

World Geography Puzzle Pack

Countries, Continents, Maps & Landmarks

For ages 8–14 · roughly Grades 4–8 · 9 activities · answer key included

A note for parents and teachers

This pack is nine short geography activities on one theme: where things are on a world map and how to read one. Students practise continents and oceans, countries and capitals, famous landmarks, flags, physical features and basic map skills. Most activities fit on one page and take about 5 to 10 minutes, so you can use a single page as a warm-up or work through the whole pack in 30 to 45 minutes.

How to use it

- **Print single-sided** on US Letter paper. Pages are black and white and use almost no ink. The answer key is the last two pages: keep them back until students have finished.
- **Work alone, in pairs or in small groups.** Pairs work well for the map pages: one student finds, the other checks.
- **Keep an atlas, globe or wall map nearby.** Nothing here requires one, but checking an answer on a real map is the point of geography.
- **Talk through the reasoning.** "How did you know?" matters more than the answer, especially for the riddles.

Conventions used in this pack

Geographers do not all count continents the same way. This pack uses the seven-continent model taught in most US schools: **Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America**. It uses five oceans: **Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic**. Capitals and landmarks were chosen so that the answer does not depend on a disputed border.

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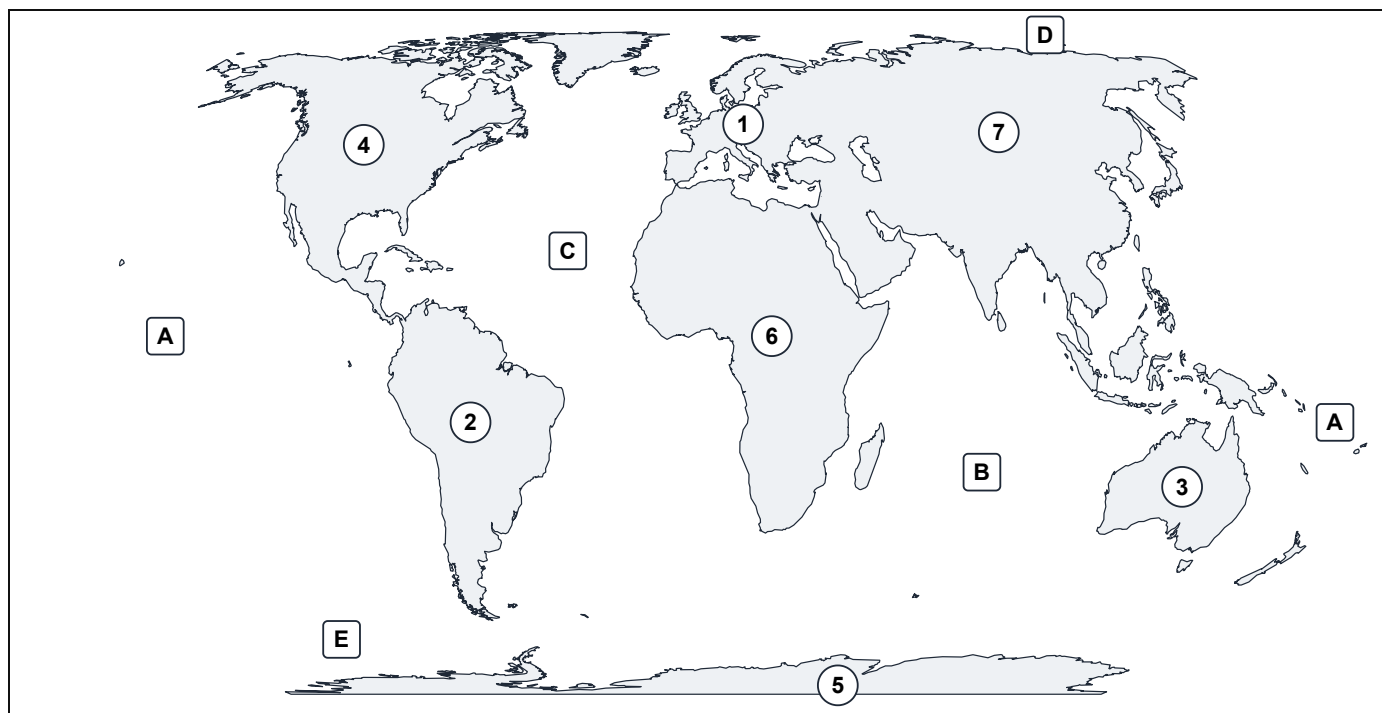
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1 Continents and Oceans

