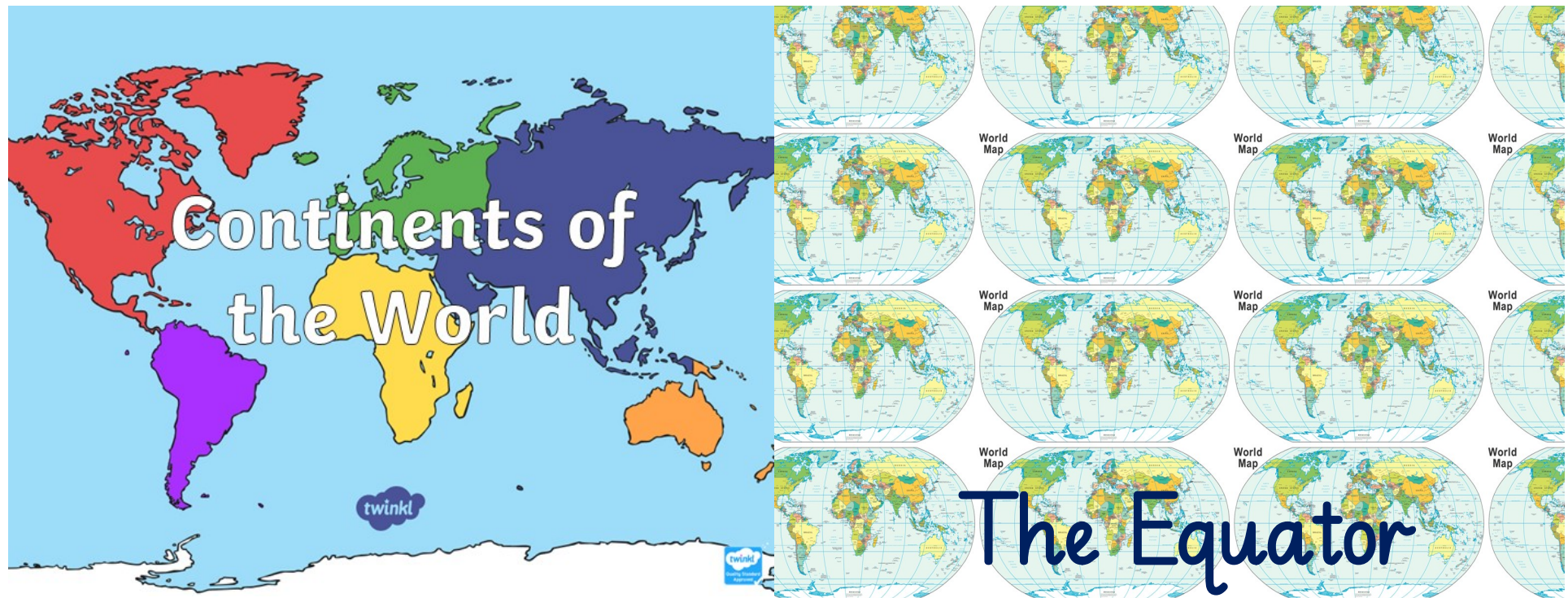


LET'S EXPLORE WITH AN ATLAS....



What Is a Continent?

A continent is a very large landmass.
A continent is usually separated by water or other natural features, like mountains.
There are seven continents in the world:

1. Asia
2. Africa
3. North America
4. South America
5. Antarctica
6. Europe
7. Australia



Let's Find Out More!

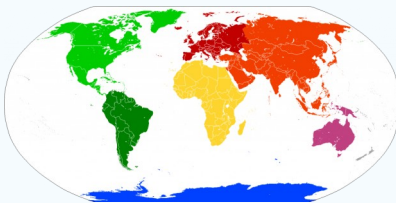
Did You Know?

Continents only cover 29% of the Earth. The rest of the Earth's surface is water!

