

# The Seven Continents

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Science tells us that most of the earth's surface is made up of water. Only a small portion is made up of land! This land mass is broken up into seven major continents. A continent is a piece of land that is very large. For instance, North America is one of the large land masses, or continents.



The state of Hawaii is a small island mass. This means it is not a continent.

The seven major continents are North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica.

Some of these continents are connected. South America and North America are connected. Europe and Asia are connected. Africa is not connected to any other large land mass.

Many people live on each land mass. The population of each one relates largely to its size. Asia has the most people. Australia has the least people. Antarctica has no people at all!

Some of these large land masses have many countries held within. Others have only a few. North America is made up of Canada and the United States of America. The African continent has 54 countries and Asia accounts for 48 countries!

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land mass, it is not large. It is not a continent.

Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica.

For instance, North and South America are connected to each other. Europe and Asia are connected to each other. Africa is not connected to any other large land mass.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Most of earth's seven continents are in the Northern Hemisphere. This means they are above the equator. Only Antarctica and Australia are completely below the equator. Some parts of South America, Asia, and Africa are below the equator, too.

Scientists have been trying to figure out how the land formed for many years. They have lots of theories, or ideas about it. Some of them think there used to be one large land mass. Over time, chunks of land broke away. The world ended up with the seven continents we have today.

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1) What is a continent? List out the continents mentioned in the passage.

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2) Antarctica and \_\_\_\_\_ are they?

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3) Write two facts

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1) What is a continent? List out the continents mentioned in the passage.

**A continent is a very large piece of land mass. The seven continents mentioned in the passage are North America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, Antarctica and Australia.**

2) Antarctica and \_\_\_\_\_ are they?

**Antarctica and \_\_\_\_\_ equator, both stand alone a \_\_\_\_\_.**

3) Write two facts \_\_\_\_\_

**Asia is connected to \_\_\_\_\_ Africa. The Asian continent has \_\_\_\_\_**

4) Name the oceans \_\_\_\_\_, Pacific and Arctic

**Oceans.**

5) On which continent do you live? Make a list of three interesting facts about your continent.

**Answers may vary.**

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