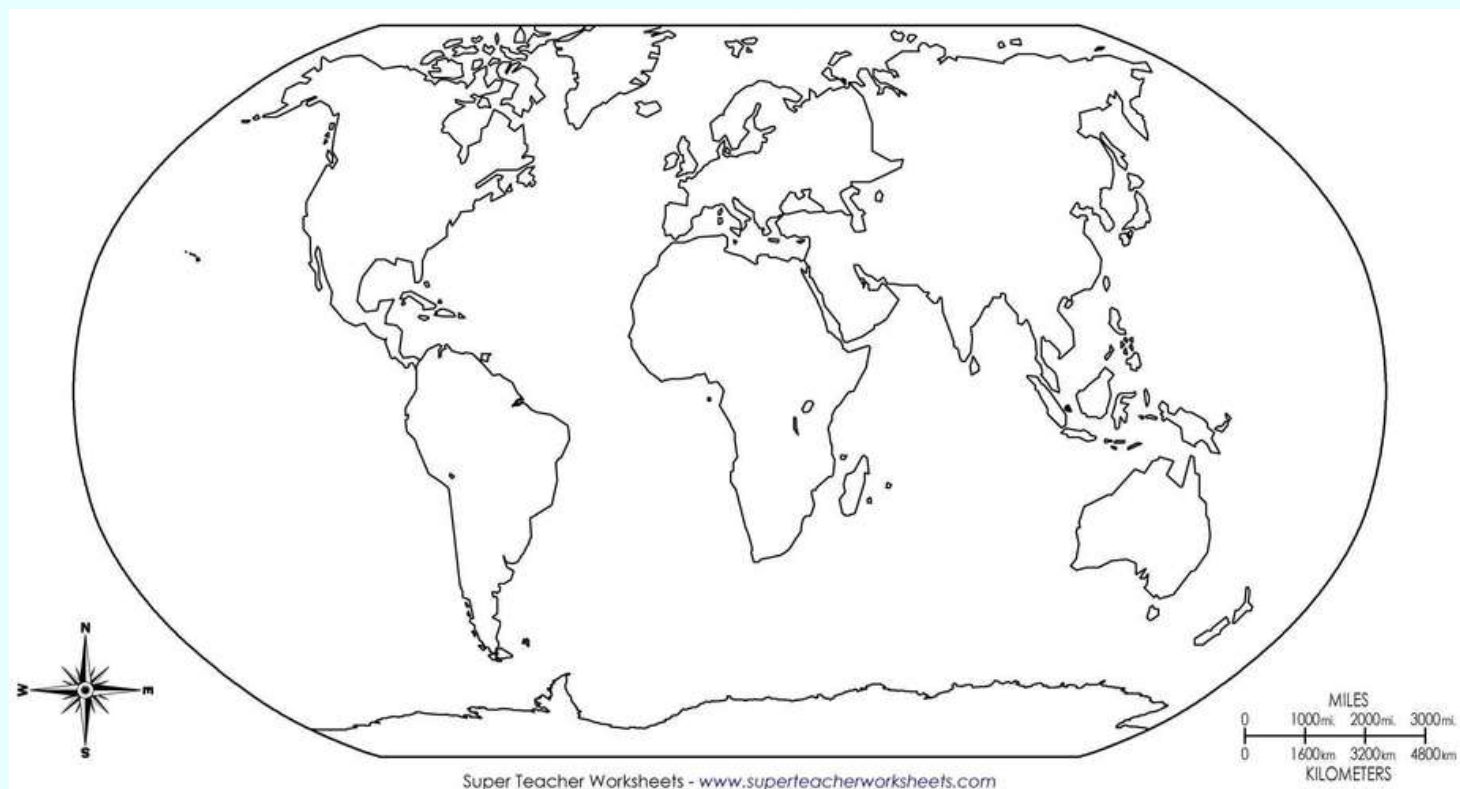


Learn about the World

Play a board game and colour in to gain knowledge about our world! Practise writing skills.

Continents of the World



Colour the 7 different continents on the map using the colours shown below!

