. It is the third longest river in the world!
- Lake Superior is the largest fresh water lake in the world. It is located on the border between the United States and Canada.
- In 2010, the total population in North America was 528,720,588 people!
- Most North Americans speak English, Spanish, or French.
- In all, North America is made up of 24 countries.

South America

South America is the fourth largest continent in the world. It has the fifth highest population of the seven continents. It is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the West. The geography of South America is dominated by the Andes Mountain Range and the Amazon River.

Some fun facts about this continent:

- In 2010, the total population of South America was about 387,489,196 people.
- The largest South American country in both size and population is Brazil. The largest city is Sao Paulo, Brazil, which is also one of the ten largest cities in the world.
- The highest waterfall in the world is located here Santo del Angel (also called Angel Falls). It is almost 1000 meters high!
- South America is also the home of anaconda, one of the world's largest snakes!
- Major languages spoken in South America are Spanish and Portuguese.
- South America is home to the second longest river in the whole world – the Amazon.

Europe

Europe is the sixth largest continent in size and the third largest in population. It is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the south, Asia to the east, and the Atlantic Ocean to the West. It is a wealthy continent.

Some fun facts about this continent:

- Europe is made up of 47 different countries!
- Europe is the home to many of the world's oldest countries including the 5 oldest; San Marino, France, Bulgaria, Denmark, and Portugal.
- Europe is home to the smallest country in the world, the Holy See or the Vatican. It is the smallest country both in size and population.
- In 2010, the total population of Europe was about 738,199,000 people.
- Europe is the only continent without any deserts.
- The country with the highest population in Europe is Germany.
- In Europe, people speak many different languages, including French, English, Spanish, German, and Italian.

Asia

The continent of Asia is the world's largest continent. It has also has the largest population, with over 4 billion people calling Asia home! Asia also contains the world's most populated country, China, and the world's largest country, Russia. Asia borders Africa and Europe to the west and the Pacific Ocean to the east.

Some fun facts about this continent:

- Asia is almost 30% of the world's land area and contains 60% of the world's population.
- The highest point on earth, Mt. Everest, is in Asia. The lowest point on land, the Dead Sea, is also in Asia.
- Asia contains many of the largest cities in the world including the two largest; Shanghai, China and Mumbai, India.
- In 2010, the population of Asia was about 4,164,252,000 people.
- Countries such as Russia, China, Japan and India produce products and services that are used by every nation in the world.
- Asia is also full of natural resources. Oil in the Middle East is a major supplier of much of the world's energy, like gasoline.

Africa

The continent of Africa borders the southern half of the Mediterranean Sea. The Atlantic Ocean is to the west and the Indian Ocean is to the Southeast. Africa stretches well south of the equator to cover more than 12 million square miles, making Africa the world's second largest continent. Africa is also the continent with the second highest population.

Some fun facts about this continent:

- Africa is made up of about 54 different countries, more than any other continent!
- The largest country in Africa is Sudan. The country with the highest population is Nigeria, and the largest city is Cairo in Egypt.
- Africa is home to the longest river in the world, the Nile River.
- Africa is rich with lots of wildlife, including elephants, penguins, lions, cheetahs, seals, giraffes, gorillas, crocodiles, and hippos.
- Africa is also home to the world's largest desert- the Sahara Desert.
- Most of the world's gold and diamonds are from Africa.

There are more than 1000 different languages spoken all over Africa!

Australia

The continent of Australia is also known as Oceania. It is the smallest continent by size and the second smallest by population. Australia is located to the southeast of Asia. Australia and its surrounding islands are located by the Indian Ocean and the Pacific Ocean.

Some fun facts about this continent:

- The continent of Australia also includes islands like: New Zealand, Guam, the Cook Islands, Samoa, and Fiji.
- There are more sheep than there are people in the continent of Australia! There are also more people in the state of Texas (United States) than there are in Australia!
- Australia is located in the southern hemisphere. This means that its winter is during June, July, and August and its summer during the months of December, January, and February.
- Australia is the largest island in the world (completely surrounded by water).
- Australia is home to many unique animals like the kangaroo, platypus, and the emu.
- In 2010, the estimated population of Australia was 36,593,000.

Antarctica

Antarctica is known as the “frozen continent” or the “white continent”. That is because almost all of this cold continent is covered by ice. Antarctica is a frozen land area around the South Pole. Antarctica is the highest, driest, windiest, emptiest, coldest place on earth. Antarctica is the fifth largest continent based on size, but it is the smallest in population with an official population of 0. Antarctica has no cities, villages or farms. The only permanent settlements are research bases, where scientist from different countries come and reside & do different types of research.

Some fun facts about this continent:

- Antarctica has no countries and no parts of the continent are owned by any country.

- Some animals do manage to survive in the cold and dry climate of Antarctica. These animals include

penguins, seals, and the snow petrel (a bird).

- Antarctica is the windiest continent on earth.
- The water of the Antarctica is so cold that nothing can rot here.
- Because it never rains in Antarctica, it is considered the world's biggest desert.
- The lowest recorded temperature in history was -128 degrees Fahrenheit in Antarctica.