Write the name of each numbered continent and each lettered ocean. The Pacific Ocean appears twice, at the left and right edges of the map, and both are marked A.



Continents (1–7)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Oceans (A–E)

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____
- D. _____
- E. _____

Word bank: Africa • Antarctica • Asia • Australia • Europe • North America • South America • Pacific • Atlantic • Indian • Southern • Arctic

Quick questions

1. Which is the largest ocean? _____
2. Which continent is the only one covered almost entirely by ice? _____

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2 World Map Challenge

Each numbered dot is on a different country. Use the word bank (and an atlas if you need one) to write the country that sits under each number.



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Word bank: Argentina • Australia • Brazil • Canada • China • Egypt • India • Japan • Mexico • South Africa

Think about it

a. Which three of these ten countries are on the continent of Asia? _____

b. Which one is both a country and a whole continent? _____

c. Which three lie entirely south of the equator? _____

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3 Match Countries to Continents

Write the letter of the continent each country belongs to. Every continent is used at least once, and some are used more than once.

COUNTRY	CONTINENT
___ 1. Kenya	A. Africa
___ 2. Morocco	B. Asia
___ 3. Japan	C. Australia
___ 4. Thailand	D. Europe
___ 5. India	E. North America
___ 6. Germany	F. South America
___ 7. Norway	
___ 8. Mexico	
___ 9. Cuba	
___ 10. Peru	
___ 11. Argentina	
___ 12. Australia	

Challenge

Choose any three countries from the list. For each one, name an ocean or sea that touches it, or write "landlocked" if it has no sea coast. Use an atlas.

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Date: _____

4 Countries and Capitals

Match each country to its capital city by writing the letter of the capital on the line.

COUNTRY	CAPITAL CITY
___ 1. France	A. Madrid
___ 2. Japan	B. Brasília
___ 3. Egypt	C. Mexico City
___ 4. Canada	D. Buenos Aires
___ 5. Brazil	E. Paris
___ 6. Australia	F. Tokyo
___ 7. Kenya	G. Rome
___ 8. Italy	H. Ottawa
___ 9. India	I. Nairobi
___ 10. Argentina	J. Cairo
___ 11. Spain	K. New Delhi
___ 12. Mexico	L. Canberra

The capital is not always the biggest city

Circle the capital city of each country.

1. **Canada:** Ottawa or Toronto
2. **Australia:** Sydney or Canberra
3. **Brazil:** Brasília or Rio de Janeiro

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Date: _____

5 Famous World Landmarks

Match each landmark to the country it is in. Write the letter of the country on the line.

LANDMARK	COUNTRY
____ 1. Eiffel Tower	A. Egypt
____ 2. Great Wall	B. Mexico
____ 3. Pyramids of Giza	C. Italy
____ 4. Machu Picchu	D. Japan
____ 5. Taj Mahal	E. China
____ 6. Colosseum	F. Brazil
____ 7. Christ the Redeemer statue	G. Peru
____ 8. Sydney Opera House	H. India
____ 9. Mount Fuji	I. Australia
____ 10. Chichén Itzá	J. France

Natural or built?

Some landmarks were made by nature and some by people. Circle one word for each.

1. Taj Mahal	natural / built by people
2. Mount Fuji	natural / built by people
3. Great Barrier Reef	natural / built by people
4. Colosseum	natural / built by people
5. Grand Canyon	natural / built by people
6. Great Wall	natural / built by people

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⑥ Flags and Countries

Each flag is described in words. Read the description and write the country it belongs to.

