

Canonbury Home Learning  
**Year 2/3 Geography Skills**

Big Question: Can you name the seven continents of the world?

LO: To use the 8 points of a compass to build knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world

If you can, start by watching these clips about maps and globes:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/zdk46v4> - maps

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvsfr82/articles/znm7vk7> - globes

Today you will be **using the directions North, South, East and West to move around the globe!**

**What is a map?**

A map is a two-dimensional drawing of an area.

Maps can show the countryside, a town, a country or even the whole world.

They are used to help plan routes from one place to another, or to find certain features such as castles or hills.

Different types of map are used for different things depending on whether you are walking, driving or even flying somewhere.

Maps can be on paper or on a mobile phone, tablet or computer.

**How to use a map:**

The top of most maps is north and a compass can be used to find which direction north is. Compasses show four directions - **north, east, south** and **west**. In between these points are **north-east, south-east, south-west** and **north-west**.

The needle always points north, so when that is lined up with the map it is easy to see in which direction things are.

Maps are not drawn to the same size as the ground because they would be far too big! Instead they are drawn to a smaller scale.

**Globes**

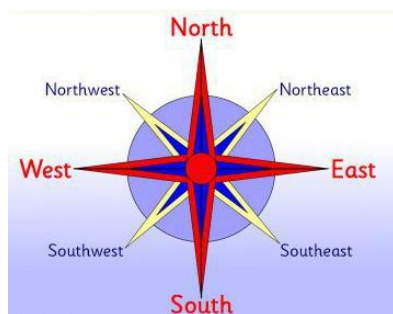
From space, the Earth looks like a sphere, or ball, containing land and water.

A **globe** is a model of the Earth and shows what it looks like from space.

Some globes show how the land is divided into different countries - around 200 of them.

All the **countries** on our planet are located in seven different **continents**:

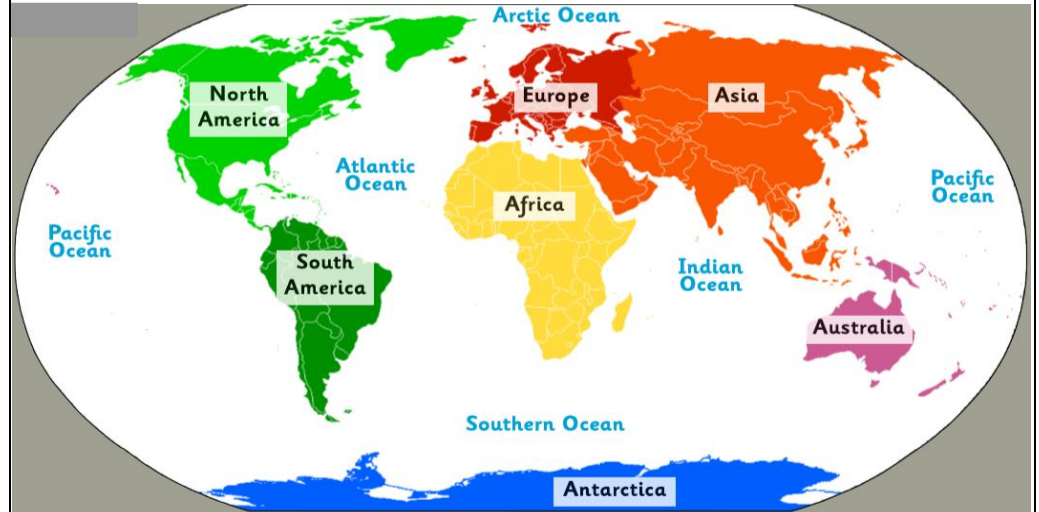
- Europe
- Africa
- North America
- South America
- Asia
- Oceania/Australasia
- Antarctica



Antarctica is a special case. The continent contains no countries, instead it is governed under a 1959 agreement called the Antarctic Treaty which was signed by 12 nations, including the United Kingdom.

