



Around the World



Vocabulary

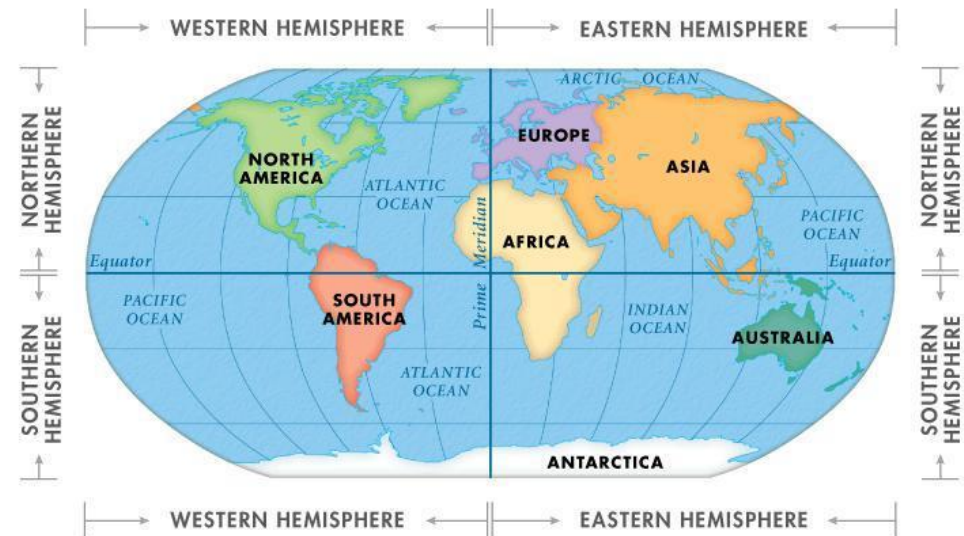
capital city	A city or town where the countries government is based.
climate	The weather in an area over a long period of time.
currency	The money used in a country.
equator	An imaginary line which goes about the centre of the Earth's surface.
hemisphere	Half of the Earth. Usually divided into either the northern and southern hemispheres or the eastern and western hemispheres.
humid	Lots of water vapour in the atmosphere
latitude	An imaginary horizontal lines that measure distance north or south of the equator.
longitude	An imaginary vertical lines that measure distance east or west of the meridian.
meridian	An imaginary vertical line which runs through Greenwich (England) from the South Pole to the North Pole.
population	The number of people who live in a place or country.
precipitation	Water particles that fall from a cloud as rain, hail, sleet or snow.
transcontinental	Countries which are in more than one continent.
weather	The state of the atmosphere, including temperature, atmospheric pressure, wind, humidity, precipitation and cloud cover.

Dear parents,

Our next Humanities topic is a Geography unit called 'Around the world'. Please help your children to prepare for this topic by learning some of the key words and the facts on this sheet.

There are some homework activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created.

Thank you for your support,
Kind regards,
Year 5 Teachers



The world is primarily divided into seven **continents**: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Australia (sometimes called Oceania) and Antarctica. Continents are large landmasses.

The world is also divided into hemispheres. The **Equator** creates the Northern and Southern **Hemispheres**. The **Meridian** creates the Eastern and Western **Hemispheres**.

Europe





Europe is the continent in which we live in.

There are 44 countries in Europe. A small number of countries on the continent are transcontinental, meaning they are considered to be part of Europe and Asia. Examples of this include Turkey and Russia.

Europe has a population of round 740 million. That sounds a lot but there are five times than number of people living in Asia today.

The largest country in Europe is Russia, with 3,972,400 square kilometres of it considered to be Europe. The smallest country is the Vatican City (0.44 square kilometres).

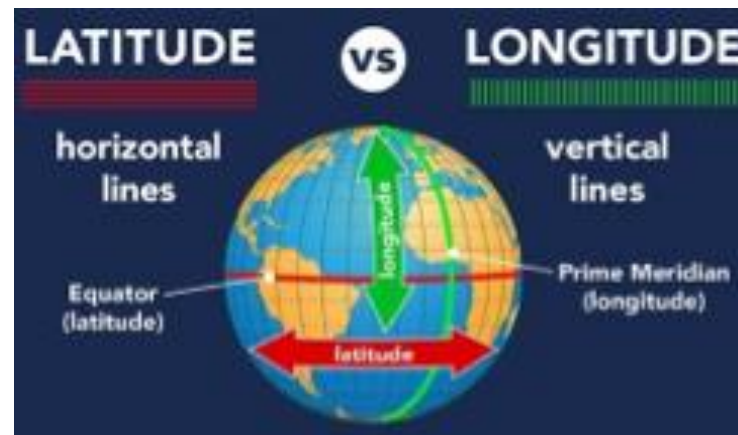


	Australia	Canada	U.S.A.	U.K.
Capital City	Canberra	Ottawa	Washington D.C.	London
Currency	Australian Dollar	Canadian Dollar	American Dollar	Pounds
Flags				
Flag Nickname	The Australian National Flag	Maple Leaf Flag	Stars and Stripes or the Star-Spangled Banner	Union Flag or Union Jack
Highest Mountain	Mount Kosciuszko (2,228m)	Mount Logan (5,959m)	Mount Denali (6,190m)	Ben Nevis (1,345m)
Largest City	Sydney (5.5 million)	Toronto (2.6 million people)	New York (8.3 million)	London (8.9 million people)
Longest River	Murray River (2,508km)	Mackenzie river (4,240km)	Missouri River (3,767km)	River Severn (354km)
National Animal	Kangaroo	Beaver	Bald Eagle	England - Lion Scotland - Unicorn Wales - Dragon
Most Common Language	English	English and French	English	English
Population	26.01 million	38.93 million	333.3 million	66.97 million
Tallest building	Q1 (322.5m)	First Canadian Place (298.1m)	One World Trade Centre (541.3m)	The Shard (309.6m)

Australia

Australia is a country and continent.

Australia is a large land mass like the continents of Africa and South America, but it is only made up of one country. It is located in the Southern Hemisphere and surrounded by the Indian and Pacific Oceans.



The world population is around 7.8 billion people.

The world population is the number of people living on Earth and is constantly growing. The world population is spread unevenly across the globe.

Homework Ideas:

- Paint your favourite flag.
- Produce your own research table (see above), for four countries.
- Create a model of a famous European building such as the Shard, the Eiffel Tower or the Brandenburg Gate.
- With help from your parents, have a go at cooking a meal from another European country such as Spanish paella.
- Produce a fact file about one country.
- Create a city scape for a European, Australian, American or Canadian city or create a city scape containing famous buildings from all these countries.