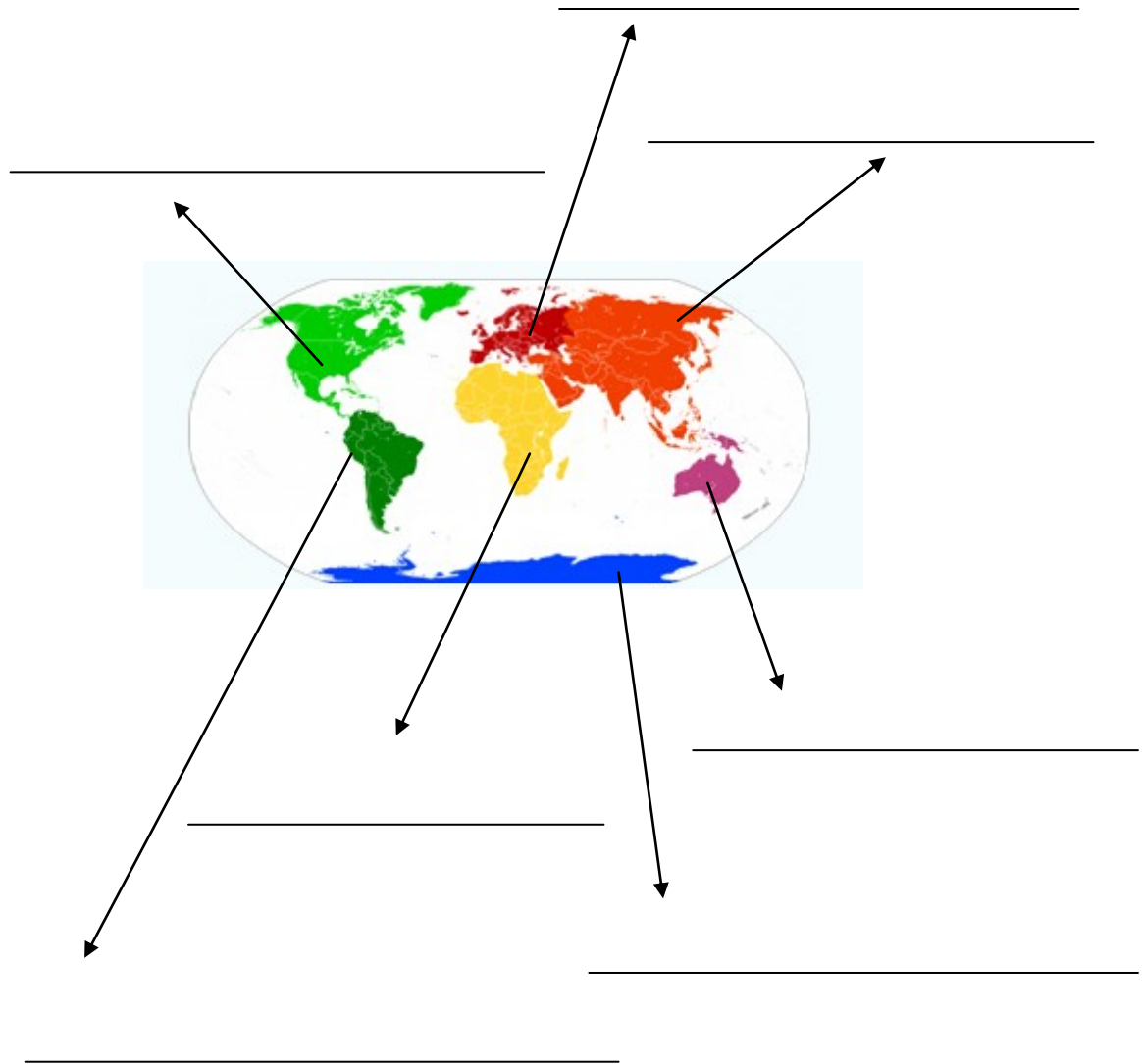
Let's learn a little bit about the different continents.

