



Activity ideas based on *The geography song* (KS1 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, jigsaw 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.

- 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.

- The Earth and it's layers:

In this video <https://youtu.be/K9vtd4PLCDI> you can see how to make a model of planet Earth out of playdough/clay. You could use salt dough and food colouring. Different colours represent different layers. Yellow for the core, orange the outer core, brown for the thin Earth's crust, and then blue and green for the continents and oceans. Cut your globe in half-what do you see?



- 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?

- Experiments:

This topic ties in brilliantly to science investigations. Use the bath at home or a bucket to explore the properties of materials that float and sink. Find a range of household objects and try and predict what will float and what will sink. What would and wouldn't you build your boat out of and why? Can you design and build a prototype on a small scale?

- 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/le951Vlyd4A>

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