

# What Is an Ocean?

An ocean is a very large area of salt water. Most of the Earth is covered in ocean.

There are five oceans in the world:

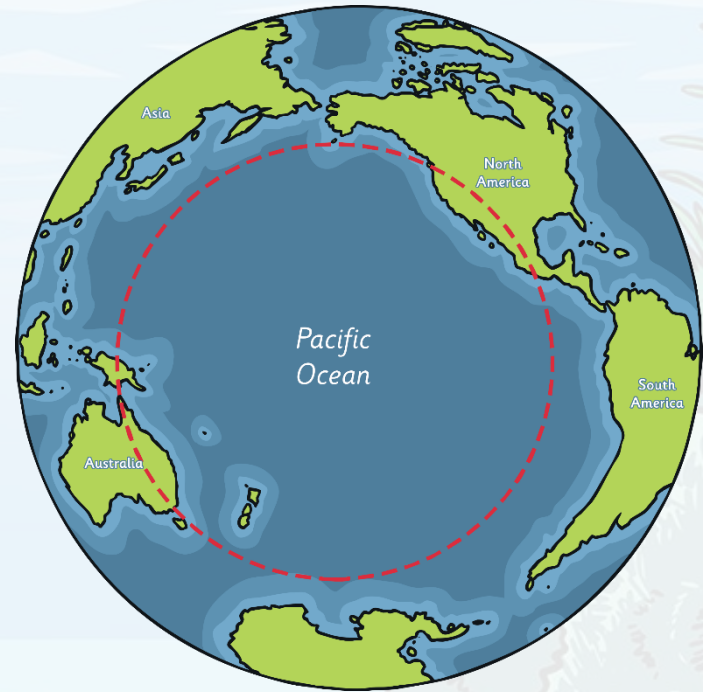
- Pacific Ocean
- Atlantic Ocean
- Indian Ocean
- Southern Ocean
- Arctic Ocean



# Pacific Ocean

The Pacific Ocean is the biggest ocean in the world.

It reaches from North and South America to Asia and Australia.



## Did You Know...?

The word 'Pacific' means peaceful.

# Atlantic Ocean

The Atlantic Ocean is the second biggest ocean in the world.

It reaches from North and South America to Europe and Africa.



## Did You Know...?

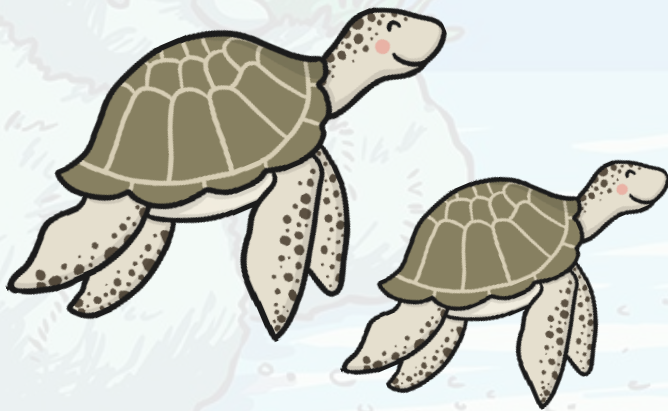
The first person to sail across the Atlantic Ocean from Europe to America was Leif Eriksson, a Viking, in the year 1000.



# Indian Ocean

The Indian Ocean is the third biggest ocean in the world. It is named after the country of India.

The Indian Ocean is home to many endangered sea creatures, including turtles, seals and dugongs (also known as sea cows).



# Southern Ocean

The Southern Ocean is the second smallest ocean in the world.

It is also known as the Antarctic Ocean as it surrounds Antarctica.

It is the coldest and wildest ocean in the world.



