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CONTINENTS

There are seven continents on the earth. They are: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America. The seven continents are the large masses of land on the earth.



All the continents have interior plains or plateaus. The continents are either completely, or nearly, surrounded by water. Europe and Asia are sometimes considered as one continent, called Eurasia. The continents cover about twenty-nine percent of the earth's surface.

LOCATION



Europe is located in the northern, eastern, and western hemispheres. It is east of the United States across the Atlantic Ocean. Europe is like a giant peninsula connected to the western sections of Asia.

Europe's eastern border stretches from the Black Sea and the Caspian Sea, to the Ural Mountains. Europe is surrounded by water on three sides. The Mediterranean Sea is on the south, and separates Europe from Africa. The Arctic Ocean lies to the north. To the west, is the Atlantic Ocean.



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TOPOGRAPHY



Europe has highlands in the northwest. It is a region of mountains, plateaus, and highlands. They stretch from northern Finland through Sweden and Norway. It also includes Iceland, Wales, and England.

The chain of the Alpine mountains is in southern Europe. They run from east to west. Some of the countries included in the mountain chain are: Greece, Bulgaria, Albania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Austria, Spain, Switzerland, France, Italy, and Germany.

The Great European Plain or the Central Lowlands is a rolling region with fertile soil. It runs from southeast England, along the Atlantic Coast of France, to Asia. It is excellent farmland. The region is one of the most productive in the world.

Look up the definition of each word below. Write the definitions on the lines below.

highlands _____

subtropical _____

climate _____

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CRISS CROSS

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

- highland
- ships
- fertile
- wine
- languages
- moist
- climate
- watch