Word bank: Brazil • Canada • Germany • Ireland • Italy • Japan • Sweden • Switzerland

1. A red circle in the middle of a plain white flag

2. A red flag with a white square cross in the centre

3. Red, white, red vertical bands, with a red maple leaf in the middle

4. Three vertical bands: green, white and red

5. Three horizontal bands: black, red and gold

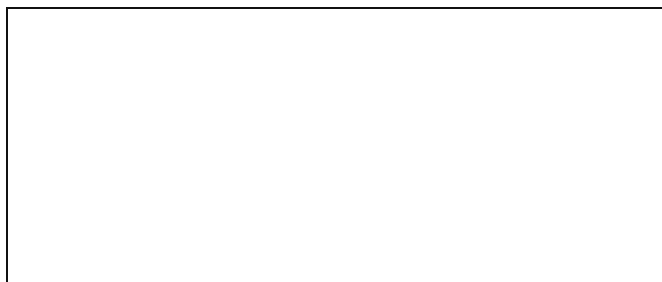
6. A blue flag with a yellow cross that sits a little left of centre

7. Three vertical bands: green, white and orange

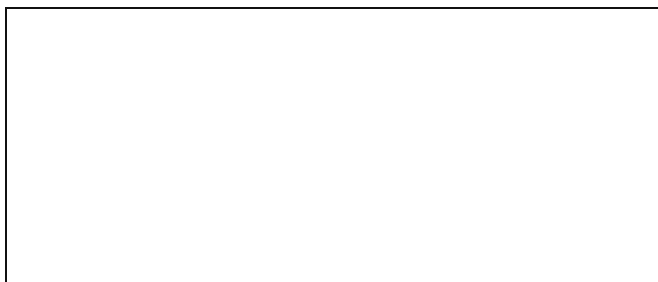
8. A green flag with a yellow diamond that holds a blue circle

Sketch two flags

Draw each flag from memory in the frame (use pencil, or note the colours in words), then check it in an atlas.



Japan



Italy

Name: _____

Date: _____

7 Mountains, Rivers and Oceans

These are physical features: parts of the Earth made by nature, such as mountains, rivers, deserts and oceans. In Part A, write the continent each one is on. In Part B, complete each sentence from the word bank.

Part A: Which continent?

- | | |
|----------------------|-------|
| 1. Mount Everest | _____ |
| 2. Nile River | _____ |
| 3. Amazon River | _____ |
| 4. Alps | _____ |
| 5. Rocky Mountains | _____ |
| 6. Mount Kilimanjaro | _____ |
| 7. Yangtze River | _____ |
| 8. Andes | _____ |
| 9. Mississippi River | _____ |
| 10. Danube River | _____ |

Word bank: Africa • Asia • Europe • North America • South America

Part B: Complete the sentence

Word bank: Amazon • Everest • Pacific • Sahara

- The highest mountain on Earth above sea level is Mount _____.
- The largest ocean on Earth is the _____ Ocean.
- The largest hot desert in the world is the _____ Desert.
- The largest rainforest on Earth is the _____ rainforest.

8 Geography Riddles and Reasoning

Part A: work out who or what is speaking. Part B: use what you know about maps to reason out the answer, then explain your thinking in a sentence.

Part A: Who am I?

1. I am the largest country in the world by area. I stretch across two continents, Europe and Asia. What country am I?

2. I am a continent with no countries of my own and almost no permanent residents. Ice covers most of me. What continent am I?

3. I am an ocean that touches Africa, Asia and Australia. My name is also the name of a country. What ocean am I?

4. I am an imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at 0° latitude. I split the globe into two hemispheres. What am I?

5. I am the longest mountain range on land. I run down the west side of South America. What am I?

6. I am a country made of thousands of islands in Southeast Asia. My capital city is Jakarta. What country am I?

Part B: Reason it out

- a. A ship leaves the east coast of Brazil and sails straight east. Which ocean does it cross, and which continent does it reach first?

