

Oceans Around the World



United States Central Intelligence Agency's World Factbook
World Map

Take a look at a map of the world. What does all that blue stand for?

That blue space is water! Most of the earth is covered in water. The huge body of water that covers most of the earth is called the world ocean. But this is made up of five main oceans.

Two of the main oceans are the Pacific and the Atlantic. These are the two biggest oceans. They both touch North and South America. The Pacific is to the west of these continents. The Atlantic is to the east.

The third biggest ocean is the Indian Ocean. It stretches between Africa and Australia.

The smallest ocean is the Arctic Ocean. It is by the North Pole.

The Southern Ocean is the last ocean. It has no real edges, so it's hard to say how big it is. It is made up of the water near Antarctica.

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1. What does the blue on a map stand for?

- A. land
- B. mountains
- C. water

2. This text lists Earth's five oceans. Which of the oceans is the smallest?

- A. the Arctic Ocean
- B. the Southern Ocean
- C. the Pacific Ocean

3. Read these sentences about our earth's oceans:

"The huge body of water that covers most of the earth is called the world ocean. But this is made up of five main oceans."

- A. The five main oceans are all separate.
- B. The five main oceans are all connected.
- C. The five main oceans are very small.

4. What is "Oceans Around the World" mostly about?

- A. the borders of the five main oceans
- B. the blue space on a map
- C. the size of the Pacific Ocean

5. What do we call the huge body of water that covers most of the earth?

The huge body of water that covers most of the earth is called the _____.

6. What did you learn from "Oceans Around the World"?

7. **Class Discussion Question:** Discuss the borders of the world's five oceans. Use information from the text to support your answer.

8. Draw a picture of one of the world's oceans.
