

## Topic home learning

### GEOGRAPHY - CONTINENTS

Within the Year 1 curriculum we teach the children the names of the 7 continents and their locations. Here are some ideas to help teach this at home.

#### Useful resources ...

If you have any world maps, atlases or globes at home these would be great to use for this activity. Please don't worry if you don't have access to these as Google Earth can be used instead and world maps online.

#### Talk time - ask your child questions such as ....

What is land? How is it different to the oceans you have already learnt? Have you heard of the word continent before? Do you know the names of any of the continents?

Explain that a continent is a large area of land that is separated with water or other natural features. Explain that many countries can exist in one continent. For example, USA, Canada and Mexico are 3 countries in the continent of North America.



Tell your child you are about to play a continent song to them. Challenge them to listen for and remember the names of the 7 continents. Get a point for each one you remember.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K6DSMZ8b3LE>

Have fun exploring world maps or globes and identifying where the continents are. Ask your child whether they know what continent our country falls within?



**Activity** - If you are able to print a worksheet at home please encourage your child to use the word bank to help them label the continents in the correct place on the world map (please see below also)

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-g-273-the-seven-continents-labelling-activity-sheet>

Alternatively, here is an online game. <https://world-geography-games.com/continents/>

**Kim's Game** - Get your child to close their eyes whilst you cover one or two of the continent labels - which ones are missing? Can your child write it down? Double points for correct spelling.



BBC  
Bitesize

**Optional Challenge** ... Explore the BBC Bitesize video link below. There are short videos about well-known countries within one of the 7 continents. Afterwards your child may like to pick one of the continents and write some facts about that place i.e. what animals live there, what the weather is like, their landscapes and how people travel there? If your child prefers they may like to design a colourful poster showing what they have learnt or maybe a fun short video pretending they are a travel presenter!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j>

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/earth/continents/>

(The above website has some fab fun facts for kids too!)

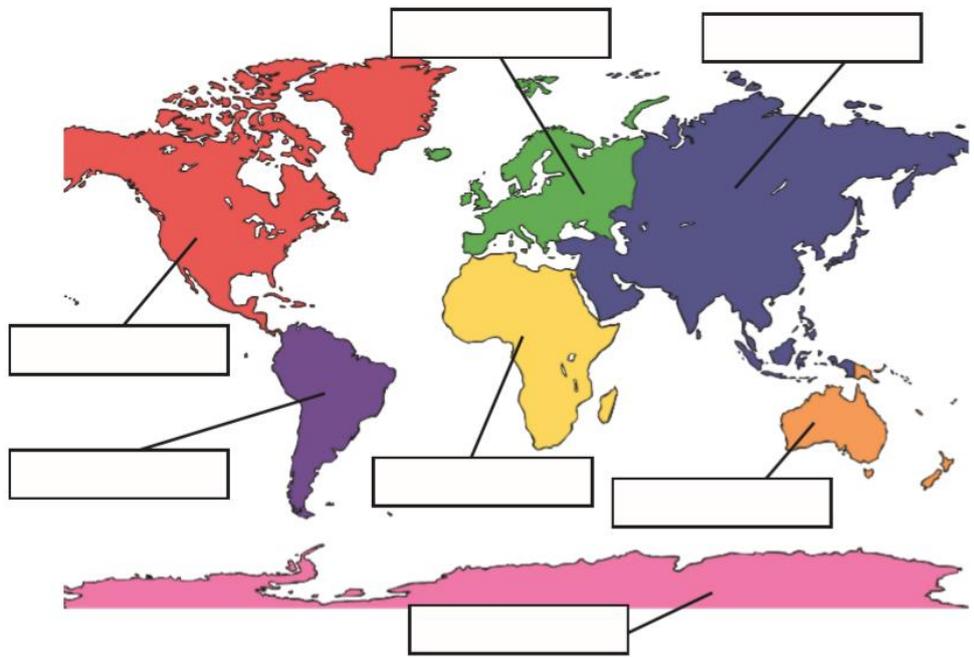
#### Europe - France >

France is a country near the UK, in the continent of Europe. Find out more with BBC Bitesize KS1 Geography.



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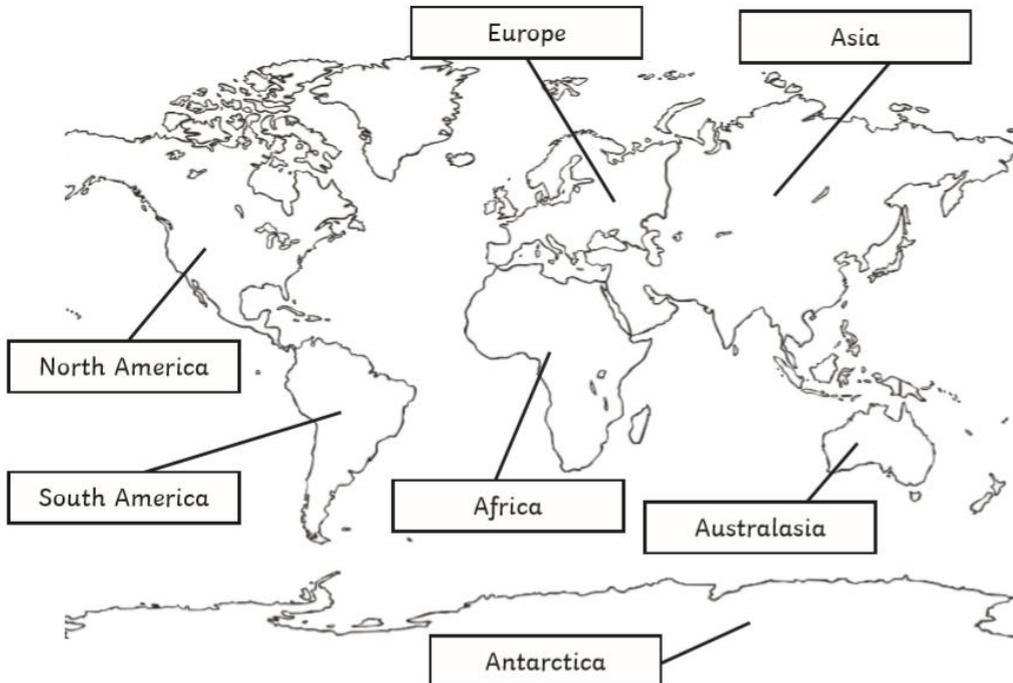
## The Seven Continents of the World



**Word Bank**

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

## The Seven Continents of the World **Answers**



Europe

Asia

North America

South America

Africa

Australasia

Antarctica

**Did You Know?**

Continents only cover 29% of the Earth. The rest of the Earth's surface is water!

*Thank you as always for continuing to support your child's learning at home. Please do e-mail us any questions or to share your child's work as we would love to see what they have been up to. Love The Year 1 Team*