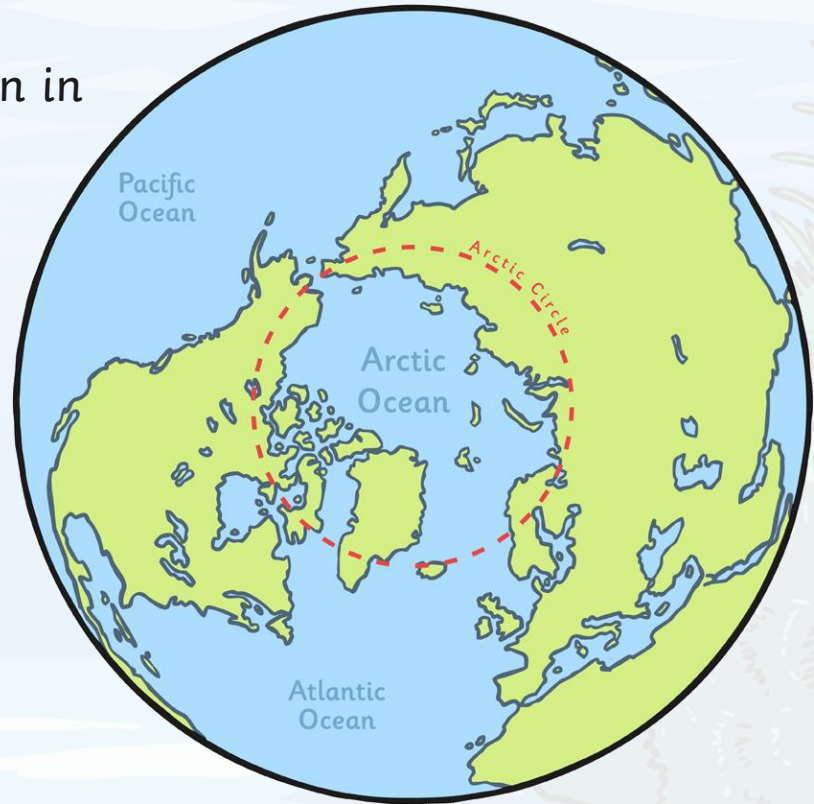


# Arctic Ocean

The Arctic Ocean is the smallest ocean in the world.

It surrounds the Arctic.

Often, the Arctic Ocean is completely covered in ice.



## Did You Know...?

Because of climate change, the amount of ice covering the Arctic is getting smaller every year.

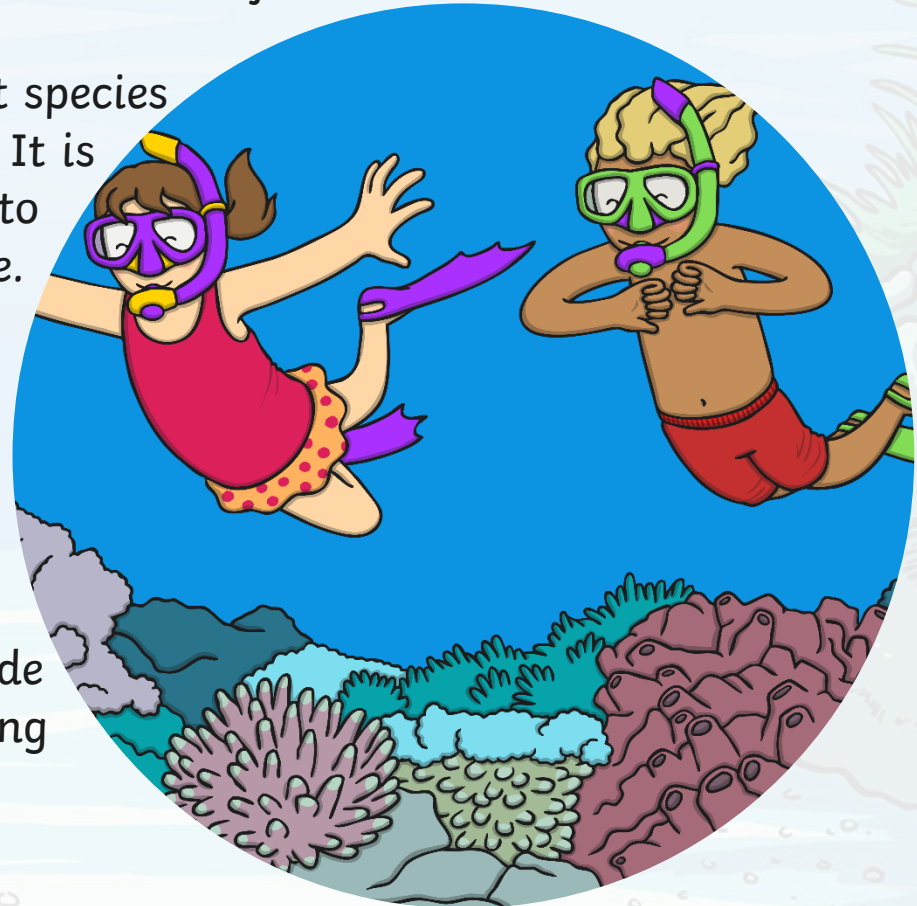
# Why Are Oceans so Important?