As we learn about each one, try to find them on the map.

Can you find a country that is in that continent?



Label them here



Now let's find out about them.....

Can you cut and stick, and match some country flags beside each continent fact box? Which continent do we live in?

Where will you place The Union Jack?

Asia

Asia is the biggest continent in the world.

- 2/3 of the world's population live in Asia.
- Major countries include India and China.
- The Himalayas, the world's tallest mountains, are found here.
- The Dead Sea, the lowest point on land, is also in Asia.
- Asia is home to tigers, monkeys and giant pandas.



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North America

North America is the third biggest continent in the world.

- Major countries in North America include the USA and Canada.
- Pumpkin and corn originally came from here.
- North America is home to bears, moose and skunks.



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Africa

Africa is the second biggest continent in the world.

- Africa has 54 countries, more than any other continent.
- Major countries include Egypt, Nigeria and South Africa.
- Africa has the longest river in the world, the Nile.
- Africa also has the world's biggest non-polar desert, the Sahara.
- In Africa, you will find giraffes, elephants and lions.



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South America

South America is the fourth biggest continent in the world.

- South America only has 12 countries.
- Major countries include Brazil and Argentina.
- The Amazon, the world's biggest rainforest, is found here.
- Tomatoes, potatoes and chocolate all come from South America originally.
- South America is where you will find llamas, sloths and jaguars.



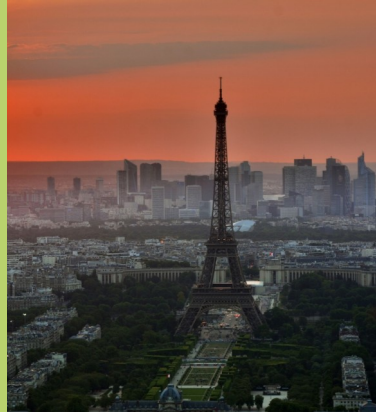
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Europe

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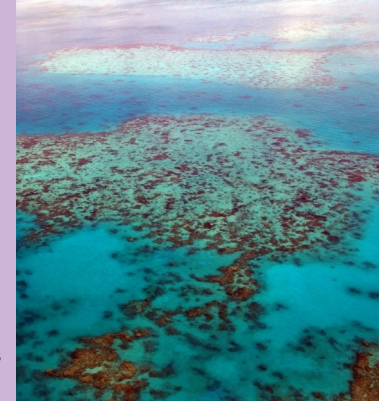
- Europe is the most densely populated continent. It has 44 countries altogether.
- Major countries include France, Germany and the United Kingdom.
- Apples, pears and raspberries all originally come from Europe.
- The majority of Australians have ancestors from Europe.
- Europe is home to foxes, wolves and bears.



Australasia

Australia is the smallest continent in the world.

- Australasia is sometimes called an island-continent.
- The Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef, is in Australasia.
- Australasian Aboriginal people first came to Australasia more than 50 000 years ago.
- The continent nearest to Australasia is Asia.
- Australasia has many unique animals including kangaroos, koalas and emus.



Antarctica

Antarctica is the third smallest continent in the world.

- Antarctica is almost completely covered in ice.
- It is surrounded by the Southern Ocean.
- It is the coldest and windiest continent.
- Each year, hundreds of scientists live and work in Antarctica.
- Antarctica is home to penguins, albatross and seals.



Can you write your TOP 3 most interesting facts?

Can you write a 7 question true or false quiz about the continents (one for each continent)?

If we have your permission and if you send your quiz to Year 2 Home Learning, we'll share it on the website....

Or why not send it to a friend?

