

Major Water Bodies

Chapter 4: Major Water Bodies · Topic 1

Key Concept

Oceans are the largest water bodies, covering about 70% of the Earth's surface, and there are five major oceans.

Seas are smaller than oceans and are often partially enclosed by land, like the Arabian Sea near India.

Rivers are flowing bodies of freshwater that travel from higher to lower ground, eventually reaching seas or oceans.

Lakes are bodies of water surrounded by land, and can be freshwater or saltwater, providing important resources for nearby communities.

Quick Revision Notes

- Oceans are the largest water bodies.
- Oceans cover about 70% of Earth's surface.
- There are five major oceans.
- Seas are smaller, often partially enclosed by land.
- The Arabian Sea is near India.
- Rivers are flowing freshwater bodies.
- Rivers flow from higher to lower ground.
- Lakes are surrounded by land.

Practice Questions

- 1 Name the five major oceans.
- 2 Find a sea near India on a map.
- 3 Discuss the difference between a sea and an ocean.
- 4 Name a major river and where it flows.
- 5 Research a famous lake in the world.
- 6 Discuss why water bodies are important for climate.