

Earth Planet-General Knowledge Questions and Answers updated on Dec 2024

World Geography: Planet Earth, Continents, Oceans, Deepest points in Earth

Pacific Ocean

The Pacific Ocean is located between the Southern Ocean, Asia and Australia and the Western Hemisphere. It covers about one-third of the earth's surface, it covers 28% of the Earth. Its deepest point is the Challenger Deep within the Mariana Trench near Japan.

Atlantic ocean

Its greatest depth is in the Puerto Rico Trench at 8,605 meters (28,231 feet). It is located between Africa, Europe, the Southern Ocean and the Western Hemisphere. Atlantic's major marginal seas include the Mediterranean Sea, the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, Hudson Bay, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean Sea.

Indian Ocean

It is located between Africa, the Southern Ocean, Asia and Australia. Its deepest point is the Java trench, at 7,725 m.

Southern Ocean

The Southern Ocean is the world's newest and fourth-largest ocean.

The deepest point in the Southern Ocean is unnamed but it is in the south end of the South Sandwich Trench and has a depth of -23,737 feet (-7,235 m).

Arctic Ocean

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean - more than five times smaller than the Indian and Atlantic oceans.

It extends between Europe, Asia and North America and most of its waters are north of the Arctic Circle. Its deepest point is the Fram Basin at -15,305 feet (-4,665 m).

The Arctic Ocean is covered by a drifting polar icepack that is an average of ten feet (three meters) thick.

Here are some interesting facts about each of the continents that make them unique (different to the others).

Asia

Is the only continent joined to two others.

Contains the world's biggest nation (China).

Contains the highest point on Earth (Mount Everest).

Is the only continent where tigers are found in the wild.

Africa

Contains the world's longest river (The Nile).
Contains the world's largest desert (The Sahara).
Contains more countries than any other continent.
Most of the world's gold and diamonds come from Africa.

North America

Is joined to Asia by ice in winter (Bering Sea).
Is the only continent that lies entirely in the Northern and Western Hemispheres.
Contains the world's tallest mountain (Mount Kea).
Contains the world's largest fresh water lake (Lake Superior).

South America

Contains the world's Southern most city (Puntas Arenas).
Contains the world's largest river system (The Amazon).

Antarctica

Is the only continent completely covered in ice.
Is the only continent that is uninhabited by humans (although some scientists live there for short periods of time).

Europe

Through colonization, at one time ruled almost all of the rest of the world.
Has been the starting point of both World Wars.

Australia

Australia is an island continent and the world's sixth largest country (7,682,300 sq km).
Capital: Canberra