## Our Big, Big Earth

Ages 4 to 7 (Level 1)

| Description: | This project teaches the learner about the world and its diversity to |
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| help them develop tolerance toward other people and cultures. |  |$|$| Leading question: | How big and diverse is our planet Earth? |
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| Age group: | $4-7$-year-old |
| Subjects: | Social sciences, Global citizenship, and Mathematics |
| Total time required: | $\sim 5$ hours over 3 days |
| Self-guided / Supervised activity: | High parent supervision required |
| Resources required: | Paper, pencils, coloring pens, \& glue |


| Learning outcomes | - Understanding world Geography and demographics: List the continents and oceans, number of countries and world population <br> - Understanding the importance of global interconnectedness and the challenges which may arise from it. <br> - Understanding the importance of the enriching diversity of our Earth <br> Having an attitude of tolerance and appreciation to other cultures of the world <br> - Data visualization and percentages (basics) |
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| Required previous learning | Planet Earth, and the concept of countries and populations |

Topics/concepts covered and skills and attitudes developed

- World Geography and demographics
- Global interconnectedness
- Diversity of our Earth
- Tolerance and appreciation
- Data visualization and percentages
- Research skills
- Creativity and communication skills

| Day | Time | Activity and Description |
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| 1 | minutes <br> m | Introduce that we are going to learn about our planet Earth. It is round and <br> looks like a ball that is stretched from the middle. |


candies, 25 Green, 25 Orange and 25 Red. So, we say that 25 Percent of the candies are yellow. We write this as: $25 \%$ Yellow.
In the same manner, If the world had 100 people:

- 25 would be children between 0 and 14 years of age
- 66 would be between 15 and 64 years of age
- 9 would be 65 years of age and older
When we say that $25 \%$ of the world population are children under the age of 14 . It means in every group of 100 people, 25 of them are children. Which is one quarter of the whole population. If the circle below was 100, each one of the four quarters we get when we divide it into 4 equal parts will be 25. Learners will divide 100 by 4 to verify:

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15 Learners will answer the following questions:

1. If the world had 100 people, 66 would be between 15 and 64 years of age. What percentage of the world population are between 15 and 64 years?
2. If the world had 100 people, 9 would be 65 years and older. What percentage of the world population are 65 years and older?
Answers:

- People between 15 and 64 years: $66 \%$
- People 65 years and older: 9\%
Challenge: The learner will use the diagram below, to create a world model showing world population distribution by age using the information below.


| 2 | 20 minutes | Activity: Looking at the picture below, this is the top of a very deep container of apples. The shop owner organized them by putting green apples on the left, red apples in the middle, and yellow apples on the right. Assuming these are 100 apples at the top, how many of the hundred would be red? How many are Green? How many are Yellow? Write your guesses as a percentage: a number followed by this sign \% <br> Activity: Some mathematicians divided all the 7.9 billion people in the world into 100 groups. To represent Percentages of people living on each continent, they made this Population distribution drawing of the world map with 100 human characters. <br> Activity: Use the Population distribution visual in the appendix to count what percentage of people live on each continent. <br> - North America <br> - South America <br> - Africa <br> - Europe <br> - Asia <br> - Australia <br> Hint: There are a total of 100 people in the Population distribution visual <br> Answers: <br> - North America 5\% <br> - South America 9\% <br> - Africa 16\% <br> - Europe $10 \%$ <br> - Asia 60\% <br> - Australia (less than 1\%) <br> Questions: <br> - Which continent has the most people living in it? <br> - Which continent seems to be least populated? |
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|  | 45 <br> minutes <br> 10 <br> minutes | Optional literacy Extension: The learner will perform a role play for family members or their class to demonstrate how he/she would fit in a new environment when taken to a new country with people of a different color, language and culture. <br> Family/Parent supported research <br> The family/parents search for answers to the following questions and explain to the learners about the origin of these goods by locating the countries on the Earth model they made yesterday. Answers can be found either by reading labels on the products, asking the salesperson at the market where we buy them, asking relatives and friends, or from newspapers. <br> Where do we get the necessities of our life (whether locally produced or imported from other countries)? Choose any four of the below categories, and mark on the map the location they are imported from. <br> - Rice, wheat for bread, lentils. <br> - Fruits and Vegetables <br> - The fuel that operates our electricity power plants and transportation vehicles <br> - The manufacturing material and process of our phones or computers <br> - The cotton in our clothes <br> - The vehicles we drive <br> - Where are our electric appliances made? <br> - What is it that our country exports to other parts of the world? <br> Learners are asked reflection questions: <br> What do you think of all the things we have at home: how many people do you think worked on them until they reached our house? (Starting from extraction of raw material, to manufacturing, to transport. Raw materials are the things that are found in nature that are then processed and used to create the things we use in our daily lives. For example, cotton is the raw material used in making t-shirts) |
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| 3 | 30 minutes | Tolerance: there are many similarities amongst all humans, but there are also differences. <br> The differences are very interesting, because it would be boring if we were all similar! <br> Let each of us fill this ID table, and then discuss it. <br> (Parents to help children who cannot read/write all questions/answers yet) |



