

LO: To know about the Himalayan Mountain Range.

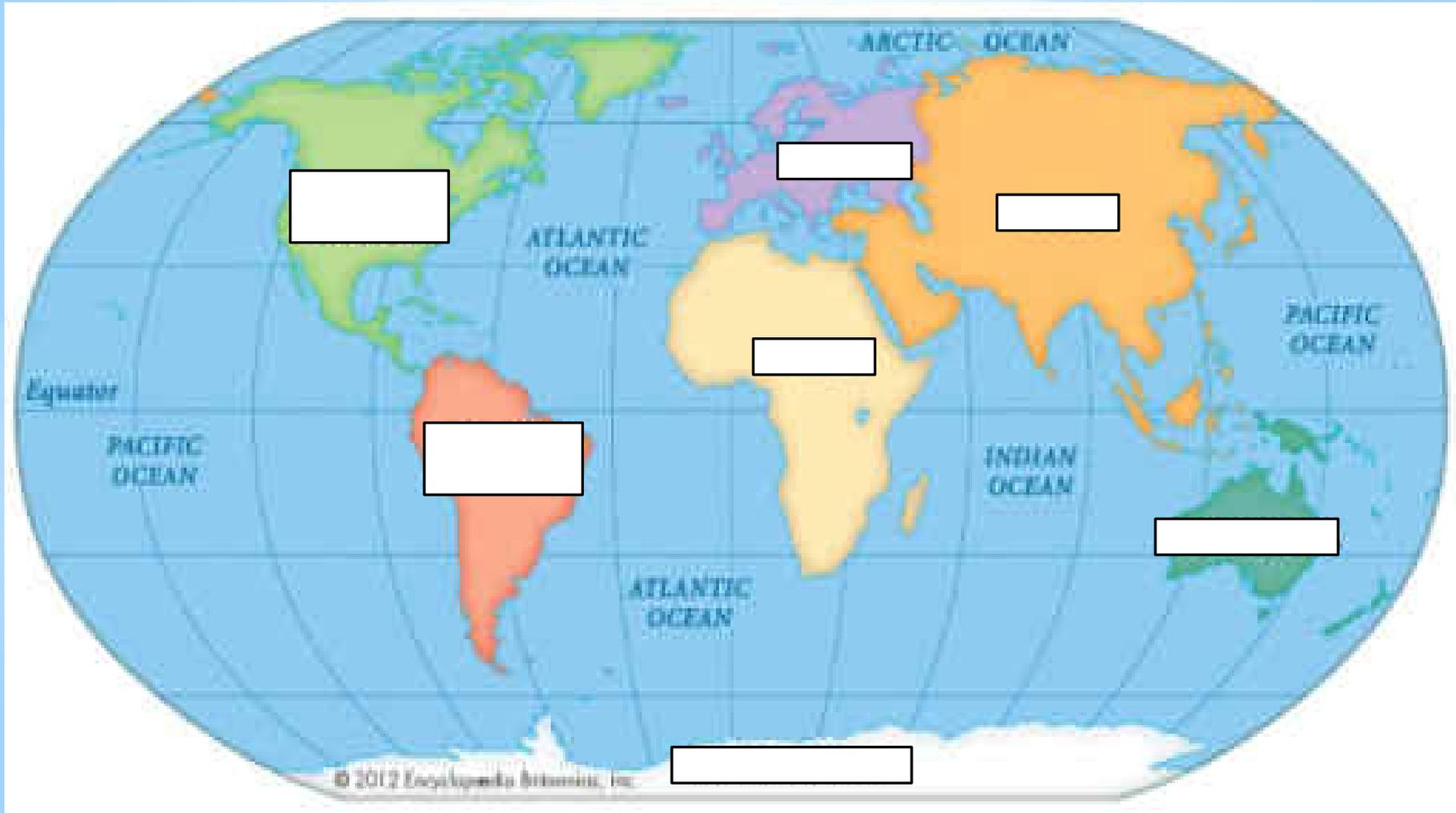
Success Criteria:

- I can locate the Himalayan Mountains on a map.
- I know the name of the highest mountain in the world.
- I can describe the environment and animals in the Himalayas



Can you remember the names of all the continents?

Which one is the largest?

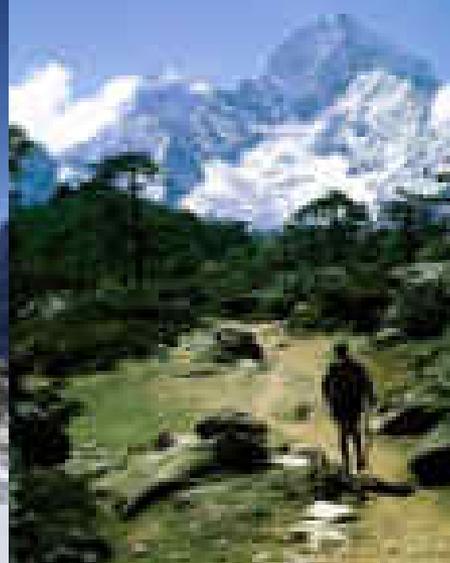


What's the name of the large mountain range in Asia?

The Himalayas is a mountain range in Asia. It stretches across several countries including India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, China, Bhutan and Nepal. The Himalayan range is home to some of the planet's highest peaks, including the highest, Mount Everest and Karakora (K2). When translated, the Himalayas means the 'abode of snow'!



The Himalayan Mountain Range is so large it can be seen from outer space!



The Himalayas

The highest mountain range in the world, the Himalayan range is 1500 miles long and holds within it an exceptionally varied ecology. There are subtropical forests, wetlands, and mountain grasslands as well as the inhospitable, frozen mountain tops that tower above.

The Himalayas has the third largest amount of ice and snow in the world, after Antarctica and the Arctic. Lots of glacial networks feed Asia's major rivers including the Ganges, Indus, and Brahmaputra. More than a billion people rely on these glacier-fed water sources for drinking water and farming. The Himalayas are not only a remarkable expanse of natural beauty. They're also crucial for their survival.



Animals in the Himalayas

The Himalayas is a very harsh environment and animals have to be well equipped to survive. Animals living at higher altitudes usually have very thick skins and hibernate during the winter months when food is scarce. The Himalayan Brown Bear and Tibetan Fox live in the Himalayas and go around hunting as a team. High-altitude cooperation or is the wily fox just trying to steal a Pika from under the bear's nose? Let's take a look...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8Mad1h9_9Q



Mount Everest

Mount Everest is part of the Himalayas in Nepal and at 8,848m , it is not only the highest peak in the Himalayas, but the highest peak on the entire planet. It is over 60 million years old and it grows by about 0.6cm every year! The Nepalese call Mount Everest "Samgarmatha" which can be translated as "Goddess of the Universe" or "Forehead of the Sky."

Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay were the first people to climb Mount Everest in 1953.

Many people have tried to climb Mount Everest since then. Let's read the blog of a man called Alan Arnette when he tried to climb it...

<http://www.alanarnette.com/kids/everest11.htm>



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Your Task: To write a letter or postcard home from the top of Mount Everest

- What facts can you include?
- How tall is Mount Everest?
- What animals did you see?
- How did you feel when you reached the top?
- Was it difficult? Why?

EXT: Draw a picture of yourself at the top of Mount Everest or the Himalayan Brown Bear, Fox and Pika



Want a tour of Mount Everest?

Hold on tight!

<http://www.airpano.ru/files/Everest-Top-View/2-2>