

# Continents and Oceans

## Key Vocabulary

**climate** - the long-term weather conditions of an area.



**compass points** - people use a compass to help them position and use a map accurately.



**continent** - a very large area of land made up of lots of countries including islands.



**equator** - an imaginary line which runs around the centre of the globe at an equal distance between the North and South Poles.



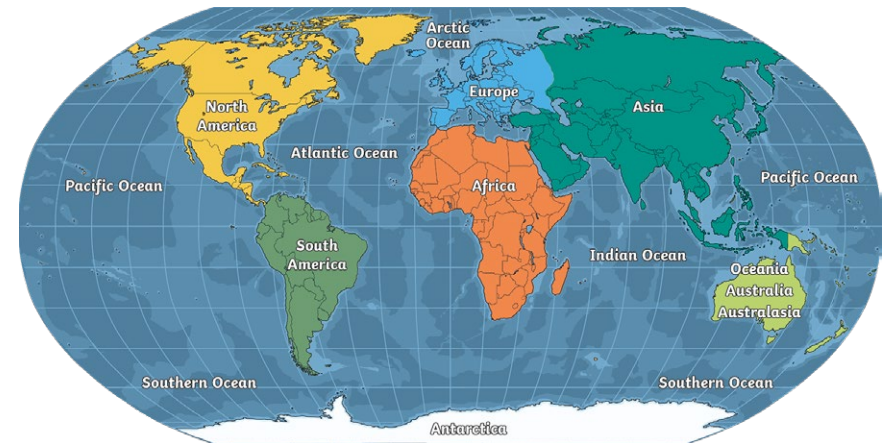
**human features** - features of our world that have been made by humans.



**landmark** - a feature of a landscape or place that is easily recognised, either a **human feature** or a **physical feature**.



## The World's Seven Continents and Five Oceans



The United Kingdom is in Europe. Europe is the second smallest **continent**. It lies north of the **equator**, in the **northern hemisphere**.

Asia is the largest **continent**. Most of Asia is north of the **equator**, in the **northern hemisphere**.

Oceania (Australia/Australasia) is the smallest continent. It is almost entirely south of the **equator**, in the **southern hemisphere**.

The Pacific Ocean is the largest **ocean**. The Arctic Ocean is the smallest **ocean**.

**landscape** - the appearance of a large area of land.



**north pole** - the point on the surface of the Earth that is furthest north.



**northern hemisphere** - one half of the Earth, north of the equator.



**ocean** - a large area of salt water.



**physical features** - features of our world that are natural.



**population** - the total number of people who live in an area.



**South Pole** - the point on the surface of the Earth that is furthest south.

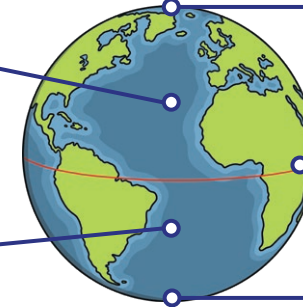


**southern hemisphere** - one half of the Earth, south of the equator.



**northern hemisphere**

**North Pole**



**southern hemisphere**

**equator**

**South Pole**

## Compass Points

The four main compass points are: **north, east, south and west.**



Halfway between these points are: **north east, south east, south west and north west.**

## Human and Physical Features

These are things that you can see all around you such as mountains, deserts and rivers (**physical features**) and buildings, roads and bridges (**human features**).

