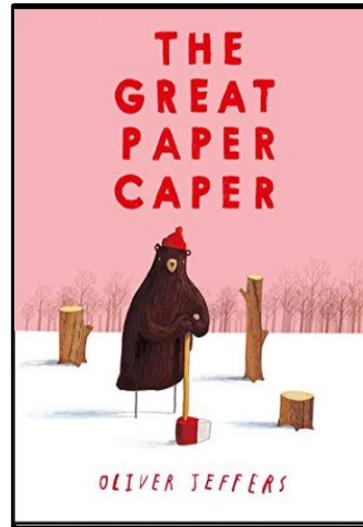


Our Wonderful World

Vocabulary

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| Continent | A very large area of land that includes all the islands with it. |
| Population | The number of people that live in a particular place. |
| Desert | A large area of land that has very little rainfall and where not much grows. |
| Aerial | Seen from above |
| Currency | The money used in a country. |
| Capital City | An important city, often where the government works. |
| Equator | An imaginary line drawn around the middle of Earth, dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres. |
| Compass | A piece of equipment that tells you what direction you are travelling in. The main compass points are north, south, east and west. |
| Climate | The usual weather conditions of an area. |
| Australasia | The continent of Australasia is often referred to as just Australia. It has about 28 countries and island groups. |



Key knowledge

There are seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australasia, Europe, North America and South America. Some continents have many countries, others do not.

Europe is the second smallest continent. It has around 44 countries, including England. About 740 million people live in Europe. It is the third largest continent in terms of population.

Europe has many famous landmarks, including Stonehenge in England, the Matterhorn in Switzerland and the Eiffel Tower in France. Landmarks in other continents include the Yangtze River in China (which is in Asia) and the Great Barrier Reef located off the coast of Australia.

Key knowledge

There are five oceans in the world: the Arctic Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, the Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean.

Countries around the world have different climates. Climates can be sorted into the following zones: warm, cold (or polar), tropical and temperate. Countries near the equator tend to have a hotter climate. Different animals are better suited to living in countries with a particular climate.

Half the world's population live in Asia. The largest desert in the world (the Sahara) is in Africa. North America is twice the size of Europe. Over half of Australia is desert or receives little rain. The Amazon rainforest is in South America. Antarctica is known as the 'frozen continent.'