Oceans make up over 70% of the Earth's surface.

There are over 700,000 different species of animal that live in the ocean. It is important to protect the oceans to make sure their habitats are safe.

The ocean is also full of tiny plants which help to produce oxygen, which we need to breathe.

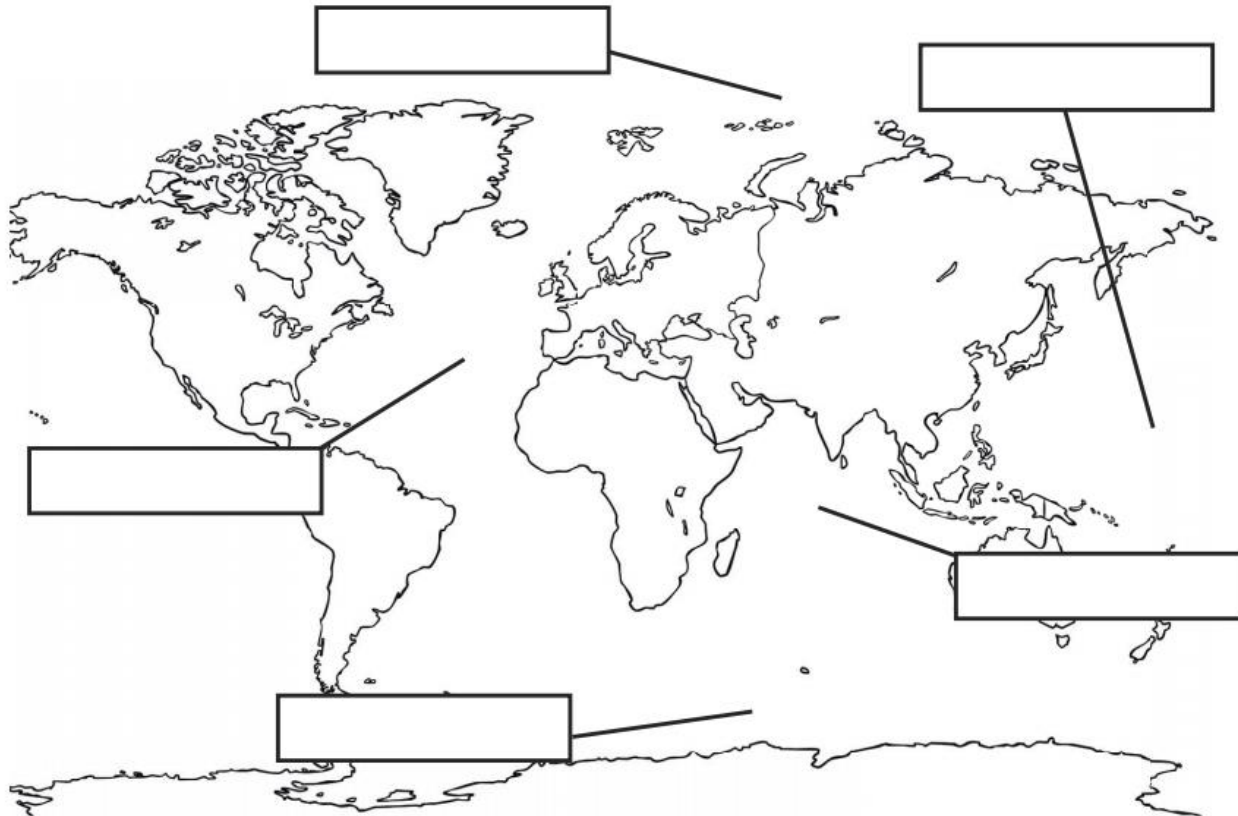
On top of this, oceans also provide food for many creatures, including humans!





# Your Task

Label the five oceans of the world.



