



# EXPLORERS AND ADVENTURERS



## Map of the World

There are seven continents.

- **ASIA** includes 50 countries. 60% of the total population of the Earth live here.
- **AFRICA** is made up of 54 countries. It is the hottest continent and home of the world's largest desert, the Sahara.
- **NORTH AMERICA** includes 23 countries including the USA and Canada.
- **SOUTH AMERICA** has 12 countries. The largest forest, the Amazon rainforest, is located here.
- **ANTARCTICA** is the coldest continent in the world, completely covered with ice. There are no permanent inhabitants.
- **EUROPE** is made up of 51 countries.
- **AUSTRALIA** includes 14 countries. Only 0.3% of the total Earth population live here.

## 7 continents map with 5 oceans



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There are 5 oceans of the world: Pacific, Atlantic, Southern, Indian and Arctic

## Key Explorers and Adventurers

**Roald Amundsen** was the first person to reach the South Pole in 1912. Then in 1926 he became the first person to reach the North Pole.

**Sir Edmund Hillary** was a mountaineer and explorer from New Zealand. On 29th May 1953 he, along with Tenzing Norgay, became the first climbers to successfully reach the summit of Mount Everest. He was the first person to reach both the North Pole and South Pole and to climb Everest.

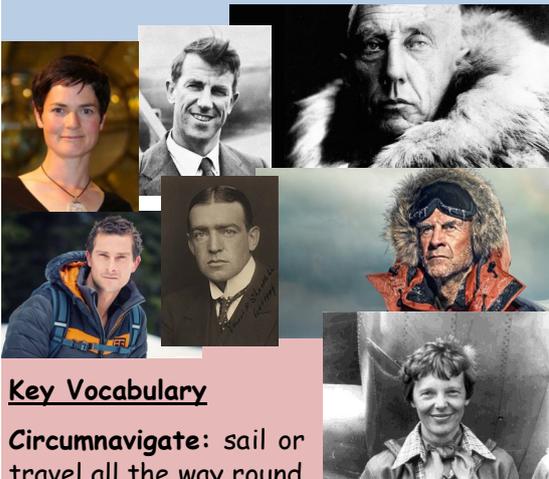
**Sir Ranulph Fiennes** he was the first to reach both Poles by going from one to the other by circumnavigating the world along its polar axis (going straight up and down), and the first to cross the Antarctic and Arctic Ocean.

**Ernest Shackleton** led an expedition on the boat Endurance to reach the South Pole. It was not successful, but he endured many hardships to get his crew back to safety.

**Amelia Earhart** was the first female to fly solo across the Atlantic ocean. While attempting to make a circumnavigational flight around the world in 1937, she disappeared.

**Ellen MacArthur** broke the world record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe on 7th February 2005.

**Bear Grylls** was one of the youngest to climb Mount Everest, climbing it at the age of 23. To practice for this he climbed Ama Dablam and is the youngest Briton to do this. He has also done many other expeditions and challenges to raise money for charity or to raise awareness for global warming, such as circumnavigating the UK on jet skis and crossing the Atlantic Ocean in an open rigid inflatable boat.



## Key Vocabulary

**Circumnavigate:** sail or travel all the way round something.

**Solo:** on your own

**Mount Everest:** Earth's highest mountain above sea level, located in the Himalayas. The international border between Nepal and China runs across its summit point

**Summit:** The highest point of something.

**Expedition:** a journey undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose.

**Elevation:**