

Around the World

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Continents are big areas of land. There are seven continents in the world. Let's explore them by size. The biggest continent is Asia. About four billion people live there. Asia has the highest mountain in the world. It is called Mount Everest.

Africa is the second biggest continent. It is home to the Sahara. This is the world's largest hot desert. Africa has many animals, too. Elephants and zebras live there.

The third biggest continent is North America. The United States is part of North America. Did you know that Mexico and Canada are, too? These are some of the world's largest countries. Greenland is also in North America. It is the world's largest island.

South America is next in size. It is home to the Amazon tropical rainforest. It is hot and wet. Many people in South America speak Spanish.

The fifth biggest continent is Antarctica. It is the coldest place in the world. It is nearly covered in ice. The South Pole is in Antarctica.

Next is Europe. It is a small continent, but it has many countries. One of these countries is Italy. Another is France. Can you name one more?

The smallest continent is Australia. It is far away from the other continents. Many plants and animals live only there.

Which places will you explore?



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Comprehension Questions

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- How many continents are there in the world?
 - seven
 - three
 - four billion
- In what way are the continents explored in this passage?
 - from smallest to largest
 - from largest to smallest
 - from coldest to warmest
- What is a **continent**?
 - a big area of land that is made of ice
 - a big area of land
 - a small area of land with water around it
- Why is most of Antarctica made of ice?
 - Close to four billion people live there.
 - It is home to the world's largest desert.
 - It is one of the coldest places in the world.
- If many plants and animals are found only in Australia, what can you guess about it?
 - It has a different climate from the other continents.
 - The plants and animals on the other continents are the same.
 - More people live in Australia than anywhere else.