

Classroom Procedure:

1. Distribute the Address page (½ page) to each student. Together, as a class, help students determine their “Continental Address”.
2. Once completed, introduce students to the term “continent.” Ask if any of the students have ever been to another continent. Ask if they can name other continents.
3. Allow for responses and discussion.
4. Distribute *The Seven Continents* content pages. Read and review the information. Use the additional resources to help students learn the names and other information about the seven continents.
5. Distribute the Activity pages. Review the instructions. Remind students when clipping the continents, they may use their world map as a guide. (Europe may be a bit tricky for younger students.)
6. Circulate around the room during the activity to ensure students are gluing the continents in the correct positions on the construction paper. The white area that remains on the cutout that is not land may be shaded blue for the water.
7. Distribute the Practice page. Check and review the students’ responses.
8. Distribute the Homework page. Check and review the students’ responses.
9. In closing, ask students: What continent would you like to live on, other than North America, and why?
10. Allow for responses and discussion.

Approximate Grade Level: 1 – 3

Objectives: The students will be able to identify and list facts about the seven continents and locate each continent on a world map.

State Educational Standards*

LB.ELA-Literacy.RI.1.7

LB.ELA-Literacy.RI.2.3

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LB.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.3

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Class Sessions (45 minutes):

1 - 2 class sessions

Teaching Materials/Worksheets: *The Seven Continents* content page, Activity page, Practice page, Homework page

Student Supplies: construction paper (blue if available), scissors, glue, colored pencils, handouts

Prepare Ahead of Time: Blue construction paper (for oceans), scissors, glue/paste, colored pencils. World map for display. Copy handouts.

Options for Lesson: Students may work in pairs for the activity. Assign a continent to research for older students. Study one continent each week for seven weeks, with some focus on each of the different continents in other subject areas. Ask students to make up a mnemonic device to remember the names of each continent.

*Lessons are aligned to meet the education objectives and goals of most states. For more information on your state objectives, contact your local Board of Education or Department of Education in your state.



Teacher Notes

The students will be introduced to the seven continents and their locations on a world map. Sometimes students get countries and continents confused. The lesson also gives several facts about each continent. The students should be able to locate each of the continents on a world map. There is much more that can be used in from the additional resources to enhance the lesson and will depend on the level of the students.

The Seven Continents

CONTINENTAL ADDRESS

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

County (if applicable) _____

State _____

Country _____

Continent _____

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Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____