North America

red

Asia

orange

Africa

yellow

South America

green

Antarctica

light blue

Europe

dark blue

Australasia

pink or purple

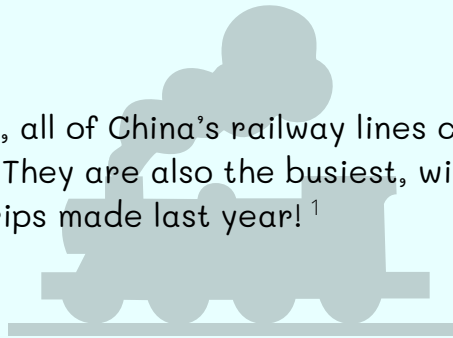
What do you Wonder about the World?

Read and marvel at the fun facts about our amazing world! There is space at the bottom for you to research and add your own interesting facts.

Scientists think Northern Kenya and Tanzania may have been the original birthplace of humans! In a way, that means all humans come from Africa.

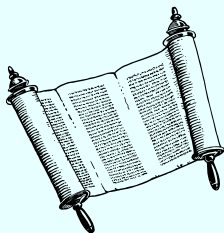
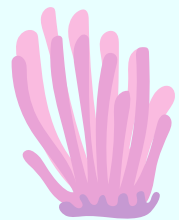


Put together, all of China's railway lines could loop around Earth twice! They are also the busiest, with 3,660,000,000 passenger trips made last year! ¹



The world's oceans contain 97% of the earth's water but all of it is salty. We get most of our drinking water from rivers but they only have 2 millionths of earth's water² (0.0002%)! ² That is why clean water is so precious and saving water is so important.

The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest coral reef system — it's so large it can be seen from space! Corals are tiny animals that live on a hard rock that they make from minerals in the sea.



Around 7,000 languages are spoken worldwide. The Cambodian language has the world's largest alphabet (74 letters)! Some languages like Chinese use pictures for each ³ word. Chinese schoolchildren must learn over 3000 of them!



What do you Wonder about the World?

The 22nd April each year marks the annual worldwide celebration of Earth Day. On this day, we make a special effort to protect our environment and learn how we can live in harmony with plants and animals.



On 8th March, 1917 – now the globally accepted date of International Women’s Day – Russian women stopped working and demanded ‘bread and peace’. On this day we celebrate this half of humanity, but in many countries women still cannot live their lives as freely as men.

The oldest human ever was 122 years old but many sea animals like fish, whales, mussels and lobsters can live for 100-200 years! Some trees can even live for more than 1000 years! ⁴



Add your own interesting interesting world facts:











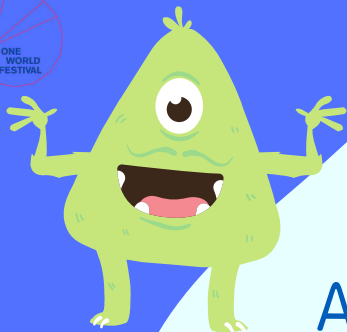
Facts in this section are from the *National Geographic kids* website, unless otherwise referenced.

1 Chinese Railway statistical bulletin; refhttps://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rail_transport_in_China#cite_note-2014_stats-1

2 USGS Geological Survey;<https://web.archive.org/web/20131214091601/http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/earthwherewater.html>

3 Norman, Jerry (1988). Chinese. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. ISBN 978-0-521-29653-3.

4 Data from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_longest-living_organisms



A Postcard to an Alien





Instructions



1 Write a postcard to an alien describing what you love about planet earth, as well as one problem with our world and how we could fix it! You can use the word bank to help you.

2 Remember to give your alien pen pal a name and address that are out of this world!

3 Include a drawing to represent earth - it could be scenery, people, animals or whatever you imagine.



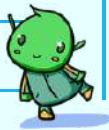
word bank

ocean, continents, population,
wildlife, human race, war,
forest, desert, mountain,
climate emergency,
injustice, inequality,
poverty, conflict

Dear



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Discover Our
World Board
Game

2+ players

You will need:
a dice
counters (make
your own with
scrap paper)

The youngest
player starts
and play
continues
clockwise.
Answers are on
the next page if
you get stuck!
Whoever
reaches the
finish first wins.
Good luck!

Start
Bon voyage!

