

GEOGRAPHY · K-Y3

Color the Continents

Learn the world map, one color at a time

About this pack

Three coloring activities focused on the world map. Each one uses different colors to help children remember which continent is which. Print the maps from any free atlas website (we recommend the Wikimedia blank world map) — the maps in this pack reference shapes you'll find in any standard primary atlas.

Color key for Map 1 — All seven continents

Continent	Color it	Where it is
North America	Green	Top left of the map (USA, Canada, Mexico)
South America	Yellow	Below North America (Brazil, Argentina, Chile)
Europe	Pink	Top middle (UK, France, Germany, Italy, Spain)
Africa	Orange	Below Europe (Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa)
Asia	Red	Top right (China, India, Japan, Russia)
Australia / Oceania	Purple	Bottom right (Australia, New Zealand)
Antarctica	Light blue	Bottom of the map (the icy one)

Map 1 instructions



Print a blank world map. Find each continent. Color it the matching color from the key above. The oceans (the empty blue spaces between continents) can be colored deep blue or left white.

Color key for Map 2 — Where do animals live?

Animal	Continent	Color it
Kangaroo	Australia	Purple
Lion	Africa	Orange
Panda	Asia	Red
Bald eagle	North America	Green
Llama	South America	Yellow
Polar bear (in Arctic, near North America)	—	Don't color the icy poles
Penguin	Antarctica	Light blue

Map 2 instructions

Find the continent each animal lives on. Color that continent in the matching color. Bonus activity: draw a small picture of each animal on its continent (or stick a small printed image).

Color key for Map 3 — The four oceans

Ocean	Where it is	Color it
Pacific Ocean (the biggest)	West of the Americas, east of Asia	Dark blue
Atlantic Ocean	Between Americas and Europe/Africa	Medium blue
Indian Ocean	South of Asia, east of Africa	Light blue
Arctic Ocean	Top of the world, near the North Pole	White or pale blue

Map 3 instructions

Now color the OCEANS instead of the continents. The continents stay white this time. Children sometimes find this trickier because oceans don't have clear borders — encourage them to color



carefully along the coastlines of each continent.

Quick continent facts

Asia	Largest continent. Most people. Includes China, India, Japan.
Africa	Second-largest continent. Many countries (54). The Sahara desert.
North America	Includes Canada, USA, Mexico, Caribbean. The Rocky Mountains.
South America	The Amazon rainforest. The Andes mountains. Spanish and Portuguese mainly spoken.
Antarctica	Coldest continent. No countries. No permanent residents — only scientists.
Europe	Smallest continent (apart from Australia). Many countries close together.
Australia	Smallest continent AND a country. Lots of unique animals.

