

Riverside Primary – Geography Knowledge Organiser LKS2 Countries of the world

Topic: Countries of the World

Phase: LKS2

NC Strand: Locational Knowledge

Key Vocabulary:

<b>mountain</b>	A mountain is a landform that rises high above its surroundings.
<b>river</b>	A river is a large natural stream of water that flows over land.
<b>continent</b>	A very large area of land that consists of many countries. Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australia are the World's continents.
<b>climate zone</b>	A division of the world's climate based on its average temperatures and precipitation.
<b>climate</b>	The general weather conditions that are typical of an area.
<b>capital city</b>	A capital city is the most important city in a country and is usually where the government runs the country from.
<b>equator</b>	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole
<b>temperate</b>	A climate which is neither extremely hot or extremely cold temperatures and has mild weather.
<b>tourist</b>	Means people travelling for fun.
<b>physical features</b>	Physical features like seas, mountains and rivers are natural.
<b>human features</b>	Human features like houses, roads and bridges are things that have been built by people.
<b>environment</b>	The environment is everything around us.

**Locational knowledge** - locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on Europe (including the location of Russia) and North and South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities

A continent is a large land mass. Most people agree that there are 7 continents in the world. A country is a region of land with its own government. Continents all have lots of different countries in.



Each of the colours on this map show a different continent. The white lines show the borders of countries.

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You can use an **atlas** to help you find where places are. Atlases have helpful contents pages and indexes. You can use these to look up what page of the atlas the country you are looking for is on.

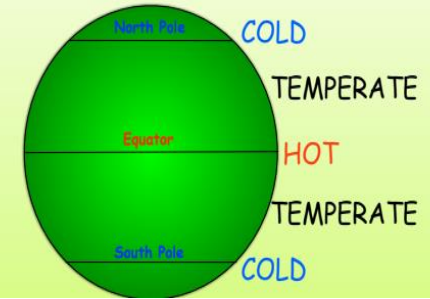


**If you have ever been to a different country, you will know that countries all have different landscapes, cultures, people and features.**

**Did you know?**

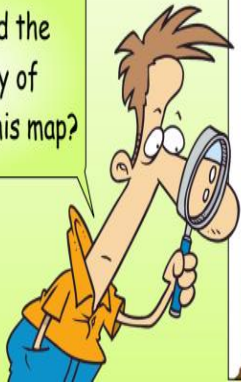
**Did you know that there are nearly 200 different countries in the world?**

The climate of a country depends on where it is on the globe. Countries near the equator are the hottest. Countries near the North Pole and South Pole are coldest. The countries in between are usually temperate which means they have mild temperatures.



Capital cities are often marked with a star, as they are on this map.

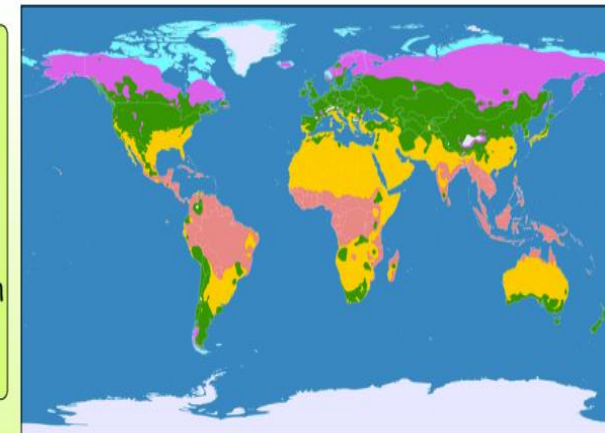
Can you find the capital city of Germany on this map?



**Did you know?**

You can also use the internet to help you find out where places are. Type the name of the country you are looking for into a search engine's map feature (such as Google Maps) and it will take you straight there. You can then zoom in or out to see where it is in relation to other places, helping you to locate it on a world map.

This map shows the different climate zones of the world in more detail...



- Freezing all year - arctic
- Very hot and dry - desert
- Warm summers but severe winters
- Very hot and humid - tropical
- Mild temperatures