



Activity ideas based on *The geography song (KS2 version)*

- Make your own globe:

-Make a papier-mâché globe using a beach ball or balloon, newspaper and PVA glue/wallpaper paste and water. This [BBC recipe online uses flour!](#) Using crayon, hand draw on the continents and oceans.

- Word search and treasure hunt:

-Make a word search for someone. Write out the names of the seas and continents in a grid (you'll need a minimum of 12 boxes each way e.g. for North America) then fill in the gaps with random letters. Remember words can go up, down, across and diagonally!

-Download a blank world map template and independently fill in all the seven continents and five oceans. Turn it in to a jigsaw by sticking it onto cardboard and cutting into jigsaw size pieces. Give to a friend/ family member to piece it back together.

-Alternately play a treasure hunt game by asking a grown up to hide twelve slips of paper (labelled with the names of the continents and oceans) around your home and then see if you can find them in record time and place them in the correct places on your template of the world.

- Fact finding mission:

-What can you find out about each continent and ocean? Take one per day and research it. For the continents: which countries, largest cities are in each continent? What key geographical features such as mountain ranges, forests, rivers, deserts are there? What are their oldest religious and historical buildings? What animals and vegetation live there? For the oceans: find out which is the largest, what temperate each one is, how saline the water is, what animals and creatures can be found in them, how deep they are etc. Create a presentation on each, including as much information you can.

- Conduct an interview:

-Do you know anyone that comes from another continent? Ask an adult to help you call or video this person/people and interview them about where they live or come from. They might teach you some words in a new language or about a rare animal. Make a poster about what they have taught you.



- Fantasy Islands:

-Lots of poems and books have been set on islands and in the sea. Why not read a new book with a grown up or write a poem? Maybe you're inspired by messages in bottles or tales of shipwrecked sailors. Create your own treasure map or build your own Island. Who and what might be found there?

- Explorers and voyagers:

-Research explorers and the incredible discoveries they made (such as Charles Darwin and the species of animals he found on the Galapagos Islands). Make sketches (like he did) and create your own documentary. Watch some of Sir David Attenborough's (such as The Blue Planet) for inspiration.

-Research the voyages that sailors and seafarers went on. What kind of boats do you think they used? Can you imagine your life on board as ship's captain? Write a diary entry describing your adventures.

- Experiments:

-This topic ties in brilliantly to science investigations. Use the bath, bucket or different containers to explore the properties of materials that float and sink. Find a range of household objects and try and predict which will float and which will sink. Using different containers test again with different levels of saline water. How does the saltiness of the water affect floatation?

- Seascapes:

-For centuries artists have been inspired by the sea, from Turner who created watercolour seascapes, to Hokusai's *Great wave of Kanagawa*. Depending on the age of children and the materials available, create masterpieces in oils, acrylics, felt tips, crayons, paper collage or fabric.

- Listening activity:

-Listen to water inspired music Aquarium from *Carnival of the Animals* by Saint-Saëns

<https://youtu.be/lyFpZ5MZ7kk>. Can you identify any of the instruments playing? What can you imagine happening in the water and can you think of any adjectives to describe the movement, the sound quality of the instruments or the pitch of the music?

-Listen to other water inspired music like: Ludovico Einaudi *Le Onde* (the waves in Italian)

<https://youtu.be/le951V1yd4A>

-Listen and watch Ludovico Einaudi's *Elegy for the Arctic* filmed live in situ. <https://youtu.be/2DLnhdnSUVs>