| Learning <br> outcomes: | - World Geography and demographics: List the continents and oceans, number of <br> countries and world population <br> - Realize the importance of the enriching diversity of our Earth <br> - Develop tolerance and appreciation to other cultures of the world <br> - Data visualization and percentages (basics) |
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| Required <br> previous <br> learning: | Planet Earth, the concept of countries and peoples, and counting up to 100. |
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| Additional <br> enrichment <br> activities: | You can ask your learner to draw a map of the world with nothing written on it, and <br> then play a game with family members to answer all questions that on World in <br> numbers worksheet |
| Modifications <br> for <br> nimplification: | A simpler version of this project would be to do the activities of Day 1 and 3 only. |

## Appendix 1: World in numbers worksheet

The Earth is like a ball.

On its surface there are land pieces and water surfaces. Large pieces of land are called continents, and large water surfaces are called oceans.


Source: http://www.myschoolhouse.com/courses/0/1/76.asp

- How many continents are there in the world? Please name them.
- How many oceans? Please name them.
- In which continent do you live?
- If you want to travel to North America, what oceans and continents do you have to cross?

Harder questions:

- How many countries are there in the world? (Make a guess)
- How many people are there living around the whole world? (Make a guess)
- What proportion of the worlds' population are children (under age 14)?

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## Appendix 2: Population distribution

What percentage of people live in each continent?


Source: Knovva Academy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3nIIBT9ACg"
Source: Knovva Academy: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A3nlIBT9ACg An alternative " If the world was 100 people " video


Learners may also access the video linked below for a visual representation of "the world in numbers" if they have internet access.
Source: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LXqOd5noN8g
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https://forms.gle/LGAP9k17fMyJrkJN7

## Ages 8 to 10 (Level 2)

| Description: | This project teaches the learner about the world and its diversity to |
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| help them develop tolerance toward other cultures. |  |$|$| Leading question: | How big and diverse is our planet Earth? |
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| Age group: | 8 -10-year-old |
| Subjects: | Social sciences, Global citizenship, and Mathematics |
| Total time required: | $\sim 5$ hours over 3 days |
| Self-guided / Supervised activity: | Medium parent supervision required |
| Resources required: | Paper, pencils, coloring pens, \& glue |


| Learning outcomes | - Understanding world Geography and demographics: List the <br> continents and oceans, number of countries and world <br> population |
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| -Understanding the importance of global interconnectedness <br> and the challenges which may arise from it <br> $\bullet$ |  |
|  | Understanding the importance of the enriching diversity of <br> - our Earth |
|  | Having an attitude of tolerance and appreciation to other <br> cultures of the world |
| Required previous learning | Planet Earth, and the concept of countries and populations. |