County (if applicable) _____

State _____

Country _____

Continent _____

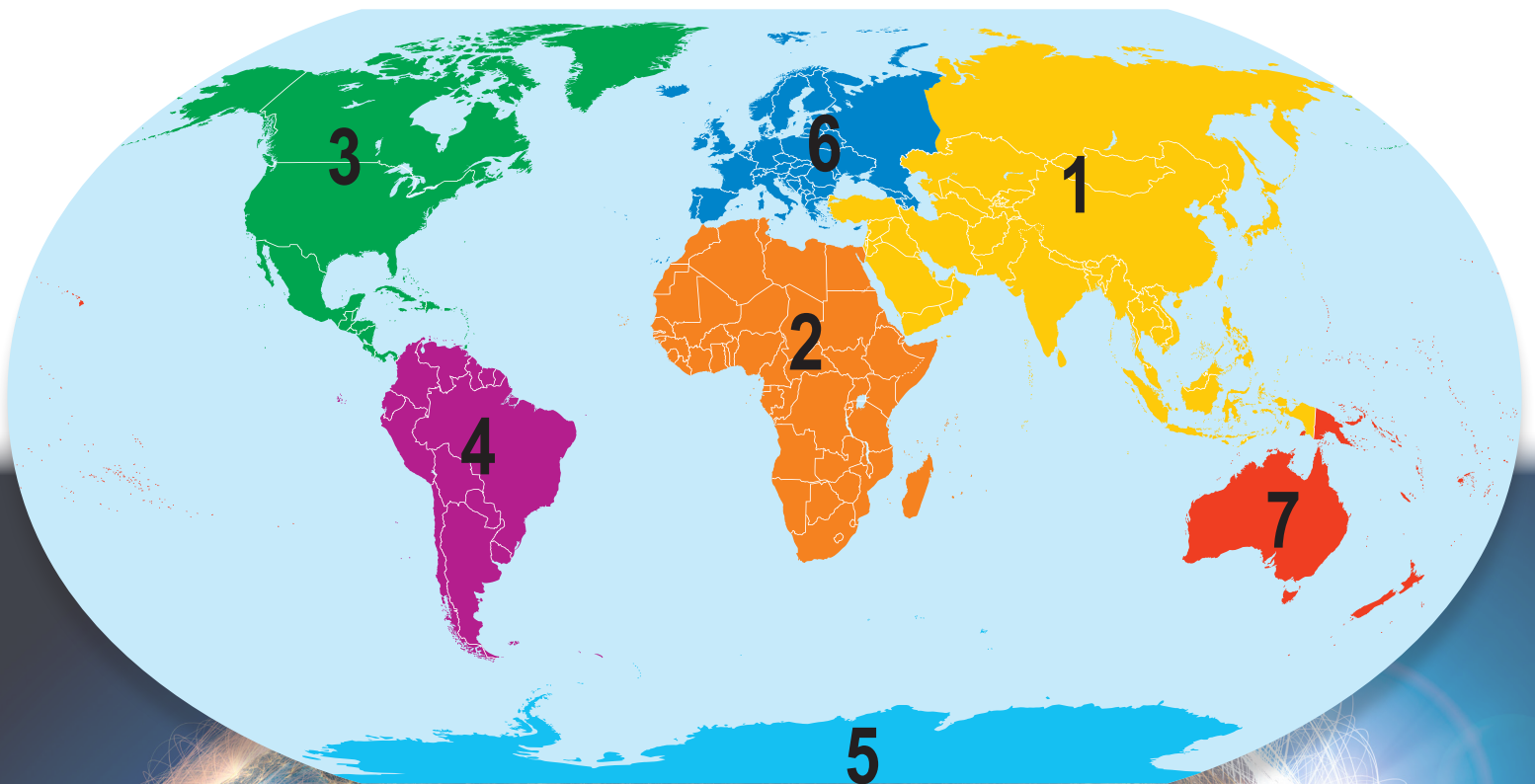
The Seven Continents

You do not live only in a city, state or country; but you also live on a continent. A **continent** is basically a large mass of land separated by the oceans of the world. If you live in the United States, you live on the continent called **North America**.

North America is between two oceans, the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. The other two largest countries in North America are Mexico and Canada.

In all, there are 7 continents that make up the surface of the Earth. A continent is not like a state or country. There is not a president or mayor of a continent. Continents are the places that contain land, countries, forests, mountains, lakes, rivers, people, animals, plants, houses, deserts, and everything else on Earth.

The following continents, in order of their size, are as follows:



1. Asia

- The largest continent in land and with over 3 billion people.
- The Great Wall of China and Mt. Everest is located on this continent.
- India, Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, parts of Russia, and 51 other countries are located here.



2. Africa

- The second largest continent contains Egypt, Kenya, Ethiopia, and about 51 other countries.
- The Sahara Desert and the longest river in the world, the Nile River is located here.
- It is home to the fastest animals in the world: cheetah, wildebeest, lion, and gazelle.



3. North America

- Home to the United States, Canada, Mexico, Cuba, and 36 others.
- 3rd Largest river in the world, the Mississippi River.
- Largest freshwater lake in the world, Lake Superior.



4. South America

- Except for Brazil, Spanish is spoken.
- include Peru, Argentina, Chile, Ecuador, and 10 others.
- The Andes Mountain range here is the longest mountain range in the world.
- Amazon Rain Forest is in South America.