Write your TOP 3 most interesting facts here:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

TRUE OR FALSE CONTINENT QUIZ

1 True or False? _____

2 True or False? _____

3 True or False? _____

4 True or False? _____

5 True or False? _____

6 True or False? _____

7 True or False? _____

Hemispheres

Northern Hemisphere



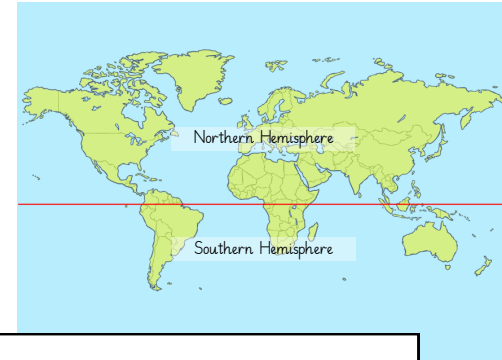
Southern Hemisphere

Which hemisphere do we live in?



Southern Hemisphere

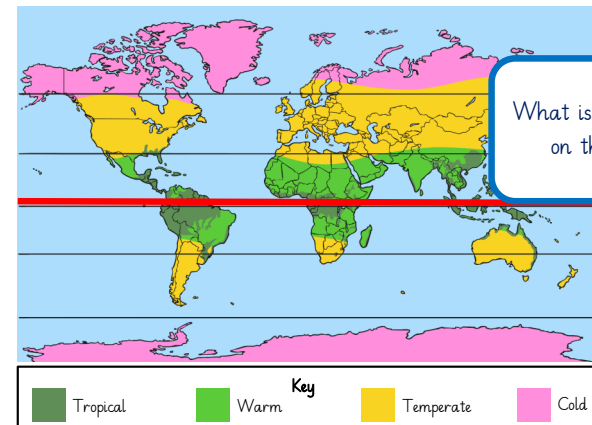
Let's look at a globe or an atlas. Can you name a country, continent or ocean in the Southern Hemisphere?



We live in the Northern Hemisphere.

Northern Hemisphere

Let's look at a globe or an atlas. Can you name another country, a continent or an ocean in the Northern Hemisphere?



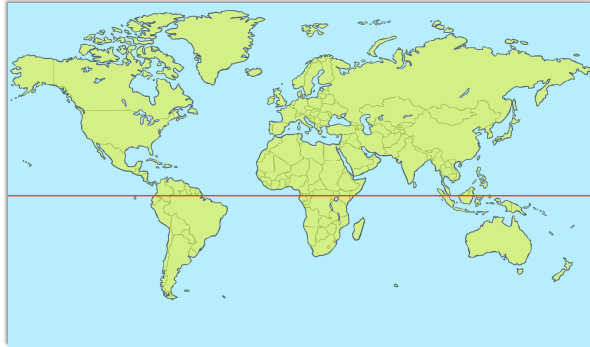
What is the red line on this map?



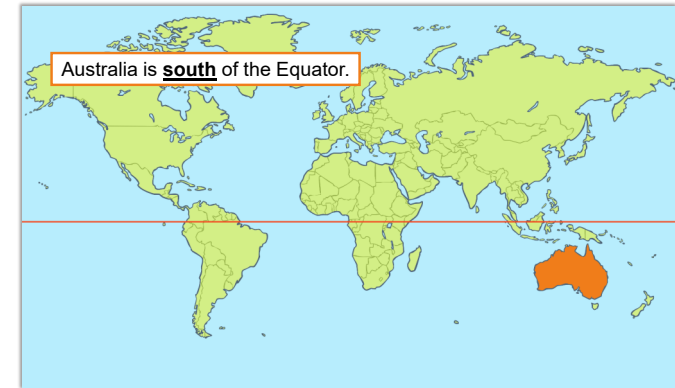
It's the Equator

The equator is an imaginary line around the centre of the Earth.