Topics/concepts covered and skills developed

- World Geography and demographics
- Global interconnectedness
- Enriching diversity of our Earth
- Tolerance and appreciation
- Estimation and visualization of large numbers
- Critical thinking and communication skills
- Creativity skills

| Day | Time | Activity and Description |
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| 1 | 5 <br> minutes | Introduction that we are going to learn about our planet Earth. It is round and <br> looks like a ball stretched from the middle. |
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left, red apples in the middle, and yellow apples on the right. Assuming there are 100 apples on the top part of the container, how many of the hundred would be red? How many are green? How many are yellow? Write your guesses as percentage: a number followed by this sign "\%"


Answer: the learner will count how many green, red, and yellow apples there are. This will be the percentage since we are assuming that there are 100 apples on the top part of the container.

Percentage means out of every hundred. Therefore, if we have 18 green apples out of 100 , the percentage of green apples is $18 \%$.

Activity: Some mathematicians divided all the 7.9 billion people in the world into 100 groups, to represent Percentages of people living on each continent, they made this Population distribution drawing of the world map with 100 human characters.

Activity: Use the Population distribution visual to find out what percentage of people live on each continent.

- North America
- South America
- Africa
- Europe
- Asia
- Australia

Hint: There are a total of 100 people in the Population distribution visual Answers:

- North America 5\%
- South America 9\%
- Africa 16\%
- Europe 10\%
- Asia 60\%

| 30 <br> minutes | - Australia (less than 1\%) <br> Questions: <br> - Which continent has the most people living on? <br> - Which continent seems to be least populated? <br> Optional for Parents/educators to explain: You know that there are around 25 million people living in Australia. However, this number is less than $1 \%$ of the total population of the world, and that's why the visual showed nothing on Australia. Actually, because there are 7.9 billion people on the planet, one percent of the whole population is still a huge number. $1 \%$ of the total population of the world is $79,000,000$ ! <br> Optional activity <br> We learned that 7.9 billion people are living on planet Earth. How big is this 7.9 billion as a number? <br> Let's try to visualize 7.9 billion as a number: <br> A Million is a Thousand Thousands, and a Billion is a Thousand Millions! <br> Let's try to imagine a room full of rice. How many rice grains can fit in your room? <br> 1. First, we need to measure the amount of 'space' in the room. This is called Volume. As you are familiar with area as the measure of surfaces, Volume is the measure of space that an object occupies. The Volume of a cuboid is calculated by multiplying the length (in meters) by width (in meters) by height (in meters) : $\mathrm{V}=$ Length x width $x$ height <br> Choose one room of the house that is a cuboid (which has a rectangular floor). |
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| 30 <br> minutes <br> 10 <br> minutes | -Do we have family members living in other countries/ continents? Can you locate the country/continent on the map? <br> - Do we have friends from other countries or continents? Can you locate the country/continent on the map? <br> - Do any of us use or know a salutation/greeting in another language? Which language do you know? Where did that language originate from OR where is that language spoken? <br> - Does any one of us like a dish from a different culture/country? <br> - Has any one of us travelled to another country? Can you locate the country on the map? <br> In each case, the learner will draw a line from our country/continent to the identified country/continent <br> To find out how global events affect our life, let's look into the COVID-19 pandemic: <br> - Do you know where COVID-19 was first reported? (Which city, in which country, in which continent) <br> - Can you spot that on the map? <br> - How has COVID-19 affected you, your family and your country? <br> - Can you spot your country on the map? <br> - Do you know any other countries which have been greatly affected by COVID-19? <br> - Can you spot them on the map? <br> - How strange is it that someone catching a virus in a faraway city, led to a global pandemic and had such a major impact on everybody's lives?! <br> Optional literacy Extension: The learner will perform a role play for their family members/classmates demonstrating how he/she would fit in a new environment when taken to a new country with people of a different colour, language and culture <br> Family/educator assisted research: Where do the goods we consume originate from? <br> The family/educator provides learners with a range of products, some produced locally and others imported from other countries. <br> Learners will find answers to the following questions and explain the origin of these goods by locating the country of origin on the Earth model they made |
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|  |  | yesterday. Answers can be found either by reading labels on the products, asking the salesperson at the market where we buy them, asking relatives and friends, from newspapers or an internet search. <br> Where do we get the necessities of our life (whether locally produced or imported from other countries). Choose any four of the categories below, and mark on the map the location of where you import them. <br> - Rice, wheat for bread, lentils. <br> - Fruits and Vegetables <br> - The fuel that operates our electricity power plants and transportation vehicles <br> - Vehicles we drive <br> - The manufacturing materials of our phones or computers <br> - The cotton in our clothes <br> - Where are our electric appliances made? Where is the origin of the raw materials used in their manufacturing? <br> - Why is it that our country exports to other parts of the world? <br> Explain that raw materials are things that are found in nature that are then processed and used to create the things we use in our daily lives. For example, cotton is the raw material used in making $t$-shirts. <br> Learners are asked to reflect: <br> What do you think of all the things we have at home: how many people you think worked on them until they reached our house? (starting from extraction of raw material, to manufacturing, to transport.) |
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| 3 | 30 minutes | There are many similarities amongst all humans, but there are also differences. <br> Let's look into our family first and see. <br> Activity: Let each of us fill this ID table, and then we discuss it. |


