



## Continents and Oceans

### Key Facts

**Asia** is the largest continent. It has the biggest land area and the world's biggest population. There are 48 countries in Asia.

**Australia** is the smallest continent.

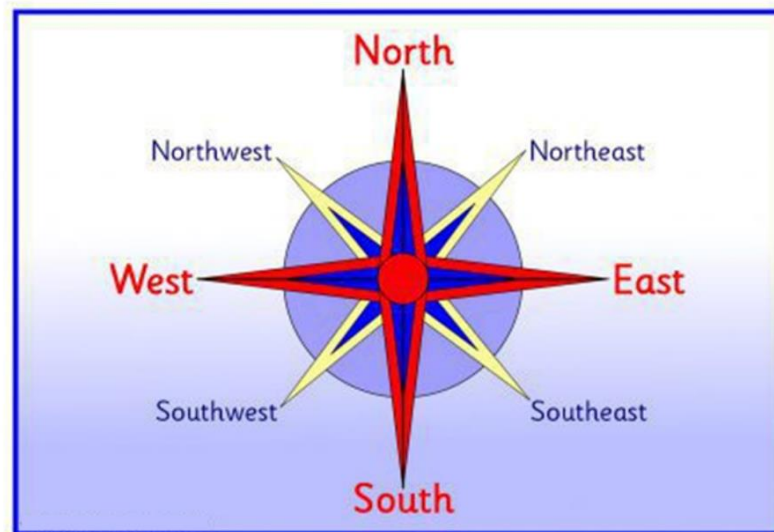
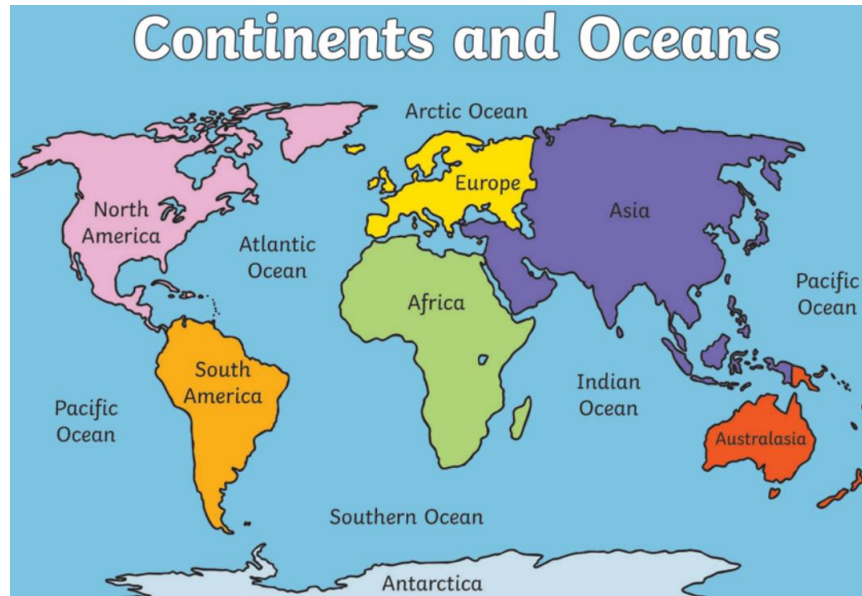
**Africa** is the continent that has the most countries. There are 54 countries on the African continent.

**North America** is made up of 23 countries.

**South America** has 12 countries. Its largest country is Brazil.

**Europe** houses the two smallest countries in the world: Vatican City Monaco. There are 44 countries in Europe.

**Antarctica** is covered almost completely by ice.



### Key Vocabulary

continent	A land mass defined by physical, human, or cultural features.
country	An area of land that is controlled by its own government.
ocean	A very large expanse of sea.
equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth where day and night are almost equal, and there is little change in season.
Seasons	A time of year marked by certain conditions.
Symbol	A picture used on a map to show a feature.
Population	The number of people who live in a particular place.