

Earth Location Clues

Use land and water names to describe places on Earth.

3.2.a "locating and describing the seven continents and the five oceans; and"

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Circle each continent name and underline each ocean name so you can see how land and water locations are described.

Land and Water Around Us

- ① Earth has seven large land areas called continents. Asia is the largest continent. Africa lies south of Europe. North America and South America are joined by a narrow strip of land. Antarctica is the cold continent around the South Pole. Australia is the smallest continent. People use continent names to describe where places are on Earth.
- ② The five oceans hold salt water and connect around the world. The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean. The Atlantic Ocean lies between the Americas and Europe and Africa. The Indian Ocean is south of Asia. The Arctic Ocean surrounds the North Pole. The Southern Ocean circles Antarctica and joins the Pacific, Atlantic, and Indian Oceans.
- ③ When you locate a place, use nearby land and water as clues. Brazil is in South America, east of the Pacific Ocean and west of the Atlantic Ocean. Japan is in Asia, near the Pacific Ocean. Egypt is in Africa, beside the Mediterranean Sea, which is smaller than an ocean. Continent and ocean names help people explain locations clearly.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What is the largest continent?

2 Which continent is around the South Pole?

3 Which ocean lies between the Americas and Europe and Africa?

4 Brazil is east of one ocean and west of another. Name both oceans.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Choose a country that is next to an ocean. Write two sentences. In the first sentence, name its continent. In the second sentence, name an ocean and tell where the country is compared with that ocean.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Circle each continent name and underline each ocean name so you can see how land and water locations are described. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is the largest continent?	Asia.
2	Which continent is around the South Pole?	Antarctica.
3	Which ocean lies between the Americas and Europe and Africa?	The Atlantic Ocean.
4	Brazil is east of one ocean and west of another. Name both oceans.	Brazil is east of the Pacific Ocean and west of the Atlantic Ocean.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Chile is in South America. It is east of the Pacific Ocean.

Accept accurate continent and ocean relationships for a real country. The student should name a continent in the first sentence and use an ocean with a clear location word in the second sentence.