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| minutes | Learners will have a discussion around the identity cards, on the idea of <br> perceived differences and building barriers between people based on things <br> they may have not chosen such as nationality, skin color etc. Some points <br> they can discuss: |
| - What is similar for all of us in the family? |  |


| Additional <br> enrichment <br> activities: | -You can ask your learner to draw a map of the world with nothing written on it, <br> and then play a game with family members to answer all questions that on |
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| World in numbers worksheet |  |
| You can ask your learner to make a puzzle out of the world map, by drawing it <br> and then cutting it into square pieces, to challenge family members to put it <br> together. |  |


| Modifications <br> to simplify: | A simpler version of this project would be to do the activities of Day 1 and 3 <br> only. |
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## Ages 11-14 (Level 3)

| Description: | This project teaches the learner about the world and its diversity to |
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| help them develop tolerance toward other cultures. |  |$|$| Leading question: | How big and diverse is our planet Earth? |
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| Age group: | $11-14$ year olds |
| Subjects: | Social sciences, Global citizenship, and Mathematics |
| Total time required: | $\sim 5$ hours over 3 days |
| Self-guided / Supervised activity: | Medium parent supervision required |
| Resources required: | Paper, pencils, coloring pens, \& glue |


| Learning outcomes | - World Geography and demographics: List the continents and oceans, number of countries and world population <br> - Realize the importance of the enriching diversity of our Earth <br> - Develop tolerance and appreciation to other cultures of the world <br> - Learn some methods around estimation and visualizing huge numbers |
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| Required previous learning | Planet Earth, and the concept of countries and populations. |

Topics/concepts covered and skills developed

- Planet Earth
- World Geography and demographics
- Global interconnectedness
- Diversity of cultures
- Tolerance and appreciation
- Data visualization and percentages
- Research skills
- Creativity and communication skills

