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The Seven Continents of the World



The world is divided into seven continents, each special in its own way. Africa is the second-largest continent and has 54 countries. It has deserts like the Sahara, grassy plains called savannahs, and rainforests full of animals like lions, elephants, and giraffes. People in Africa eat tasty foods like Jollof rice, couscous, and tagine. They wear colorful clothes like dashikis and kente cloth and celebrate festivals with music, dance, and storytelling. Tourists love Africa for its wildlife, Victoria Falls, the Serengeti National Park, and the Pyramids of Egypt.

Asia is the largest continent and has 49 countries. It has high mountains like Mount Everest, vast deserts like the Gobi, fertile river valleys, and tropical forests. Animals such as tigers, pandas, and elephants live there. People enjoy foods like sushi, curry, and dumplings. Traditional clothing includes kimonos from Japan, saris from India, and ao dai from Vietnam. Asia has festivals like Chinese New Year, Diwali, and Songkran. Famous landmarks include the Great Wall of China, Mount Fuji, and the Taj Mahal.

Europe has about 44 countries. It has mountains like the Alps, rivers like the Danube, plains, and forests. Animals include foxes, deer, and wolves. Europeans enjoy foods like pizza, croissants, and fish and chips. Traditional clothing includes lederhosen from Germany and kilts from Scotland. Festivals like Oktoberfest, Carnival, and St. Patrick's Day are celebrated, and landmarks include the Eiffel Tower, Colosseum, and Big Ben. North America has 23 countries, including the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It has the Rocky Mountains, plains, forests, deserts, and lakes. Animals include bears, bison, and moose. People eat hamburgers, tacos, poutine, and pancakes. Traditional clothing includes powwow regalia, ponchos, and kilts. Festivals include Thanksgiving, Día de los Muertos, and Canada Day. Famous landmarks are the Grand Canyon, Niagara Falls, and Yellowstone National Park.

South America has 12 countries, including Brazil, Argentina, and Peru. It has the Andes Mountains, the Amazon Rainforest, deserts like the Atacama, and plains called pampas. Animals include jaguars, llamas, toucans, and capybaras. People enjoy empanadas, feijoada, ceviche, and arepas. Traditional clothing includes ponchos, polleras, and carnival costumes. Festivals like Carnival and Inti Raymi are celebrated, and landmarks include Christ the Redeemer, Machu Picchu, Iguazu Falls, and the Galapagos Islands.

Australia, sometimes called Oceania, is a continent and country in the Southern Hemisphere. It has deserts like the Outback, tropical forests, mountains, beaches, and coral reefs. Animals include kangaroos, koalas, wombats, and emus. People eat meat pies, Vegemite, barbecued meat, and seafood. Indigenous Australians wear colorful clothing for ceremonies. Festivals include Australia Day and ANZAC Day, and landmarks include the Great Barrier Reef, Sydney Opera House, Uluru, and Kakadu National Park.

Antarctica is the southernmost continent. It is almost entirely covered by ice and has no permanent residents. Scientists live there temporarily to study the land, climate, and wildlife. Animals include emperor penguins, seals, and whales. People eat mostly canned and frozen foods. They wear thick jackets, boots, gloves, and snow goggles to survive the extreme cold. Tourists visit Antarctica to see glaciers, icebergs, and wildlife. Plants are rare, mostly mosses and lichens, and the continent is important for scientific research.

How many continents are there in the world?

Name two animals that live in Africa.

What is a popular Japanese food mentioned in the text?

Which continent has the Alps mountains?

Name one festival celebrated in South America.

Which animals are unique to Australia?

Why do scientists live in Antarctica?

Fill in the Blanks:

Africa is the _____-largest continent and has 54 countries.

Asia has high mountains like _____ and deserts like the Gobi.

Europeans eat foods like pizza, _____ and fish and chips.

North America has the _____ Mountains and many lakes.

South America has the Amazon _____ and the Andes Mountains.

The Great Barrier Reef is located in _____.

Antarctica is covered almost entirely by _____.

Choose the correct answer.

How many countries are in North America?

- a) 20
- b) 23
- c) 25
- d) 30

Which continent is the largest?

- a) Africa
- b) Europe
- c) Asia
- d) Australia

Which landmark is in Brazil?

- a) Machu Picchu
- b) Christ the Redeemer
- c) Sydney Opera House
- d) Eiffel Tower

Which animal lives in Antarctica?

- a) Kangaroo
- b) Elephant
- c) Emperor penguin
- d) Tiger

Which festival is celebrated in India?

- a) Diwali
- b) Carnival
- c) Thanksgiving
- d) Oktoberfest

