Geography Year 2 Summer — Continents and Oceans.

Key knowledge to know and use

There are seven continents on Earth and they are Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Oceania (Australasia) and Antarctica. The United Kingdom is in Europe.

Asia is the largest continent on Earth and Oceania is the smallest.

All the continents, except Antarctica, contain countries, which have cities, towns and villages

North and South America are two continents that are joined together.

There are 5 oceans in the world and these are the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Southern and Arctic Oceans.

The largest ocean is the Pacific Ocean and the smallest ocean is the Arctic Ocean. The deepest place on Earth is under the Pacific Ocean.

Oceans are deeper in some places than others. The different depths are called layers and there are 5 layers (see below)

Each layer of the ocean becomes colder and darker.

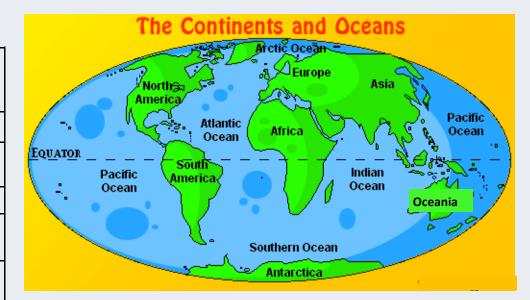
Oceans and marine life can be can be affected by different types of pollution. Plastic pollution is occurring in many oceans.



The 5 layers of the oceans are all named.

Most of the life in the ocean is in the **Sunlight lay**er. The water is warm because of the sun.

The deepest layer is the Trench layer (also called the ocean floor). The temperature is near freezing.



Key vocabulary to remember and use in your learning

Word	Definition
atlas	A book of maps
globe	A round model of the Earth.
continent	A large solid area of land.
ocean	A huge body of salt water.
pollution	Anything that makes the earth dirty and unhealthy.



Plastics used in our everyday lives can find its way into the oceans in many different ways. These plastics are harmful to marine life—all the plants and animals that live in the salty waters of the seas and oceans.