Our World

Let's learn some fun facts about our world's continents!

Earth has seven continents, or landmasses. When you look at a globe or a map, you will see the continents.

Seven Special Places

Look at the map as you read seven special facts about seven special continents.

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Home, Sweet Home!

North America is where we live. It is the continent that produces the most corn. Corn is used to feed people and animals. It can also be used as fuel to heat homes and help automobiles run.

An Ancient City

South America is the site of **Machu Picchu** (MAH-choo PEE-choo). That city was built hundreds of years ago by people called the Incas. That ancient city is high in the **Andes Mountains** in Peru.
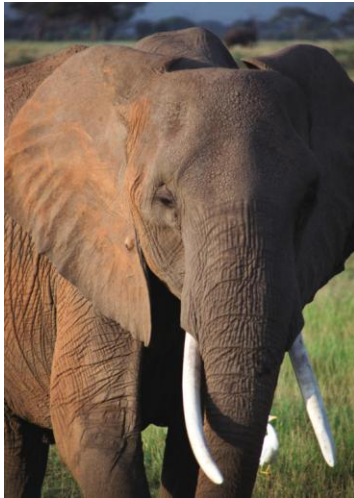
Tilting Tower

Europe is home to the **Leaning Tower of Pisa.** That is a famous tower in Italy. The tower was built on soil made up of sand and clay. Some parts of the building have sunk into the ground more than others.

A Salty Sea

Asia is the largest continent and is the site of the salty **Dead Sea.** That body of water is really a lake, not a sea. Nothing can live in the water because it is so salty. The high levels of salt help people float easily.

That's Hot!

Africa is the hottest continent. It is also home to some of the biggest animals in the world. The **African elephant** is the largest living land mammal, and the ostrich is the largest living bird. Those animals can really take the heat!

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The Big Chill

Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth. Animals in Antarctica, such as **penguins**, whales, and seals, have a thick layer of fat called blubber. That helps them survive the cold weather.

Where the Wild Things Are!

Australia is very popular for its plant and animal life. More than eighty percent of the plants, mammals, and frogs that live in Australia cannot be found anywhere else! Some of the animals that can be found in Australia include kangaroos, koalas, and wombats.

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