

The Continents of the World

Chapter 2: Oceans and Continents · Topic 1

Key Concept

Asia is the largest continent by both area and population, home to countries like India, China, and Japan.

Africa is the second-largest continent, known for its diverse wildlife, the Sahara Desert, and the Nile River, the longest river in the world.

North America and South America are connected by a narrow strip of land, and together are sometimes called the Americas, featuring diverse climates from the Arctic to tropical rainforests.

Europe, though smaller in area, has a large number of countries, while Antarctica is the coldest, iciest continent, and Australia is both a country and a continent, known for its unique wildlife.

Quick Revision Notes

- There are seven continents: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe, Australia.
- Asia is the largest continent, home to India, China and Japan.
- Africa has the Sahara Desert and the Nile River.
- The Nile is the longest river in the world.
- North and South America are called the Americas.
- Europe has many countries in a smaller area.
- Antarctica is the coldest, iciest continent.
- Australia is both a country and a continent.

Practice Questions

- 1 Name the seven continents in order of size.
- 2 Find India, China and Japan on a world map.
- 3 Research one fact about the Sahara Desert.
- 4 Locate the Nile River on a map.
- 5 Compare the climate of two different continents.
- 6 Draw a simple world map labelling the continents.