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Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, South America

Each of these continents (apart from Antarctica) is made up of different countries.



Antarctica

Antarctica is the coldest continent and very few people live there.

Scientists stay in Antarctica for a few months. They want to find out more about this special place.



A science base in Paradise Harbour, Antarctica



The city of Shanghai in China

Asia

Asia is the largest continent. Largest how?

- It is the largest area of land.
- It has the largest number of people living there.

China and India are the only two countries in the world that are home to more than one billion people.

Africa

Africa is the continent with the largest number of countries. It has 54 in total.

Kenya, Zambia, South Africa and Egypt are all in Africa.

Egypt is the home of the Pyramids.



The Pyramids of Egypt are thousands of years old



North America and South America

The USA, Canada and Mexico are in North America. The highest mountain in North America is called Denali.

Have you heard of Chile and Brazil? They are countries in South America.

The Olympic Games in 2016 will be held in the city of Rio de Janeiro, in Brazil.



Europe

Europe is made up of 46 countries, including France, Spain and the United Kingdom.

Nineteen different countries in Europe use the same kind of money, called euros.

People carry euros in their purse or wallet in Germany, Greece and Ireland.



Euro notes are used in many European countries

Oceania

Oceania is the smallest continent. It could fit inside Asia about five times!

There is nothing small about Australia. It would take you six hours to fly across this country.



Australia is a really big country, so people travel by plane a lot

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	area	billion	city	countries	mountain	Olympics

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Check Your Understanding - Continents

- Which sentences are true and which are false?
- Tick the answer.

Sentence	True	False
There are seven continents	\checkmark	
The continent with the least		
amount of people is		
Antarctica.		
The Olympic Games in 2016		
are being held in the USA.		
China is in Africa.		
Asia has the largest amount		
of people living there.		

2 Name two countries in Europe.

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If you visited Germany or Greece, what kind of money would you use there?

4. How many countries are in Africa? Tick the answer.



Draw a picture of the Pyramids or the city of Shanghai below.



book covers to give you ideas! about continents. Include a title and pictures. Look at other Extension Activity: Create a front cover for a new book

- Where the world comes to life

- 1. Think of one word that describes Antarctica.
- 2. Name the largest and smallest continents.
- 3. Draw a line to link each key word to its definition.



- a) Oceania is the smallest continent.
- b) The highest mountain in North America is called Denali.

5. Choose two of the key words below and write a new

sentence for each.

Africa c Word Example: Continent	continent mountain A Sentence The Earth has seven continents.	continents.

6. Make the sentence below more descriptive.

Asia is big. \rightarrow

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6. Why are captions included generally below pictures?



- 3. Find a subtitle and copy it below.



4. How do the subtitles help you understand the text? Subtitles help me understand the text because



5. Draw a new picture and write a caption for it.

What type of text is this? How do you know?

Complete the sentences.

Explore Text Features

this because

This is a(n)

text. I know

2. What is the main title of the text?