5. Antarctica

- 98% of the land is covered in ice.
- Zero population, only visitors and scientists go to this continent.
- Windiest and coldest place on Earth
- No countries are located on the continent



6. Europe

- The second smallest continent and contains the smallest country, Vatican City.
- The UK, Germany, Ireland, Turkey, Greece, Spain, Italy, and 32 other countries are part of Europe.
- The Eiffel Tower is located in France, and Big Ben is in London, England.



7. Australia

- The smallest continent and is its own country.
- The people of the country speak English.
- The native people are called Aborigines.
- When people say "Down Under" or "Outback," they are talking about Australia, home of the kangaroo.



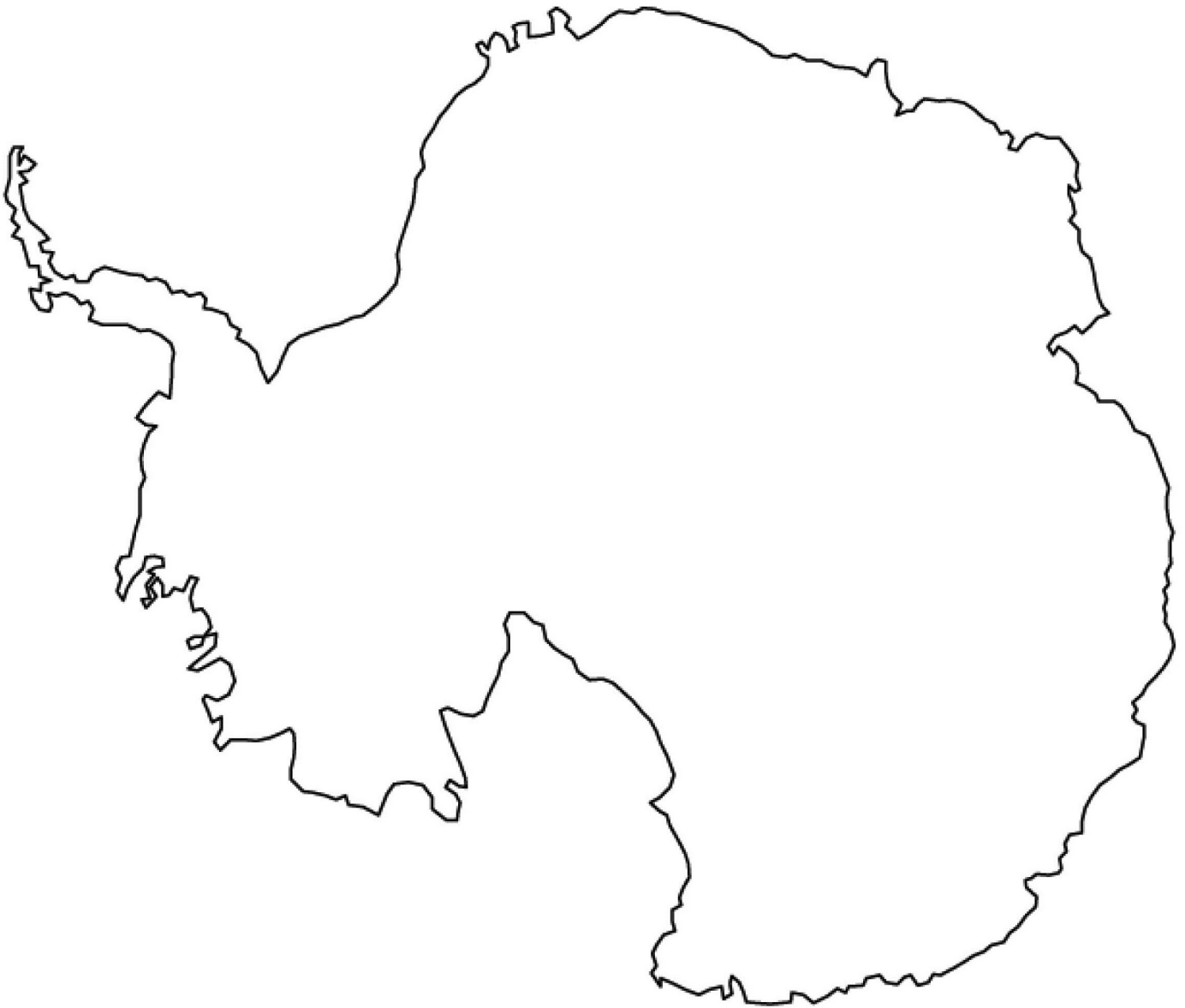
Now you have some information about the seven continents. There is much more to learn about each of the continents, and maybe someday you can visit **Asia, Africa, South America, Europe, Australia, or Antarctica**. If not, you can travel throughout your continent called **North America**.





