

Oceans

There is only one World (or global) Ocean however the vast body of water that covers 71 percent of the Earth is geographically divided into distinct named regions.

The boundaries between these regions have evolved over time for a variety of historical, cultural, geographical, and scientific reasons.

Pacific Ocean

The Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean in the world. Here you will find the Great Barrier Reef, the world's largest coral reef. You will also find Challenger Deep, the deepest place on Earth.

Atlantic Ocean

The Atlantic Ocean is the second biggest ocean in the world. It is half the size of the Pacific Ocean. Here you will find the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, the longest mountain range in the world.

Indian Ocean

The Indian Ocean is the third biggest ocean in the world. Even still, it is $5\frac{1}{2}$ times the size of the USA! It is named after the country of India.

Southern Ocean

The Southern Ocean is the second smallest ocean in the world. It is also known as the Antarctic Ocean. It surrounds Antarctica and is the wildest and coldest ocean in the world.

Arctic Ocean

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world. In winter, it freezes over and polar bears live on the ice.



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Questions

1. How many oceans are there? _____

2. The longest mountain range in the world is found in the

_____ Ocean.

3. The Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean in the world. True / False

4. What is the smallest ocean in the world?

5. What ocean is also known as the Antarctic Ocean?

6. The boundaries between oceans have evolved over time.

True / False