- b. It is winter in Canada in December. Is it summer or winter in Australia at the same time? Why?

- c. Peru, Mongolia and Italy: which one has no sea coast (is landlocked)?

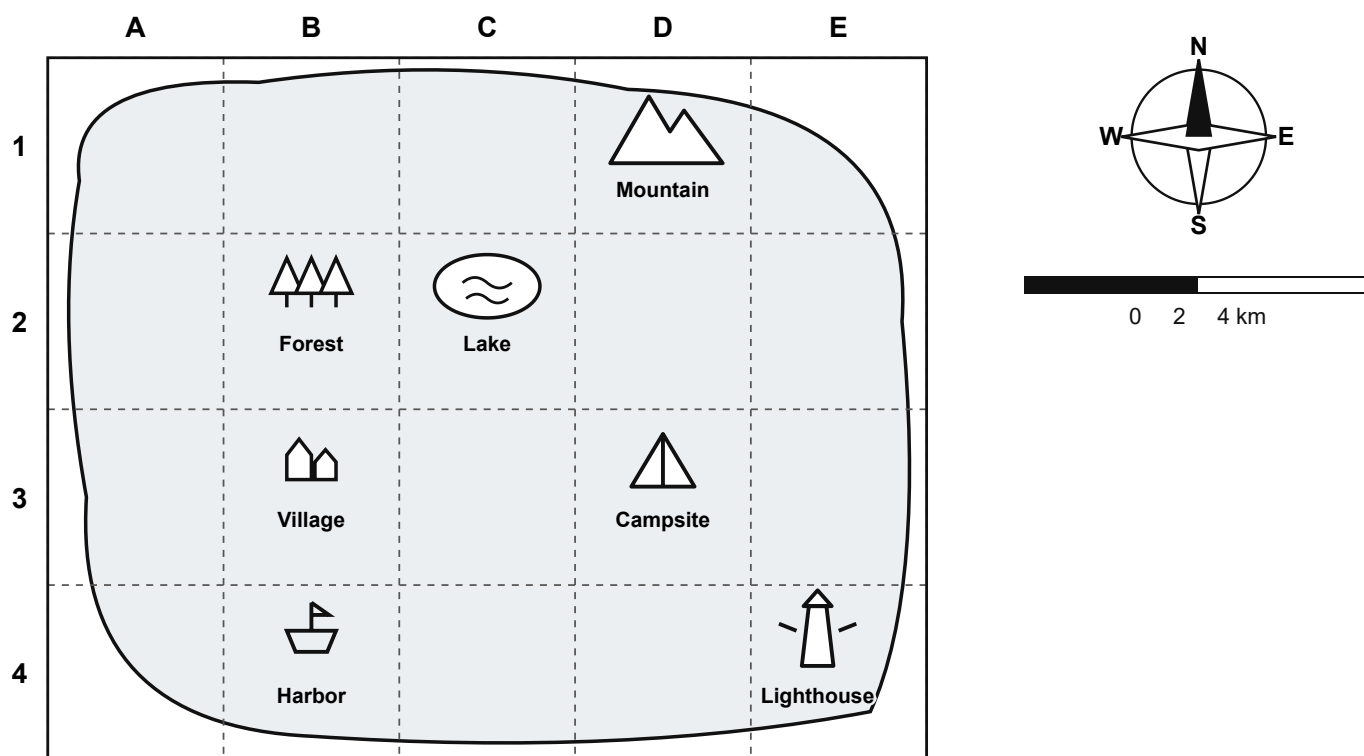
- d. You travel from Cairo, Egypt to Cape Town, South Africa. Is the journey mostly north, south, east or west?

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9 Map Reading: The Island

This invented island has a grid, a compass rose and a scale, the three tools that make a map readable. Give a place as its column letter and then its row number, for example B3. Read across first, then down.