| Day | Time | Activity and Description |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 5 minutes | - We are going to learn about our planet Earth. Let's begin with a few questions: <br> O What are some things that you know about planet Earth? <br> - What are some things that you don't know about planet Earth? <br> O What are some things that you believe about planet Earth? <br> If necessary, orient learners with some of the following questions: <br> O What is the shape of our planet? <br> O Have we discovered life on another planet in the solar system? <br> - What makes it possible for our planet to sustain life? <br> O What percentage of our planet is covered by water? <br> Hint: <br> - The name of our planet is the Earth <br> - The shape of the Earth is like a sphere but not a perfect sphere - it is closer to an irregular shape called the ellipsoid <br> - We have not yet discovered life on another planet in the solar system though the search for life is currently ongoing on Mars. For now, Earth is the only planet known to maintain life <br> - Our planet Earth is able to support life due to <br> O Its right distance from the sun enabling it to receive the perfect amount of heat and light which creates favorable climatic conditions to support life <br> - 70\% of the Earth's surface is covered by water which is needed to support life <br> O Has an Ozone layer which protects life on Earth from hazardous ultraviolet radiation from the sun <br> - $70 \%$ of the Earth's surface is covered by water |


| 30 minutes | Source: <br> https://www.asu.cas.cz/~bezdek/vyzkum/rotating 3d globe/figures/elevatio n 2d map Earth topography ETOPO2 010arcmin GMT globe_px0650.png <br> World in numbers: continents and oceans, countries and people. <br> - Learners will ask their family members or interview people around them to answer the questions in the World in Numbers Worksheet (it is preferred to have a hard copy of the worksheet. The worksheet is also provided as an Appendix for easy printing). |  |
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|  | World in | Numbers |
|  | Question | Answer |
|  | How many continents are there in the world? |  |
|  | Can you name them? (The child can name as many as they know) |  |
|  | Do you know the name of the continent you live in? |  |
|  | How many Oceans are there in the world? |  |
|  | Can you name them? (The child can name as many as they know) |  |
|  | How many countries are there in the world? |  |
|  | Can you name two neighbouring countries? |  |
|  | How many people live in this world? |  |






| - Keep in mind that to calculate a percentage we need the following <br> information |
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| A-What is the area we want to calculate? This will be the numerator |
| B - What is the total area? This will be the denominator Divide A by B |


|  |  |  <br> Now calculate the following using the information below |
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| 2 | 5 <br> minutes <br> 45 <br> minutes | Today we will take our discussion further and explore the world around us. <br> "Hola! Do you know what it means? Hola is a Spanish word for Hello in English, and Bonjour in French. Spanish is spoken by more than 580 million people across the world, English is spoken by around 1.5 billion people around the world, and French by more than 270 million people around the world.Yesterday we learned about the Earth. Today we will take our discussion further and explore the world around us, but before that, we will reflect on the previous day's activities through the following questions": <br> - What were your key learning points yesterday? <br> - How many continents and oceans does our planet have, can you name them? <br> - Which activities did you find most interesting and why? <br> - How many countries are there in the world in total? <br> In this activity the learner will create a 3D model/map of planet Earth. All the learnings from the previous activities will be applied here to achieve our objectives. To complete the 3D model/map, learners should be encouraged to |



- What 3 important things have you learned?
- What 2 other things would you like to learn?
- What 2 things have you found difficult doing (if any)?

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- "Now that we are well aware of the big world we are living in with billions of people around the globe, we will go ahead and explore to what extent we are interconnected with one another despite our geographical differences. In the next activity, we will know more about how global our family is."
- Activity: The learner together with the family members will answer a set of questions to realize our global interconnectedness (choose only the relevant questions). In each case, the family should ask the learner to draw a line from the country/continent where the family lives to the identified country/continent
- Do we have family members living in other countries/ continents? Can you spot the country/continent on the world map?
- Do we have friends from other countries or continents? Or anyone that we have heard of (celebrity, athlete etc.)? Can you spot the country/continent on the world map?
- Do any of us use or know a salutation/greeting in another language? Where did that language originate?
- Do any of us like a dish from a different culture/country?
- Have any of us ever travelled to another country?
- We live in an interconnected world, where events in one part of the world have a direct or indirect influence on other parts. The most recent example of this is how quickly Covid19 spread across the globe, a disease that originated in one part has led to cases in almost every other country. Despite the oceans and vast landmasses of this planet, we were not safe from the negative impact of human behavior.
- To find out how global events affect our daily life. let's look into the COVID-19 pandemic:


| Invention | Inventor | Country |
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| Light bulb |  |  |
| Telephone |  |  |
| Airplane |  |  |
| Camera |  |  |
| Radio |  |  |