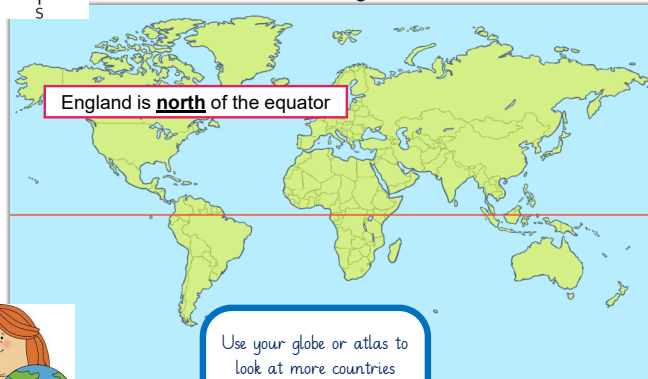
It is equal distance from the North and South Poles.



The Equator



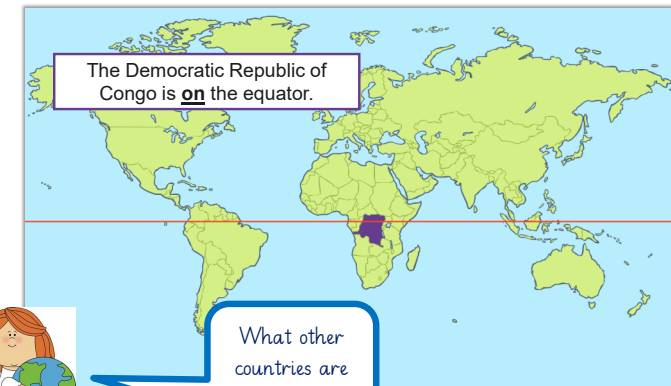
The Equator



Use your globe or atlas to look at more countries that are North of the Equator; and then South of the Equator.

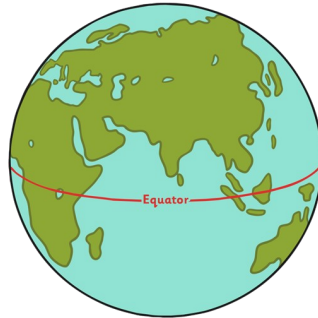


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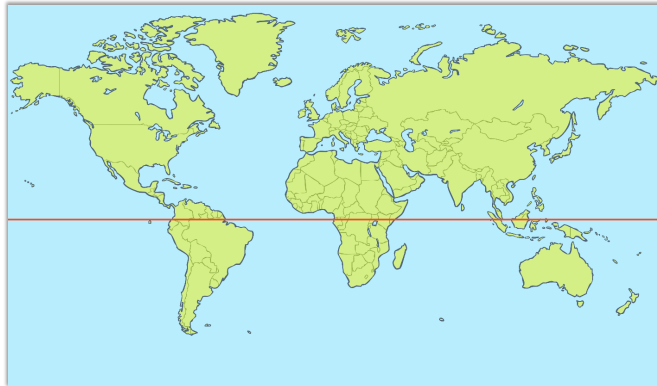


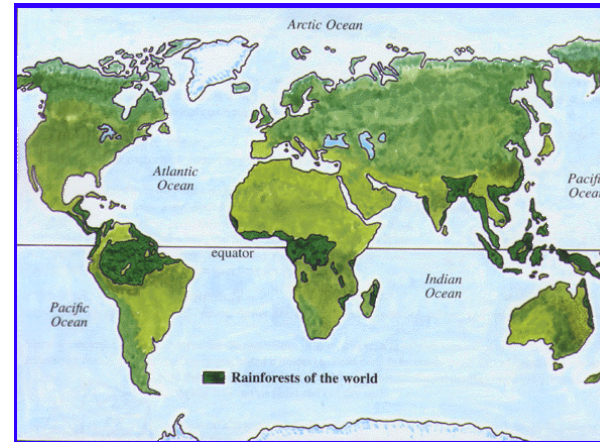
What other countries are on the Equator.

- The weather on the equator is hot all year round.
- At the equator, day and night are both 12 hours long.



What do you think it is like **on** the Equator?





Look at this map.
What do you notice
about the
rainforests?

Would you like to live
on the equator?
Why?