Learn About Our World

Activity Book
Let’s Start Traveling!

You are about to embark on a grand adventure around the world!

The facts and activities will teach you about faraway places, lively animals, and legendary landmarks that make up this wonderful world.

My Place in the World

Draw a picture of yourself.

My name

My city

My state

My country

My continent
A continent is a big piece of land. There are seven continents on Earth.

They are:
Africa
Antarctica
Asia
Australia
Europe
North America
South America

Color the continents below and write the name. Can you find the continent that you live on?
An ocean is a large body of water. There are five oceans surrounding the continents. Can you find the oceans on the map below?

- **ARCTIC OCEAN**
  The Arctic Ocean, located between Asia and North America, is the world’s smallest and shallowest ocean.
  The walrus uses its long tusks (big teeth) for hunting shellfish, breaking holes into the ice to breathe, and pulling itself out of cold water onto the ice.

- **ATLANTIC OCEAN**
  The Atlantic Ocean, located between Africa and North America, is the world’s second-largest ocean, after the Pacific. It covers about 20%, or 1/5, of Earth’s surface.
  Humpback whales are well known for their singing ability and often change their tune to attract other whales.

- **INDIAN OCEAN**
  The Indian Ocean, located between Africa, Asia and Australia, is the world’s third-largest ocean.
  The blue whale is not only the world’s largest animal—it is also the heaviest to have ever existed, weighing over 400,000 pounds (181 mt). Its tongue can weigh as much as an elephant!

- **PACIFIC OCEAN**
  The Pacific Ocean is easily the world’s largest ocean, covering 30% (almost 1/3) of Earth’s surface. It is located between North and South America, Asia, and Australia.
  Dolphins do not actually have eyes in the back of their heads, but they can see forward and backward.

- **SOUTHERN OCEAN**
  The Southern Ocean is also called the Antarctic or Austral Ocean. It surrounds Antarctica and was formed 30 million years ago, when South America and Antarctica split apart.

Sea turtles are sunbathers! Unable to generate body heat, sea turtles have to manage their body temperatures by warming under the sun.
Africa has the world’s second-largest population at over 1 billion people. It is also the second-largest continent.

An elephant’s trunk has 100,000 muscles! You only have between 640 and 850 muscles in your entire body.

A male giraffe weighs over 3,000 pounds (1.361 kg)—that’s as heavy as some cars!

Egypt’s Great Pyramid of Giza is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. It is the only one of the original seven still standing.

African masks are used in important rituals or celebrations. They are often used to bring rain or chase away evil. **Decorate your own mask!**
Asia is the world’s largest continent. In fact, over 60% of the world’s people live in Asia!

The Great Wall of China is truly a marvel: It not only measures an amazing 13,000 miles (21,000 km) long, but it also took over 1800 years to build!

Activity:
Using blocks, how long (not tall!) can you build a wall?

What are a camel’s humps for? They do not store water, as some people believe. Instead, the humps store fat, keeping the camel cool in very hot desert temperatures.

Can you point out the parts of the camel on the picture to the right (head, body, hump)?

The 561-foot-high (171 m) Taj Mahal is made of white marble and draws millions of visitors each year. Two popular features are large gardens in the front and a raised pool with five fountains.

Tigers are big leapers. They can easily jump over 16 feet (5 m), and jumps up to 33 feet (10 m) have been recorded. That’s the length of a school bus!

Draw a picture of what you would find in a garden.
Australia contains less than 1% of the world’s population. However, the giant Great Barrier Reef, off its northeast coast, contains plenty of ocean life—you can see it from space.

The city of Sydney has a famous building called the Sydney Opera House. People enjoy concerts and plays there.

These animals are native to Australia.

Trace the letters to learn their names.

Kangaroo  Shark  Emu
Europe is the second-smallest continent in terms of land area, but the third-largest in terms of population, with over 700 million people.

Built in 1887, the Eiffel Tower originally served as the entrance to the World’s Fair, as people passed under its lower arch on the way inside.

The Leaning Tower of Pisa took 200 years to build, and was built to attract tourists to the city of Pisa.

Big Ben is the largest four-faced chiming clock and the third tallest freestanding clock in the world.

What’s your favorite food? Draw a picture below.

Italian food is popular and loved by people all over the world. Some favorites are pizza and spaghetti.

Draw the minute and hour hands on the clock to show your favorite time of day.
North America is the world’s third-largest continent; only Asia and Africa are larger.

The Statue of Liberty was a gift to the United States from France (located in the continent of Europe), dedicated in 1886.

The moose is the largest member of the deer family. Its huge antlers can grow up to 6 feet (1.8 m) across!

The Mayan people built large temples and walled cities over one thousand years ago. Some of these amazing buildings are still standing.
South America is the world’s fourth-largest continent. Brazil is its largest country—it takes up over half of the continent!

Angel Falls, in the country of Venezuela, are the world’s highest waterfalls, reaching a height of 3,212 feet (979 m).

Toucans have large beaks that are useful for eating. The brightly colored beak and feathers also provide camouflage (disguise), blending into the rainforest’s patchy light.

How tall are you? __________

Help the toucan fly through the trees by tracing the lines for the flight path.
Antarctica

The only people who live in Antarctica are scientists and researchers, plus tourists who stay for smaller periods of time. Lots of animals live in or around the waters of Antarctica.

**FUN FACT!** Because it experiences hardly any rain, Antarctica is considered a desert!

Can you fill in the missing letter for each animal?

- ___enguin
- ___eal
- ___hale

Help the penguin get to ice!
Can you find the famous landmarks on the map that you just traveled to? Match the color of the landmark to the star on the map!

As you can imagine, there are many different ways to travel across the world. Can you match the mode of transportation to where it travels?

Have you ever been in one of those vehicles? Tell a story about it.
Congratulations! You’ve finished your trip around the world!

Now that you know a little bit more about what makes each place unique, fill out the below postcard to a friend.

Where would you most like to visit?

What would you like to do and see there?