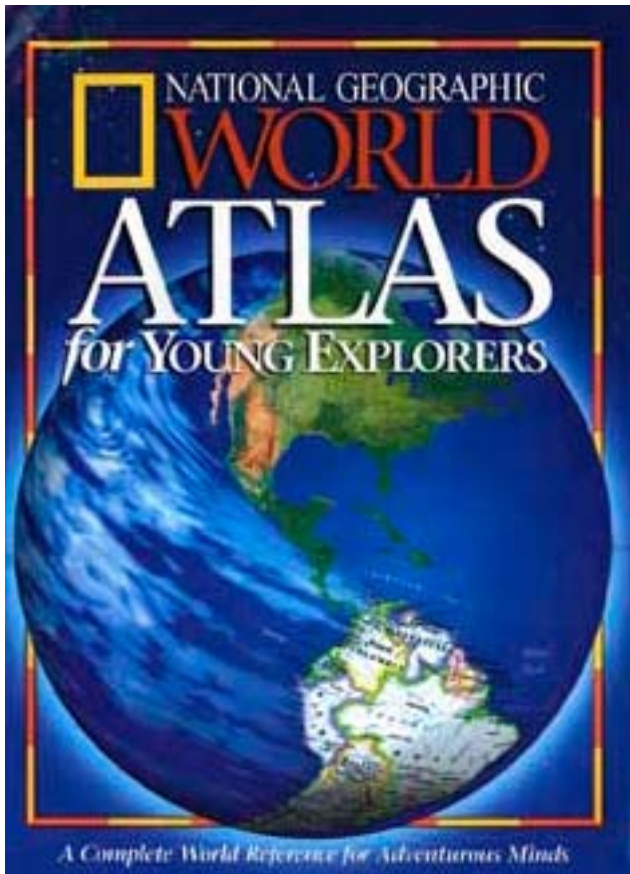


Continental Drift

Card Sorting Activity for Atlas work



Countries include:
Britain, Germany,
France, Norway
and Spain.

Most of the
world's
rainforest is
here.

South America?

Europe?

All of this
continent is
north of the
Equator.

North America?

Africa?

This is the
second smallest
continent.

Continental Drift

Produced by Marilyn Sullivan and Judith Evans when they were at Mellor School in Leicester in about 1993.

The webaddress for this activity is

<<http://www.collaborativelearning.org/continentaldrift.pdf>>

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makes challenging curriculum accessible.

improves social relations in the classroom.

provides scaffolding for exploratory talk.

Good for all pupils!

Vital for EAL pupils!

Basic principles:

1. Build on prior knowledge.
2. Move from concrete to abstract.
3. Ensure everyone works with everyone else.
4. Extend social language into curriculum language.
5. Provide motivating ways to go over the same knowledge more than once.

If you can't talk it, you won't be able to write it!

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Continental Drift - Teachers' Notes

Card Sorting activity

Aims: to enable pupils to understand that the Atlas is a useful source of information, and to improve their skills in gathering information. The activity builds on prior knowledge.

The children should be in threes or fours. Each group needs an atlas and a set of cards. The children can be given specific roles: e.g. card reader, atlas holder, card placer. They first have to find the continent names (Antarctica is not included) and put these cards in a row (you may want to provide a jumbo matrix). The children then try to place all the cards in the appropriate row/column, checking their facts in the atlas. If they are really stuck they can visit another group and at the very last resort ask the teacher who is taking advantage of the time to monitor spoken language development. Different groups can then/or later write up information about specific continents and these can be displayed on a world map.

Continental Drift Cards



Africa	Asia	Europe
Australasia	North America	South America
All of this continent is north of the Equator.	All of this continent is south of the Equator.	All of this continent is north of the Equator.
All of this continent is north of the Equator.	This continent has some places north and some places south of the Equator.	As much of this continent is north of the Equator as is south of it.
This is the largest continent and has the most people.	This is the second biggest continent.	This is the third biggest continent.
This is the fourth biggest continent.	This is the second smallest continent.	This is the smallest continent.



Continental Drift Cards

<p>Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean and Indian Ocean touch this continent.</p>	<p>Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arctic Ocean touch this continent.</p>	<p>Pacific Ocean and Atlantic Ocean touch this continent.</p>
<p>Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean touch this continent.</p>	<p>Pacific Ocean and Southern Ocean touch this continent.</p>	<p>Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic Ocean and Arctic Ocean touch this continent.</p>
<p>Countries include: Britain, Germany, France, Norway and Spain.</p>	<p>Countries include: Australia and New Zealand.</p>	<p>Countries include: Brazil, Chile and Argentina.</p>
<p>Countries include: Canada, Mexico and the United States of America.</p>	<p>Countries include: India, Japan, Pakistan, Bangladesh and China.</p>	<p>Countries include: Egypt, Nigeria, Uganda and Kenya.</p>
<p>The longest river in the world is here: the Nile</p>	<p>The highest mountain in the world is here: Mount Everest.</p>	<p>Most of the world's rainforest is here.</p>
<p>Some of the oldest trees on earth are here: in Canadian forests.</p>	<p>Off the coast here there is a giant coral reef: the Great Barrier Reef.</p>	<p>The world's smallest country is here.</p>