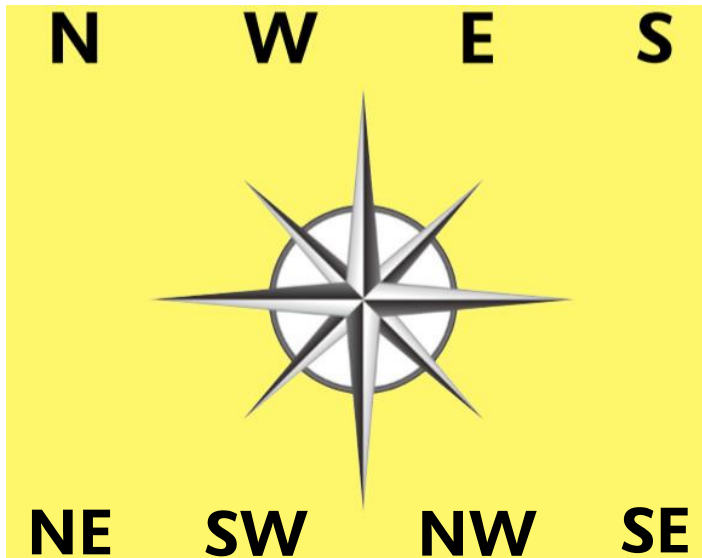


This is a map of the world. It shows what the globe would look like if you unfolded it. The world is made up of **7 big pieces of land called continents** and **5 oceans**.

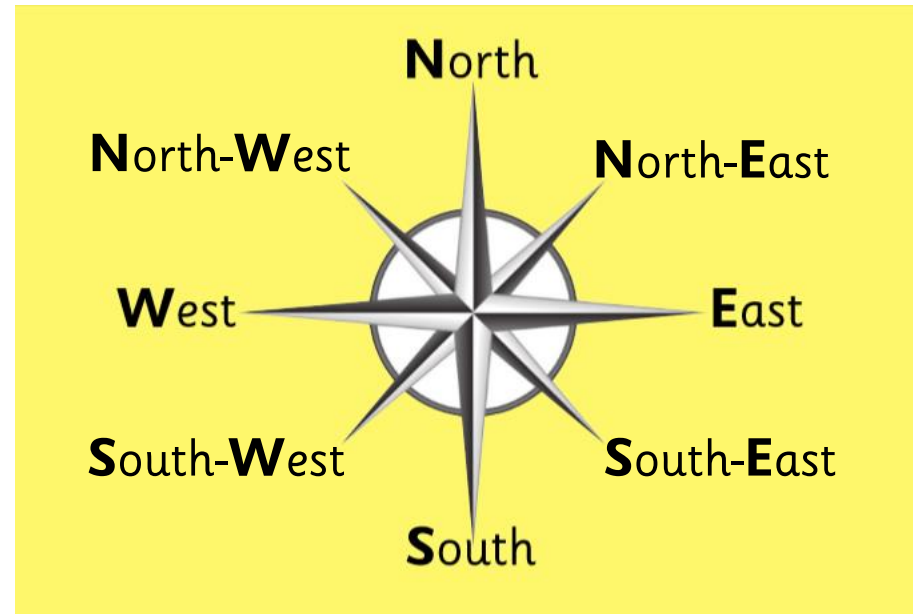


- Where are we on this map?
- Which continent are we in?

Can you remember what each of the letters on a compass stands for? Can you remember where each letter goes?



Did you correctly remember the compass points?



If we started in **Europe** and we travelled **South**, which continent would we get to?

If we travel **SOUTH** from Europe, we would reach the continent of Africa or Asia, depending on where you started!

A world map with a compass rose in the top left corner. The compass rose shows North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W). The map is color-coded by continent: North America (green), South America (dark green), Europe (red), Africa (yellow), Asia (orange), Australia (pink), and Antarctica (blue). Two blue arrows originate from the European continent: one points south towards Africa, and the other points south towards Asia. The oceans are labeled: Arctic Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and Southern Ocean.

If we carried on going **South** from **Africa**, which continent would we get to?

If we travel **SOUTH** from Africa, we would reach the continent of Antarctica.

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If you started in **Europe** and travelled **West**, which continent would you get to?

If we travelled **WEST** from Europe, we would get to North America.

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Which **ocean** is **South** of Asia?

The Indian Ocean is south of Asia.