Instructions

1. Shade each continent a different color.
2. Label each of the continents.
3. Cut apart each of the 7 continents. Cut along the borders of the continent.
4. Use a world map and glue each continent in its proper place on the construction paper.





Activity

Name _____ Date _____

Be careful cutting out the continent. Use the world map to help you.





Activity

Name _____ Date _____





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Name _____ Date _____





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Activity

Name _____ Date _____





Match the information to the correct continent.

1. _____ Largest continent
2. _____ Is a continent and a country
3. _____ United States belongs to this continent
4. _____ Nearly all the countries are Spanish-speaking
5. _____ World's largest desert is there: the Sahara
6. _____ Ireland belongs to this continent.
7. _____ 98% of it covered in ice
8. _____ Smallest continent
9. _____ The Amazon Forest is on this continent.
10. _____ Highest elevation there: Mt. Everest
11. _____ India belongs to this continent.
12. _____ 3rd largest river in the world: Mississippi River
13. _____ Andes mountain range: longest in the world
14. _____ Includes smallest country: Vatican City
15. _____ Egypt belongs to this continent
16. _____ Has a population of 0 (zero)
17. _____ Native people called Aborigines
18. _____ Contains the longest river in the world: Nile River
19. _____ Great Wall of China located there
20. _____ Windiest and coldest place on Earth
21. _____ Entire continent speaks English
22. _____ Largest freshwater lake in the world: Lake Superior
23. _____ Brazil belongs to this continent.
24. _____ No countries on the continent
25. _____ Home to fast animals: cheetah, wildebeest, lion, gazelle

