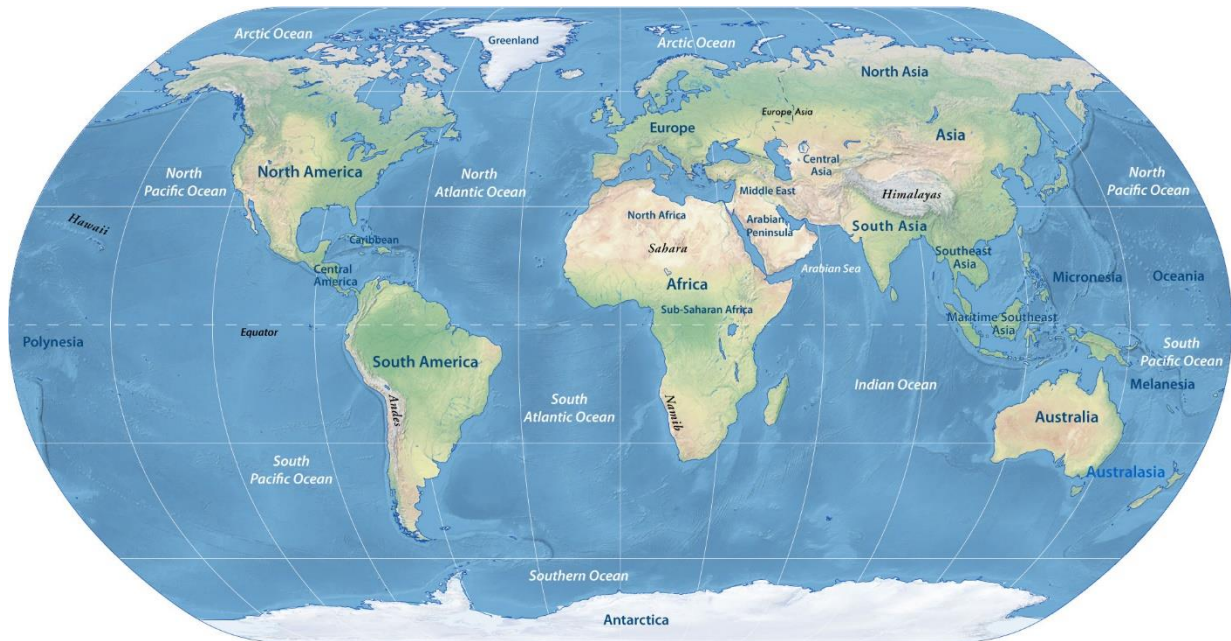


# Planet Earth's Seven Continents



**Asia** is the largest continent. It has the biggest land area and the world's biggest population. There are more than 4.4 billion people speaking nearly 2,300 living languages across Asia. You've probably considered some of the common ones, like Mandarin Chinese and Japanese. But there are a lot of other widely spoken languages that may not be as familiar to you!

Asia houses some of the richest nations in the world. The tiny country Qatar on the Arabian peninsula is one of the richest nations in the world due to its income from oil exploration and the petroleum industry.



What is the largest continent on planet Earth?

Asia

What is the population of Asia?

More than 4.4 billion.

Write 4.4 billion in numbers.

4,400,000,000

How many languages are spoken across Asia?

2,300

Name two common languages spoken in Asia.

Mandarin Chinese and Japanese.

What made Qatar become one of the richest countries in the world?

Oil exploration and the petroleum industry.

Find a word in the passage that fits the following definition: "A piece of land that is almost entirely surrounded by water and is attached to a larger land area."

Peninsula

**Africa** is the continent that has the most countries. There are 54 countries on the African continent. Countries like Botswana, Tanzania, Rwanda, Namibia and South Africa are best known for wildlife watching.

The Serengeti National Park in Tanzania is one of the oldest ecosystems on the planet, and is famous for its annual migration of over 1.5 million wildebeest and 250,000 zebra, and for its numerous Nile crocodile and honey badger.

What continent has the most countries?

Africa

How many countries are there on the African continent?

54

Name five countries known for wildlife watching?

Botswana, Tanzania, Rwanda, Namibia and South Africa.

In what country will you find the Serengeti National Park?

Tanzania

Do you know what an *ecosystem* is?

Everything that exists in a particular environment. An ecosystem includes living things, such as plants and animals, and things that are not living, such as rocks, soil, sunlight, and water.

What is the Serengeti National Park known for?

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**Australia** is the smallest continent of the planet. It is the only continent in the world without an active volcano, and has three times more sheep than people.

Most of Australia's exotic flora and fauna cannot be found anywhere else in the world. A selfie with cuddly marsupials like koalas, quokkas, wombats and kangaroos are only possible in Australia. Australia is also home to venomous animals like the blue-ringed octopus, the stone fish and funnel web spider.



What continent is the smallest of our planet?

Australia

What is the difference between flora and fauna?

The term flora relates to all plant life and the term fauna represents all animal life.

Do you know what a marsupial is?

A marsupial is type of a mammal; the mother has a pouch for carrying, feeding and protecting her young.

What four marsupials are named in the passage.

Koalas, quokkas, wombats and kangaroos.

What three venomous animals are named in the passage?

Blue-ringed octopus, stone fish and funnel web spider.

**Europe** is considered to be the wealthiest and richest continent. Europe houses the two smallest countries in the world: the Vatican City which is located inside Rome in Italy, and Monaco which is bordered on three sides by France.

Europeans love chocolate. Nearly 50 percent of the total world production of chocolate is sold and eaten by Europeans. Switzerland had the highest consumption per capita in 2017, followed by Austria and Germany.



*Vatican City*



*Monaco*

What continent is the wealthiest?

Europe

What are the two smallest countries in the world?

Vatican City and Monaco

Where is the Vatican City?

Inside Rome in Italy.

Find a synonym for *ingestion* in the passage.



Consumption

What does the term *per capita* mean?

Per person.

Who are the world's biggest chocoholics?

The Swiss

**South America** is a continent of many natural superlatives: the Andes, which is the longest mountain range, the Atacama Desert in Chile, which is the driest place on planet Earth, and the Angel Falls in Venezuela, which is the highest waterfall. It is almost 1,000 meters high!

**Antarctica** is the smallest continent by population numbers. This means the huge continent is only sparsely populated. On Antarctica there are only research stations for scientists and no permanent settlements. Antarctica is covered almost completely by ice. Ninety percent of the planet's ice is located on this continent, which also makes up 60 – 70 percent of the world's freshwater supply.

Find a word in the passage that fits this description: *surpassing all others*.

Superlative

What is the longest mountain range in the world?

The Andes

Name the driest place on planet Earth.

Atacama Desert in Chile

On what continent will you find the world's highest waterfall?

South America

Find the antonym for *densely* in the passage.

Sparsely

It is said that 90% of planet Earth's ice is located on Antarctica. What do you think will happen if all the ice melts?

The sea-level will rise everywhere in the world, with the result that the oceans will cover all the coastal cities.