

Exploring the puzzle map of the world

Materials:

- Puzzle map of the world
- Coloured globe

Purpose: To introduce the individual continents and oceans on a flat surface.

Directions: The teacher shows the child that the coloured areas on the globe are continents and that the blue is the ocean. Explain to the child that each section of the water is divided into separate oceans. Show the child that the puzzle and the globe are the same. Ask the child to remove a puzzle piece (preferably the continent that the child lives in), and then to trace the puzzle piece with their two primary fingers. Then ask the child to find the matching continent on the globe and outline it the same way. Continue with remaining puzzle pieces until all continents have been matched and traced. Have the child point to a continent on the globe and then find the same continent on the puzzle. Continue until all have been matched. Explain that each continent has a name, and point to each continent on the puzzle while saying the name of the continent. Repeat with the name of the oceans.

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