Input

- Light bulb (Answer: Thomas Edison, North America)
- Telephone (Answer: Alexander Graham Bell, Scotland)
- Airplane (Answer: Wright Brothers, North America)
- Camera (Answer: Joahnn Zahn, German)
- Raido (Answer: Guglielmo Marconu, Italy)
- "Isn't it amazing how something invented so far away is so common in our country that we can't even imagine life without it? This is how connected we are, a change happening in one country has the potential to impact the entire world"
- Identify "international" items in your own homes:
- Make a list of 10-20 items and do some research (by asking caretakers, neighbors or other adults including shopkeepers) to find out where they are imported from! Learners can also read the tags and labels of products and items in their house to see where they were made.
- Items can include produce and other food items, office/school supplies, clothing, vehicles etc.
- Draw a table with two columns and write or draw the item in one column and its country of origin in the other
- Find out how many countries are represented in your house!
- Learners should mark these countries on the world map

|  | 5 minutes | The learners will be asked the following questions to gauge their understanding of this activity: <br> - What do you think of all the things we have at home? <br> - How many people do you think worked on them until they reached our house? (starting from extraction of raw material, to manufacturing, to transport.) <br> - Can we produce them in our own country? Why or why not? |
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| 3 | 5 <br> minutes <br> 30 <br> minutes | Today you will learn about tolerance. <br> Reflections: <br> "Today it's the last day of our Big Big Earth project and I am proud of how far you have come. I am confident that we will enjoy the activities on our final day as much as we did the previous days. Before we jump to our activities, let's recall what we learnt yesterday": <br> - Do you remember what you learned yesterday? <br> - Do you have any family members living abroad? <br> - Can you recall an event which began in one country but took its toll on the rest of the world? <br> - Can you name a few inventions from other countries that are common in ours now? <br> - Which activities did you find most interesting and why? <br> Activity: Tolerance <br> - "In this world, we live with 7.9billion other humans belonging to 195 countries. Despite that, we share a lot of similarities but we also have our differences. It's the differences that make us unique and interesting. Isn't it interesting to meet people from different cultures, who speak so many different languages?" <br> - Do you know how big 7 billion is? Can you write it down in numbers? To put the number of people on Earth in perspective, the number 100 has two zeroes, but 7 billion has 9 zeros $-7,000,000,000$ ! There are 7,900,000,000 people living on Earth! |





## Assessment criteria

- Observation of engagement while working on tasks.
- Interactions and answers to the questions.


## Additional Enrichment Activities

- You can ask your learner to draw a map of the world with nothing written on it, and then play a game with family members to answer all questions that on World in numbers worksheet
- You can ask your learner to make a puzzle out of the world map, by drawing it and then cutting it into square pieces, to challenge family members to put it together.


## Modifications to simplify

- A simpler version of this project would be to do the activities of Day 1 and 3 only.


## World in numbers worksheet

The Earth is like a ball.
On its surface there is land and water. Large pieces of land are called continents, and large water surfaces are called oceans.


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- How many continents are there in the world? Please name them.
- How many oceans? Please name them.
- In which continent do we live?
- If we want to travel to North America, what oceans and continents do we have to cross?


## Guesstimate?

- How many countries are there in the world? (make a guess first, then try to find out by searching or asking your parents, teachers or friends).
- How many people are there living around the whole world? (make a guess first, then try to find out by searching or asking your parents, teachers or friends).
- How many children are there in the world?


## Population distribution

What percentage of people live in each continent?


Source: Knovva Academy https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwkpual46XUopl9tNGli4fw

