

LAB: Where in the World is the Water?

About 70 percent of Earth's surface is covered by water, and 97 percent of that water is contained in the oceans. The **oceans** form one giant connected body of water, but the continents divide the waters into separate parts—the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Arctic Ocean, and the Southern Ocean. Oceans include smaller bodies of water called **seas**, which lie along their margins. The Mediterranean Sea and the Caribbean Sea are parts of the Atlantic Ocean. Some seas—for example, the Caspian Sea and the Dead Sea—are actually **lakes**, or water surrounded by land. **Rivers** are bodies of water that flow over land in a channel. They vary greatly in size. A **tributary** is a stream or river that flows into a larger stream or river. An **inlet** is any area of water extending into the land from a larger body of water. The largest inlets are called **gulfs**, and the largest gulf bordering the United States is the Gulf of Mexico. Bays and sounds also shape the coastline of the United States. A **sound** is a long inlet that separates offshore islands from the mainland.

1. Take the blank world map and label the continents.
2. Using Google Earth or other online resource, locate each of the bodies of water from the list below.
3. Draw and label the bodies of water in the correct locations on the map. You should color code each body of water (i.e. oceans- blue; seas- red; bays- green, etc.) and include a key with your map using the number beside the name of the body of water.

Major Oceans

1. Pacific Ocean
2. Atlantic Ocean
3. Indian Ocean
4. Arctic Ocean

Major Seas

5. Arabian Sea
6. South China Sea
7. Caribbean Sea
8. Mediterranean Sea
9. Bering Sea
10. Norwegian Sea
11. Red Sea

Major Bays

12. Bay of Bengal
13. Hudson Bay
14. Chesapeake Bay

Major Gulfs

15. Gulf of Mexico

Major Sounds

16. Puget Sound

Major Lakes

17. Caspian Sea
18. Dead Sea
19. Lake Superior
20. Lake Victoria
21. Lake Huron
22. Lake Michigan
23. Lake Erie
24. Lake Ontario
25. Great Bear Lake

Major Rivers

26. Nile
27. Yangtze
28. Amazon
29. Yellow
30. Yukon
31. Missouri
32. Mississippi
33. Niger
34. Congo
35. Rio de la Plata-Parana

World Mercator Projection Map with Country Outlines



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