## Word Bank

Pacific Ocean

Arctic Ocean

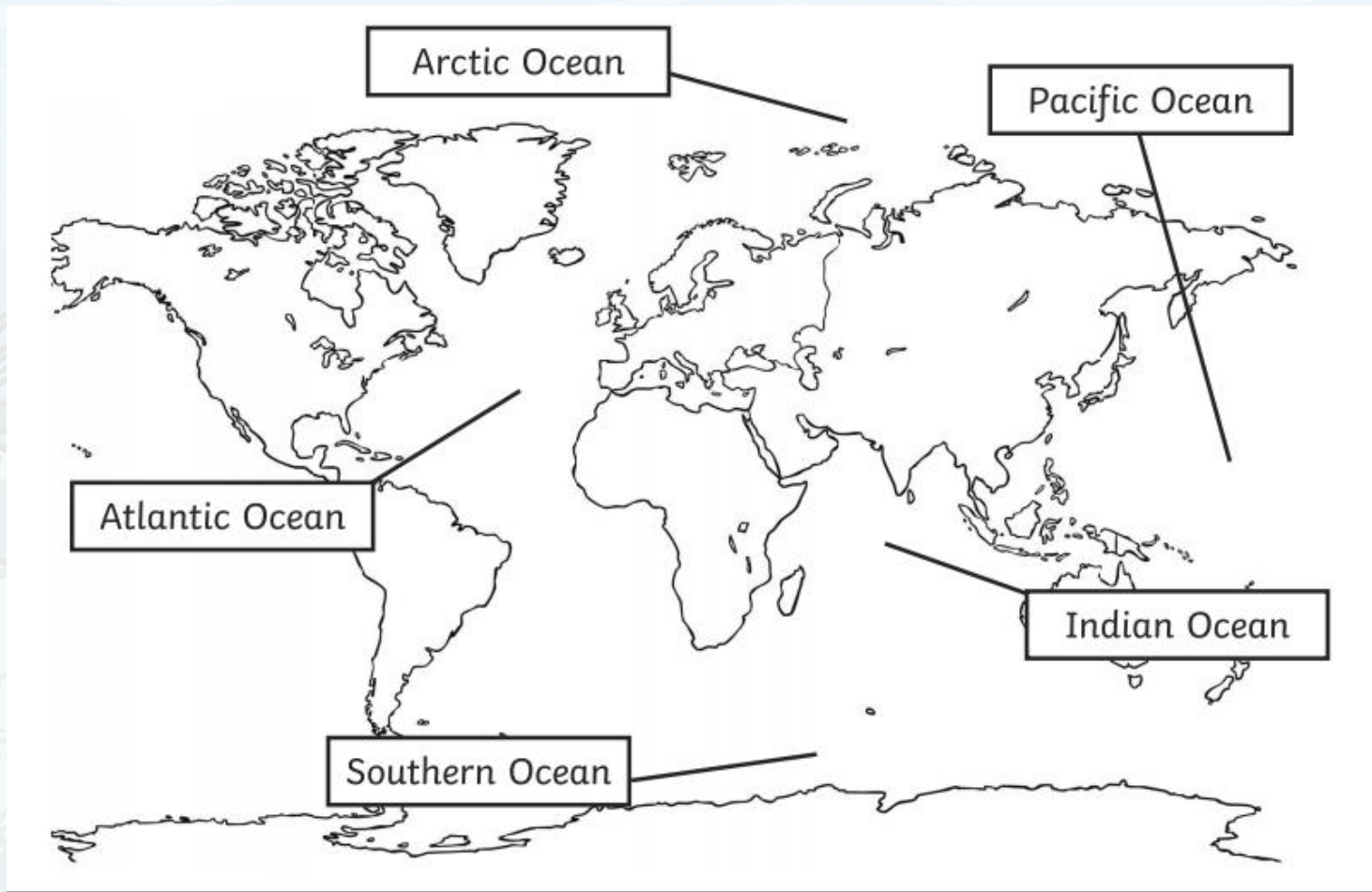
Indian Ocean

Atlantic Ocean

Southern Ocean



# Your Task - Answers



# Challenge Task

1. What is the biggest ocean?
2. What is the smallest ocean?
3. Name some endangered sea creatures that live in the Indian Ocean.
4. Why are oceans important?



# Challenge Task - Answers

1. What is the biggest ocean?
  - Pacific Ocean
2. What is the smallest ocean?
  - Arctic Ocean
3. Name some endangered sea creatures that live in the Indian Ocean.
  - Turtles, seals or dugongs
4. Why are oceans important?
  - Different possible answers