



Meet the Earth!

Hi, everyone! I'm the earth. Did you know that I am made of seven continents?



Africa is my hottest continent. It has many deserts, like the Sahara in the north and the Namib in the south.



Antarctica is in the south. Ice covers 98% of this continent, so it is really cold.



Asia is my largest continent with the highest number of people. The famous Great Wall of China is in Asia. It is the longest wall ever built!



Australia has many fantastic natural wonders, like the Great Barrier Reef. It has many unusual animals too, like the quokka. Have a look. Is it the happiest animal in the world?



Europe has many famous landmarks, like the Eiffel Tower in Paris. The smallest country in the world, Vatican City, is also in Europe.





North America has interesting landmarks, like the Statue of Liberty, and also natural wonders like the Grand Canyon.



In South America, you will find the Amazon Rainforest. Many endangered animals live here.



My seven continents are home to around 7,700,000,000 people from 195 countries. Aren't I amazing?



GLOSSARY

continent	(n.)	洲	one of the seven large land areas on Earth
wonder	(n.)	奇觀	a really amazing thing
landmark	(n.)	地標	an easily recognised thing or place that belongs to a town, country, etc.

VOCABULARY FOCUS



We can use synonyms to avoid using the same words. Look at these words from the article, which mean the same as great:

‘interesting’

‘fantastic’

‘amazing’



SUPPORTING SUMMARY

The main points in the earth's speech are:

- The world has seven continents.
- Africa is hot and Antarctica is cold.
- More people live in Asia than on any other continent.
- There are many famous landmarks in Europe.
- Australia, South America and North America contain many natural wonders.

EXTENSION ACTIVITY



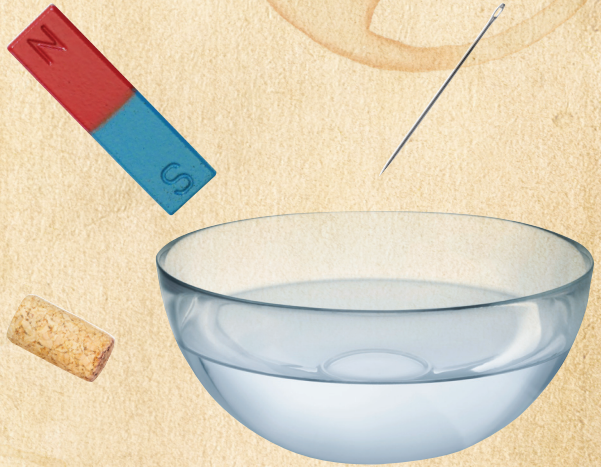
This speech tells us about the seven continents of the world. Did you know that as well as the seven continents, there are five major oceans in the world? What are they? What's special about them? Look online for information.

Learning in Action: Floating Compass

Sometimes, travellers get lost! A compass can help when we are lost. We can even make our own compass.

All we need is:

- A magnet
- A needle
- A cork or a piece of paper
- A bowl of water



Can you guess how these four things can make a compass? Draw a picture of your guess:



Follow the link at the back of this book to learn more.

Was your guess correct? Draw a picture of the compass you have made:

Fun Fact

Pigeons have magnets in their beaks! The magnets are like compasses. They help pigeons find their homes.

compass

指南針

needle

針

magnet

磁石

cork

酒塞