Continent of North America
What Is a Continent?

Here are the seven continents of Planet Earth. A continent is a massive piece of land that is often separated from other areas of land by water, or another feature, such as mountains.

- North America
- Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- South America
- Oceania
- Antarctica
Continent Conundrum

Not cool! Grandmaster Glitch has muddled up the map. Can you fix it?

Europe

Asia

Africa

Antarctica

Oceania

South America

North America

Fix That Glitch
North America

This is the continent of North America.

It is joined to the continent of South America by a narrow strip of land.
There are many countries that make up North America. Let's have a closer look.
North America

How many countries on the continent of North America can you remember in one minute? **Tell your partner.**
Look at these pictures. Which are images of North America?
Did you work it out? They all are! North America is a huge continent and has a variety of landscapes.
What Is a Landmark?

A landmark is something that stands out in an area. For example, it could be a building, a bridge, a lake, a river or a sculpture. It might be special because of its age or size.

A landmark makes a place recognisable. This means you could look at a picture of a landmark and know straight away where it is.
Famous Landmarks

Do you recognise any of these famous landmarks from around the world?

- Uluru, Australia
- The Golden Gate Bridge, USA
- Giant’s Causeway, UK
Now, let's explore the continent of North America!
To the Vroomster!
America, or United States of America (USA), is split into states. You’ll see 50 stars on the American flag, one for each state. The country’s capital city is Washington DC.
This is the Statue of Liberty in New York, USA. Liberty means ‘freedom’. Listen to Ubercorn’s Funky Facts about the statue that is sometimes called ‘Lady Liberty’!
Another famous New York landmark is Central Park. Here’s Ubercorn (with a bit of help from Foz and Kyan) to tell us all about it.
Right across the other side of the USA, you’ll find the Grand Canyon in Arizona. Here is Ubercorn with the Funky Facts.
Although Alaska isn’t within or next door to USA, it is one of the American states!

This is Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska.
Canada is the second largest country in the world! Canada has two official languages: English and French.
The maple leaf on Canada’s flag is the country’s national symbol because it is a distinctive feature of Canada’s nature.

Toronto is the most populated city in Canada with over 5 million people!
Canada’s oldest national park is in Alberta, in the Rocky Mountains. People come here to visit the beautiful scenery including Moraine Lake, Lake Louise and Mount Norquay.

Tourists enjoy skiing, kayaking, cycling and hiking here.
Mexico

Chichen Itza was a large city built by the Maya people. The ancient Maya were a civilisation that lived long ago in parts of North America. This landmark is one of the world’s most visited archaeological sites. **It is over 1,000 years old.**

El Castillo is the name given to the large pyramid temple there which has many steps on each side of the building.
From the Vroomster, I can see Arenal Volcano. It is cone shaped and over 1,600 metres high. Its crater is 140 metres wide and is believed to have been one of the most active volcanoes in the world. It was dormant for hundreds of years until it erupted in 1968, destroying a nearby town. Since 2010, it has been dormant.
The Bahamas is made up of 700 islands. Eleuthera is one of these islands and there you’ll find the Glass Window Bridge. Travelling over this bridge gives incredible views of the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Bight of Eleuthera on the other. The two bodies of water are separated by a thin strip of rock where the bridge has been built.
The Bahamas is an archipelago which means an area where there’s a large collection of islands closely grouped together.
Dominica

On the small island of Dominica, you’ll find the Father Falls and the Mother Falls – which make up Trafalgar Falls. Father Falls is around 85 metres high and Mother Falls is about 40 metres high. Awesome!
On the island of Haiti, you’ll find three blue pools linked by waterfalls. They are known as Bassin Bleu, Bassin Clair, and Bassin Palmiste.
North America Quiz

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