

Exploring the World's Oceans

Learning objective: To understand the geographical features of the world's oceans and continents.

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The Earth is home to seven continents and five oceans. The continents are where we live, work and play. They are made up of mountains, forests, rivers and deserts. The oceans, on the other hand, cover over 70% of the Earth's surface. They are home to a vast array of marine life, from tiny plankton to massive blue whales. Did you know that the Arctic and Antarctic oceans are covered in ice? The tropical waters near the equator are home to coral reefs and sea turtles. In temperate oceans, you can find schools of fish and dolphins playing in the waves.

Word bank: continent · ocean · water · ice · tropical · temperate · polar

1. What percentage of the Earth's surface is covered by oceans? (2 marks)

2. What are the two oceans that are covered in ice? (2 marks)

3. What kind of marine life might you find in tropical waters? (2 marks)

4. Why are the oceans an important part of our planet? (3 marks)

5. Draw a map of the world showing the continents and oceans. (5 marks)

Draw: Use a pencil to draw the continents and oceans on a blank map. Don't forget to include any notable features such as mountains, rivers or islands.



Extension challenge: Create a list of different types of marine life that you would find in each of the world's oceans.