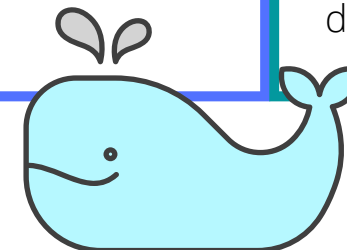

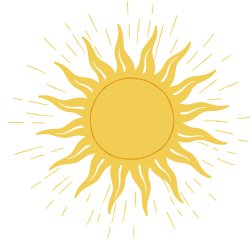
Name 3 other languages apart from English.

What is the capital of Argentina?

We can buy food that is marked 'fairtrade'. What does fairtrade mean?

Did you know? Over half the world's plant and animal species live in rainforests! ¹

Luck is on your side! Move forward 2 spaces!



What is the tallest mountain on earth?


Did you know? About 8.8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in the ocean every year! ²

Oh no! Looks like you're making a detour. Move back a space.

What does living sustainably mean?

What is the world's population?

9% of the world's people don't have clean safe water to drink. Is this fair?



Name 3 countries in Africa.



Name a dish from another country.

True or false? Earth is the 3rd planet from the sun in our solar system.

How many deserts are there in Africa?

Uh-oh! Your bike has a puncture. Go back 3 spaces.

True or false? Rosa Parks was a civil rights activist.



What is the greenest form of transport?
car
airplane
bus
bike

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Which of the following countries are polar bears not found in?
Canada
Russia
China

Did you know? On average an American produces 17.6 tonnes of CO2 annually, compared to 0.2 tonnes by a Tanzanian. ⁴


Wow! Your world tour is nearly complete! Go forward 4 spaces.

How many of the world's displaced people are children?
20%
30%
40%

Women are paid 16% less than men on average, and in some countries 35% less. ³ What do you think about this?

Which river flows through the rainforests of South America?
Yangtze
Amazon
Nile

Fun fact: hurricanes north of the equator spin in the opposite direction to those south of the equator! ⁵





Can you name a famous tradition or festival from another country?

260 million children around the world don't go to school at all. ⁶ Why do you think these children can't go to school?

Fun fact: more capital cities start with the letter B than any other. Can you name one?

Finish
Hurrah, you made it!





Answers

What is the capital of Argentina? Buenos Aires

What does fairtrade mean? Fairtrade means that farmers get a fair price for the food they produce as well as other benefits. Find more information here:

<https://www.fairtrade.org.uk/>

Humans' basic needs: water, food, shelter, something to keep us warm

World population: approx. 7.8 billion

Living sustainably means that we interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations (definition from *Britannica Kids website*).

What is the tallest mountain on earth? Mount Everest at 8,840m above sea level!

What is the greenest form of transport? bike

Earth is the third planet from our sun in the solar system. True - after Mercury and Venus

How many deserts are there in Africa? 3: Sahara, Kalahari, and Namib

Rosa Parks was a civil rights activist. True. Find out more about the inspirational Rosa Parks here: <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/history/african-american-heroes/rosa-parks/>

Which of these is not a fossil fuel? water

Which river flows through the rainforests of South America? The Amazon

How many of the world's displaced people are children? 40% - data from UNHCR UK: <https://www.unhcr.org/figures-at-a-glance.html>

Which of the following countries are polar bears not found in? China

260 million children don't go to school. Why? Conflict / war, family is in poverty so children have to work to earn money, climate change has made it difficult to get to school and for some schools to stay open as well as reducing farmers' incomes, sickness, hunger

Capital cities that begin with the letter B: Berlin, Beirut, Brussels, Bangkok and many others!

¹ *Young People's Trust for the Environment website:* <https://ypte.org.uk/factsheets/rainforests/why-are-rainforests-important>

² *from National Geographic Kids website: Plastic Pollution*

³ *from UN Women: Generation Equality Action Pack, March 2020*

⁴ *from Royal Geographical Society: Inequality infographic*

⁵ *from National Geographic Kids: 30 Cool Things About the World*

⁶ *Oxfam Home Learning Inspiration:* <https://oxfamapps.org.uk/coronavirus/education/resources/education-activity-ideas/>