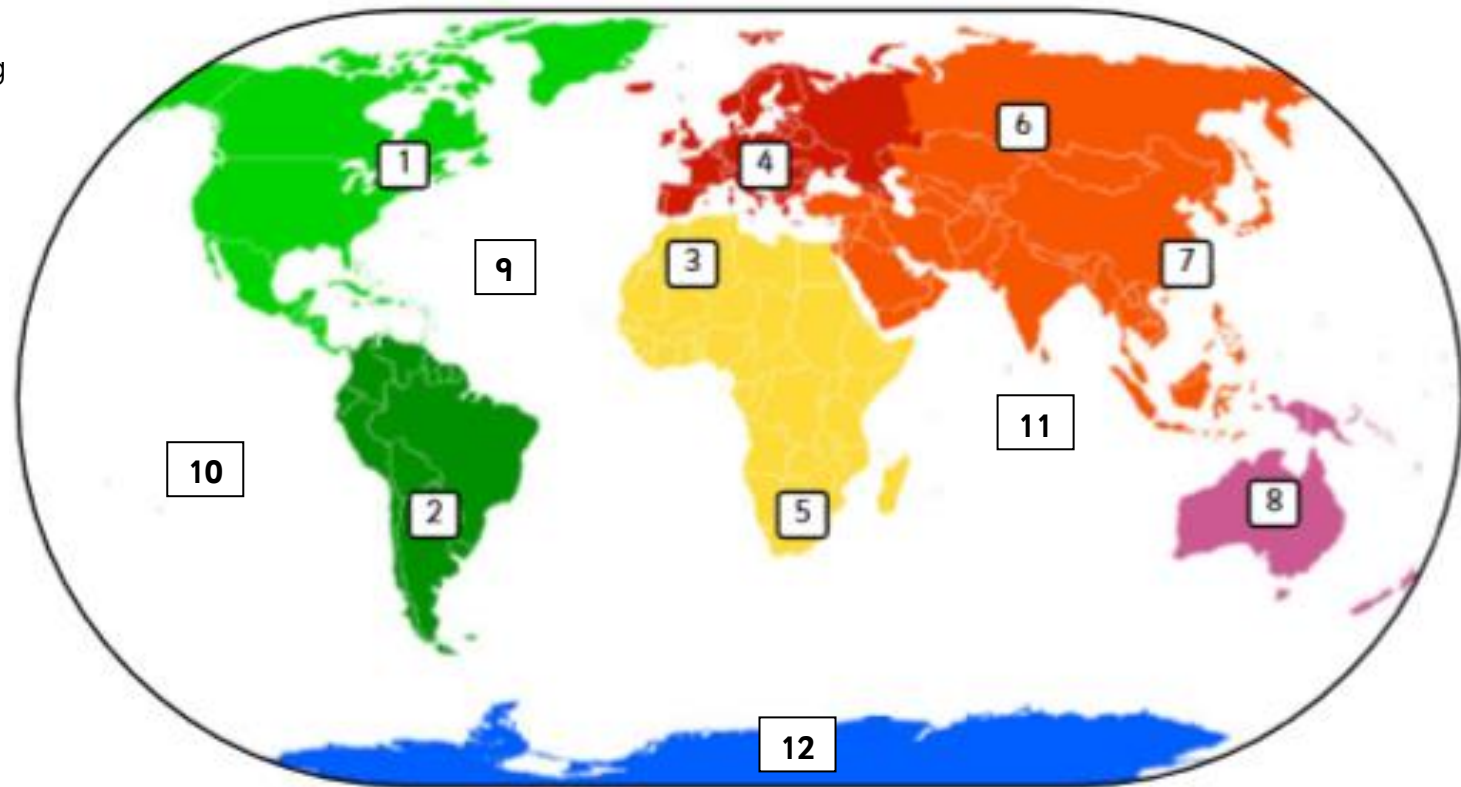
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**Task 1 (mild):** Use the world map and compass rose to answer the questions.

1. I start in Europe. I travel north. Which ocean do I get to?
2. I start in Asia. I travel east. Which ocean do I get to?
3. I start in North America. I travel south. Which continent do I get to?
4. I start in Africa. I travel east. Which ocean do I get to?
5. I start in the Indian Ocean and travel north. Which continent do I get to?
6. I start in Antarctica. I travel north. Which ocean do I get to?



**Task 2 (red hot):** Use the world map to answer the questions.

1. Start at point 2 and travel south. Which continent do you get to?
2. Start at point 5 and travel east. Which continent do you get to?
3. Start at point 1 and travel south-east. Which continent do you get to?
4. Start at point 8 and travel north-west. Which ocean do you get to?
5. Start at point 5 and travel north-east. Which continent do you get to?
6. Start at point 12 and travel north-west. Which continent do you get to?
7. Start at point 4 and travel south-west. Which ocean do you get to?