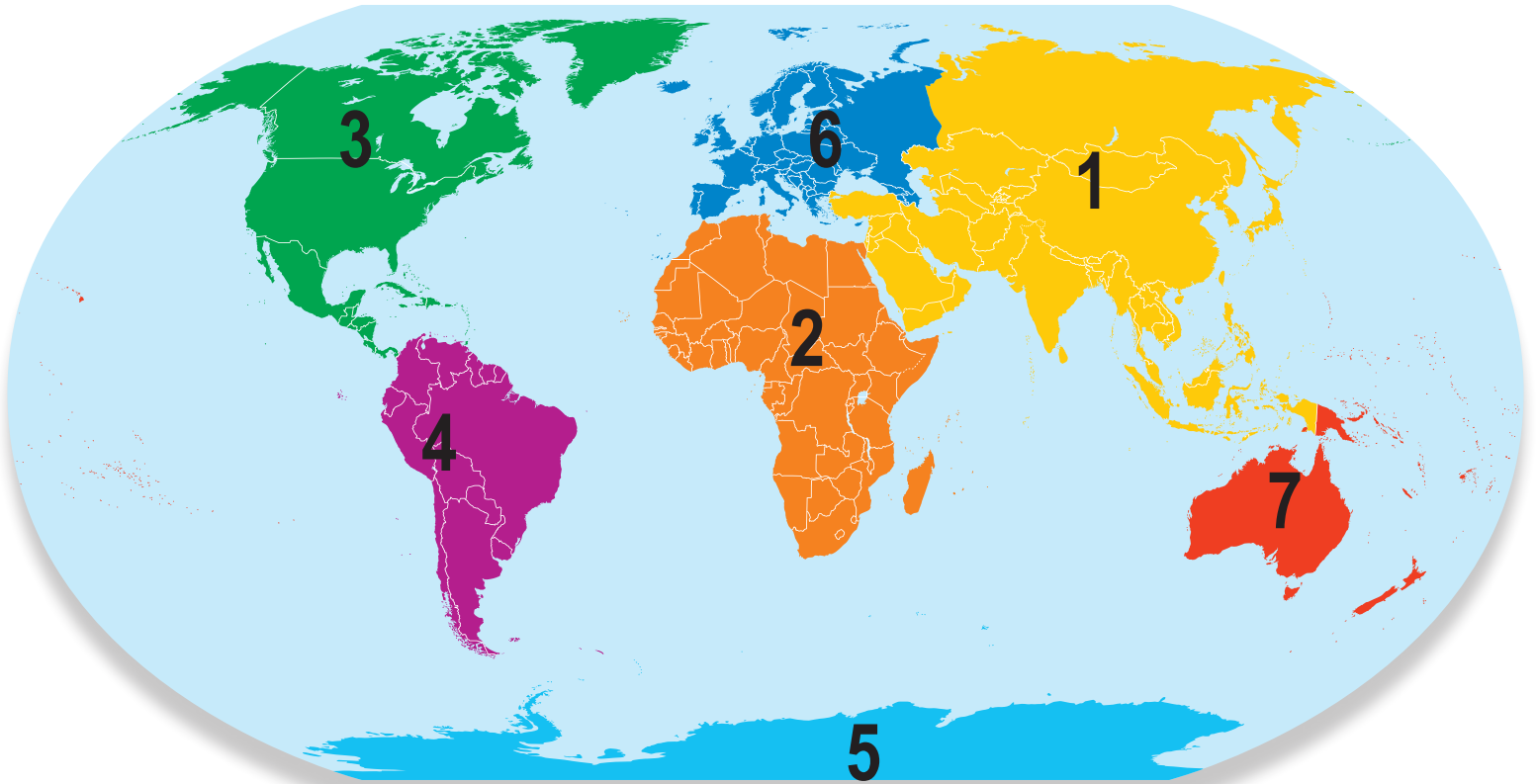
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| <p>A. AFRICA</p> <p>B. ANTARCTICA</p> <p>C. ASIA</p> <p>D. AUSTRALIA</p> <p>E. EUROPE</p> <p>F. NORTH AMERICA</p> <p>G. SOUTH AMERICA</p> |
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Homework

Name _____ Date _____

Write the names of each continent on the lines below.



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| 1. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 4. _____ | |

Write the continent number for each country.

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Egypt _____ | Peru _____ | Canada _____ | Chile _____ |
| Australia _____ | Ecuador _____ | Germany _____ | Turkey _____ |
| Brazil _____ | Spain _____ | Ethiopia _____ | Greece _____ |
| Vietnam _____ | India _____ | Italy _____ | South Korea _____ |
| Argentina _____ | Japan _____ | Kenya _____ | Mexico _____ |



