

The 7 Continents.

Key Knowledge:

Overview- The World and Continents.

- The surface of planet **Earth** is around 29% land.
- The **Earth** has 7 **continents**.
- A **continent** is a massive area of land that is separated from other areas of land by water or natural features.
- **Continents** have many **countries** within them.
- Each **continent** has a wide range of land types, climates, habitats and animal life.

The 7 Continents.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asia is the biggest <b>continent</b> in the world.</li> <li>• Asia has 50 <b>countries</b> including; China &amp; India.</li> <li>• It is <b>surrounded</b> by these <b>oceans</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Arctic</li> <li>◦ Indian</li> <li>◦ Pacific</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa is the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest <b>continent</b>.</li> <li>• Africa has 54 <b>countries</b> including; Kenya &amp; Egypt.</li> <li>• It is <b>surrounded</b> by these <b>oceans</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Atlantic</li> <li>◦ Indian</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North America is the 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest <b>continent</b>.</li> <li>• It has 23 <b>countries</b> including; United States of America &amp; Canada.</li> <li>• It is <b>surrounded</b> by these <b>oceans</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Arctic</li> <li>◦ Atlantic</li> <li>◦ Pacific</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South America is the 4<sup>th</sup> biggest <b>continent</b>.</li> <li>• South America has 12 <b>countries</b> including; Brazil &amp; Argentina.</li> <li>• It is <b>surrounded</b> by these <b>oceans</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Atlantic</li> <li>◦ Pacific</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Europe is the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest <b>continent</b>.</li> <li>• It has 51 <b>countries</b> including; United Kingdom &amp; Spain.</li> <li>• It is <b>surrounded</b> by these <b>oceans</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Atlantic</li> <li>◦ Arctic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australasia is the smallest <b>continent</b> in the world.</li> <li>• It is sometimes called Oceania or Australia.</li> <li>• It has 14 <b>countries</b> including; Australia &amp; New Zealand.</li> <li>• It is <b>surrounded</b> by these <b>oceans</b>:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Indian</li> <li>◦ Pacific.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antarctica is the southernmost <b>continent</b> in the world.</li> <li>• It is the location of the South Pole and the coldest <b>continent</b> in the world.</li> <li>• There are no <b>countries</b> in this <b>continent</b>.</li> <li>• It is <b>surrounded</b> by the Southern <b>Ocean</b>.</li> </ul>

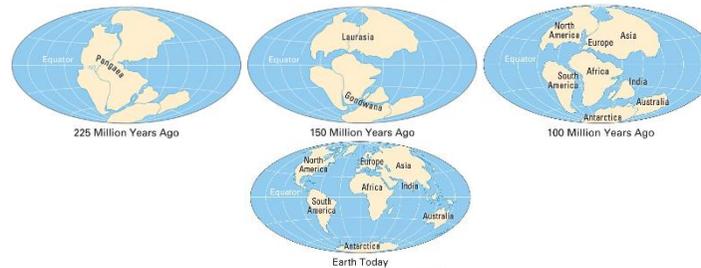
Diagrams or Maps.



Geographical features: Continents during the time of the dinosaurs.

- The **continents** haven't always looked like they do not.
- They are always moving, although very slowly.
- Around 250 million years ago, just before the dinosaurs, all of the land in the world was one giant **continent**.
- During the time of the dinosaurs the **continents** drifted apart and changed shape.
- Dinosaurs are thought to have lived in every **continent** around the world. **Archaeologists** know this because of the **fossils** found around the world.

How the **continents** changed over time.



The **continents** in the world where dinosaurs lived.



Key Vocabulary:

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<b>map</b>	a diagram of an area of land or sea.
<b>Earth</b>	the planet on which we live. Also called the world.
<b>country</b>	an area of land that is controlled by its own government.
<b>continent</b>	a very large area of land that consists of many <b>countries</b> . Europe is a <b>continent</b> .
<b>ocean</b>	one of the five very large areas of salt water on the <b>Earth's</b> surface.
<b>sea</b>	a large area of salty water that is part of an <b>ocean</b> .
<b>island</b>	a piece of land that is completely <b>surrounded</b> by water.
<b>archaeologist</b>	a person who studies historical items and bones.
<b>fossil</b>	the remains of an animal or dinosaur stuck in rock.
<b>surrounded</b>	to be present all around.
<b>species</b>	a group or type of the same animal.
<b>extinct</b>	a group of animals that no longer exist because they have all died.

Geographical Skills and Fieldwork

- Find the seven **continents** using **map** skills. Can you also find them in an **atlas** or on a globe?
- Observe **aerial** photographs or Google **Earth** to look at the **continents** and the world.
- Use directional and locational language to describe the **continents** in relation to each other (E.g. Antarctica is South of Australasia).

**Key Knowledge:**

**Overview- The World and Continents.**

- The surface of planet **Earth** is around 71% water.
- The **Earth** has 5 **oceans**.
- An **ocean** is a very large area of salty water on the **Earth's** surface.
- All of the **Earth's oceans** are connected together.
- As the **oceans** are so large, people break them down into smaller areas and into seas.
- The average depth of an **ocean** is 3.7km **deep**.
- Around 95% of all life on **Earth** lives in the **oceans**.

**The 5 Oceans**

**Pacific Ocean**



- The Pacific Ocean is the biggest **ocean** in the world.
- It separates Australasia and Asia from North and South America.
- The name Pacific Ocean means 'peaceful sea' in Portuguese.
- The Pacific Ocean is wider than the moon.

**Atlantic Ocean**



- The Atlantic Ocean is 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest **ocean** in the world.
- It separates North and South America from Europe and Africa.

**Indian Ocean**



- The Indian Ocean is the 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest **ocean** in the world.
- It is the warmest **ocean** in the world.
- It lies south of India and separates Australasia and Africa.

**Southern Ocean**



- The Southern Ocean is the 2<sup>nd</sup> smallest **ocean** in the world.
- It is around Antarctica in the south of the world.
- The Southern Ocean is near the **South pole** and is very cold.
- Most of the **ocean** is normally covered in ice.

**Arctic Ocean**



- The Arctic Ocean is the smallest **ocean** in the world.
- It is also the **shallowest ocean** in the world.
- The Arctic Ocean is in the north of the world, **surrounding** the **North Pole**.
- It is very cold and covered by ice for most of the year.

**Diagrams or Maps.**



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<b>deep</b>	something that goes down a long way from the top or surface.
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<b>North Pole</b>	the northern-most point of the <b>Earth's</b> surface.
<b>South Pole</b>	the southern-most point of the <b>Earth's</b> surface.

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**Geographical feature: The 5 Oceans by size.**