1. Which grid square is the Lighthouse in? _____
2. What is in square C2? _____
3. In which direction would you walk from the Harbor to the Mountain? (Use the compass: N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W or NW.) _____
4. What is directly north of the Village, in the square above it? _____
5. One square is 2 km wide. How far is it from the Village to the Campsite in a straight line, in km?

6. Which place shares a row with the Harbor? _____

Answer key (1 of 2)

1. Continents and Oceans

1. Europe · 2. South America · 3. Australia · 4. North America · 5. Antarctica · 6. Africa · 7. Asia

A. Pacific Ocean · B. Indian Ocean · C. Atlantic Ocean · D. Arctic Ocean · E. Southern Ocean

Quick questions: Pacific Ocean · Antarctica

2. World Map Challenge

1. Canada · 2. Mexico · 3. Brazil · 4. Argentina · 5. Egypt · 6. South Africa · 7. India · 8. China · 9. Japan · 10. Australia

a) India, China, Japan b) Australia c) Argentina, South Africa, Australia

3. Match Countries to Continents

1. Kenya → A (Africa) · 2. Morocco → A (Africa) · 3. Japan → B (Asia) · 4. Thailand → B (Asia) · 5. India → B (Asia) · 6. Germany → D (Europe) · 7. Norway → D (Europe) · 8. Mexico → E (North America) · 9. Cuba → E (North America) · 10. Peru → F (South America) · 11. Argentina → F (South America) · 12. Australia → C (Australia)

Challenge: answers vary; check with an atlas.

4. Countries and Capitals

1. France → E (Paris) · 2. Japan → F (Tokyo) · 3. Egypt → J (Cairo) · 4. Canada → H (Ottawa) · 5. Brazil → B (Brasília) · 6. Australia → L (Canberra) · 7. Kenya → I (Nairobi) · 8. Italy → G (Rome) · 9. India → K (New Delhi) · 10. Argentina → D (Buenos Aires) · 11. Spain → A (Madrid) · 12. Mexico → C (Mexico City)

Circle the capital: Canada: Ottawa · Australia: Canberra · Brazil: Brasília

5. Famous World Landmarks

1. Eiffel Tower → J (France) · 2. Great Wall → E (China) · 3. Pyramids of Giza → A (Egypt) · 4. Machu Picchu → G (Peru) · 5. Taj Mahal → H (India) · 6. Colosseum → C (Italy) · 7. Christ the Redeemer statue → F (Brazil) · 8. Sydney Opera House → I (Australia) · 9. Mount Fuji → D (Japan) · 10. Chichén Itzá → B (Mexico)

Natural or built: Taj Mahal: built · Mount Fuji: natural · Great Barrier Reef: natural · Colosseum: built · Grand Canyon: natural · Great Wall: built

Answer key (2 of 2)

6. Flags and Countries

1. Japan · 2. Switzerland · 3. Canada · 4. Italy · 5. Germany · 6. Sweden · 7. Ireland · 8. Brazil

Sketches: Japan is a red circle on white; Italy is green, white, red in vertical bands.

7. Mountains, Rivers and Oceans

1. Mount Everest → Asia · 2. Nile River → Africa · 3. Amazon River → South America · 4. Alps → Europe · 5. Rocky Mountains → North America · 6. Mount Kilimanjaro → Africa · 7. Yangtze River → Asia · 8. Andes → South America · 9. Mississippi River → North America · 10. Danube River → Europe

Part B: a) Everest b) Pacific c) Sahara d) Amazon

8. Geography Riddles and Reasoning

Part A

1. Russia
2. Antarctica
3. Indian Ocean
4. The equator
5. The Andes
6. Indonesia

Part B

- a. The Atlantic Ocean, then Africa.
- b. Summer. Australia is in the Southern Hemisphere, so its seasons are the opposite of Canada's.
- c. Mongolia.
- d. South.

9. Map Reading: The Island

1. E4 · 2. Lake · 3. NE · 4. Forest · 5. 4 km · 6. Lighthouse

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