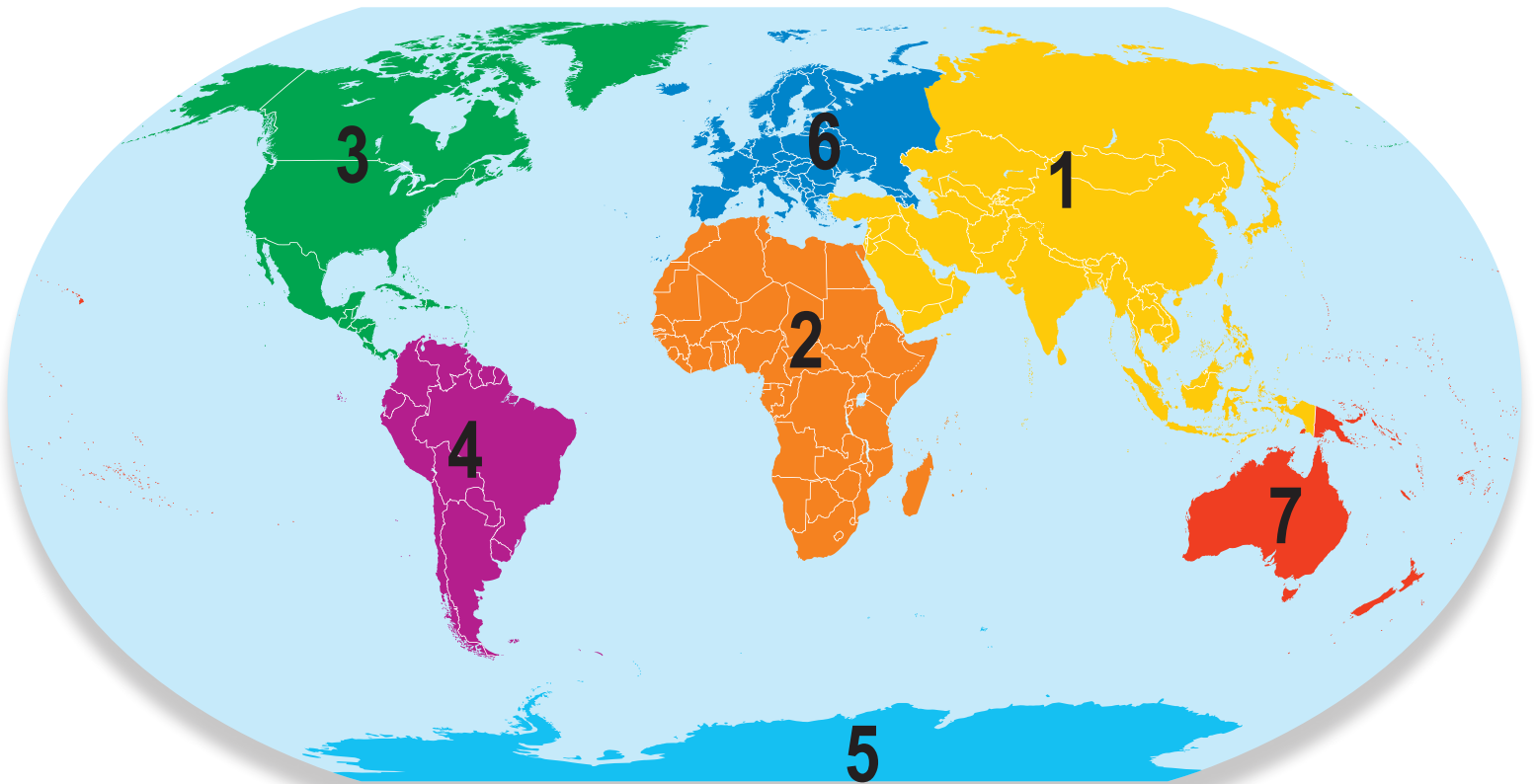
Match the information to the correct continent.

1. C Largest continent
2. D Is a continent and a country
3. F United States belongs to this continent
4. G Nearly all the countries are Spanish-speaking
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- B. ANTARCTICA**
- C. ASIA**
- D. AUSTRALIA**
- E. EUROPE**
- F. NORTH AMERICA**
- G. SOUTH AMERICA**



Write the names of each continent on the lines below.



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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. <u>Asia</u> | 5. <u>Antarctica</u> |
| 2. <u>Africa</u> | 6. <u>Europe</u> |
| 3. <u>North America</u> | 7. <u>Australia</u> |
| 4. <u>South America</u> | |

Write the continent number for each country.

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|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Egypt <u>2</u> | Peru <u>4</u> | Canada <u>3</u> | Chile <u>4</u> |
| Australia <u>7</u> | Ecuador <u>4</u> | Germany <u>6</u> | Turkey <u>6</u> |
| Brazil <u>4</u> | Spain <u>6</u> | Ethiopia <u>2</u> | Greece <u>6</u> |
| Vietnam <u>1</u> | India <u>1</u> | Italy <u>6</u> | South Korea <u>1</u> |
| Argentina <u>4</u> | Japan <u>1</u> | Kenya <u>2</u> | Mexico <u>3</u> |