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Arctic Ocean
• The surface of the Earth is covered by approximately 71% water and 29% land.
• It contains 7 continents and 5 oceans.
EARTH’S HEMISPHERES

• The planet Earth can be divided into four different sections or hemispheres. The Equator is an imaginary horizontal line (latitude) that divides the earth into the Northern and Southern hemispheres, while the Prime Meridian is the imaginary vertical line (longitude) that divides the earth into the Eastern and Western hemispheres.
North America, Earth’s 3rd largest continent, includes 23 countries. It contains Bermuda, Canada, Mexico, the United States of America, all Caribbean and Central America countries, as well as Greenland, which is the world’s largest island.
The continent of North America is located in both the Northern and Western hemispheres. It is surrounded by the Arctic Ocean in the north, by the Atlantic Ocean in the east, and by the Pacific Ocean in the west.
• It measures 24,256,000 sq. km and takes up a little more than 16% of the land on Earth.
North America has an approximate population of almost 529 million people, which is about 8% of the World’s total population.
The Atlantic Ocean is the second largest of Earth’s Oceans. It covers about 15% of the Earth’s total surface area and approximately 21% of its water surface area.
South America is the 4th largest continent on the planet and it includes 12 countries, as well as the Falkland Islands, Galapagos Islands and French Guiana.
South America is positioned in the Western Hemisphere, with a majority of the continent found in the Southern Hemisphere and a small portion in the Northern Hemisphere. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean to the west and by the Atlantic Ocean to the north and east.
It makes up 12% of Earth’s land mass and measures 17,819,000 sq. km.
South America is home to about 5% of the world’s population, with an approximate total of 387 million people.
The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean in the world. It covers almost one-third of Earth’s total surface area and approximately 43% of the Earth’s water surface.
Antarctica, the world’s 5 largest continent, does not contain any countries. It is almost 98% solid ice and has no permanent inhabitants.
Antarctica is located in the Antarctic region of the Southern Hemisphere as well as the southern most parts of the Western and Eastern hemispheres. It is surrounded entirely by the Southern Ocean.
SIZE OF ANTARCTICA

• It measures 13,209,000 sq. km and takes up 9% of the land on Earth.
The Southern Ocean is the fourth largest ocean on Earth. It covers approximately 4% of the world’s total surface area and almost 6% of its water surface area.
Europe is the planet’s 6th largest continent and it includes 47 countries.
Europe is situated in the Northern Hemisphere as well as mostly in the Eastern Hemisphere. Only a very small area of the continent lies in the Western Hemisphere. It is bordered in the north by the Arctic Ocean and in the west by the Atlantic Ocean.
It measures 9,938,000 sq. km and takes up almost 7% of the land on Earth.
Europe has an approximate population of 738 million people, which is about 11% of the World’s total population.
The Arctic Ocean is the smallest of Earth’s oceans. It covers almost 3% of the world’s total surface area and about 4% of its water surface area.
Africa is the 2\textsuperscript{nd} largest continent in the world and it contains 54 countries.
The continent of Africa has regions that lie within all four hemispheres. The majority of Africa is found in the Eastern Hemisphere, while about two-thirds are located in the Northern Hemisphere. One-third lies in the Southern Hemisphere and a small portion is located in the Western Hemisphere. It is surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean in the west and by the Indian Ocean in the southeast.
• It makes up more than 20% of Earth’s land mass and measures 30,065,000 sq. km.
Africa is home to about 15% of the World’s population, with an approximate total of 1 billion people.
The Indian Ocean is the third largest of the world’s oceans. It covers about 13% of the Earth’s total surface area and makes up almost 19% of surface water on the planet.
• Asia, Earth’s largest planet, contains 44 countries and includes the Middle East, as well as the majority of Russia.
Asia is positioned in the Eastern Hemisphere, with a majority of the continent found in the Northern Hemisphere and a very small portion in the Southern Hemisphere. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean to the East, by the Arctic Ocean to the north and by the Indian Ocean to the south.
• It measures 44,579,000 sq. km and takes up 30% of the land on Earth.
Asia has an approximate population of over 4.1 billion people, which is about 60% of the World’s total population.
Oceania is the smallest continent in the world and it contains 14 countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Papa New Guinea, as well as thousands of Islands in the South Pacific Ocean.
Oceania is located in both the Southern Hemisphere and the Eastern Hemisphere. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean in the east and the Indian Ocean in the west.
It makes up about 5% of Earth’s land mass and measures 7,687,000 sq. km.
• Oceania is home to less than 1% of the World’s population, with an approximate total of 36 million people.
POPULATION BY CONTINENT

- **Asia**: 60%
- **Africa**: 15%
- **Europe**: 11%
- **North America**: 8%
- **South America**: 5%
- **Oceania**: 1%
- **Antarctica**: 0%
EARTH’S WATER SURFACE AREA

- Pacific Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Southern Ocean
- Arctic Ocean
- Lakes & Rivers