

Explore Enquiry – Does it matter where we come from?

Sticky Knowledge

Places: It is important to be able to identify different countries on a map of Europe.

The Alps are generally divided into Western Alps and Eastern Alps, cut along a line between Lake Constance and Lake Como, following the Rhine valley.

The Western Alps are higher, but their central chain is shorter and much curved; they are located in France, Italy and Switzerland.

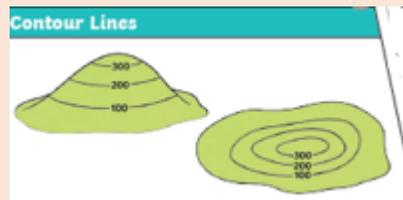
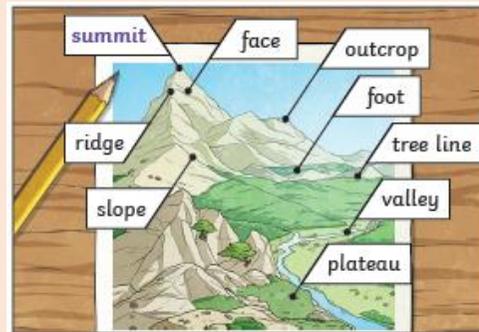
The Eastern Alps (main ridge elongated and broad) belong to Austria, Germany, Italy, Slovenia and Switzerland.

Mont Blanc, at 4,809 meters (15,777 feet), is the highest peak in the Alps.

The Alps maintain a permanent snow blanket over 2750 meters (9,000 feet) above sea level, and have many glaciers.

They are geographically important, representing 11% of Europe's surface and heavily influencing its climate.

The Alps receive a great deal of snow and rain. At high elevations, the snow turns to ice and then flows down to the valleys as glaciers.



These lines on a map join land that is at the same height.
They are usually marked in 5m or 10m intervals.
The closer the lines are together, the steeper the slope will be.



Crucial Connections

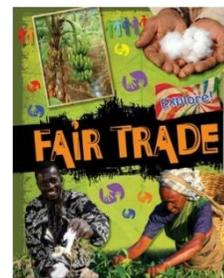
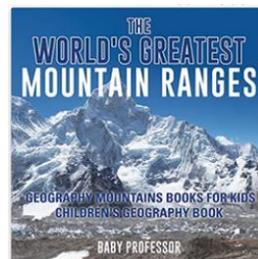
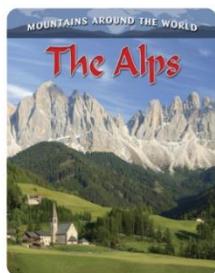
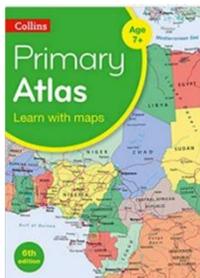
There are a number of video clips and activities on the following websites:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3fyedm/articles/zb3ywtu>

Find the countries in Europe quiz

<https://online.seterra.com/en/vgp/3007>

Reading Recommendations



Values

Offering

Vital Vocabulary

Aspirations

Town planning, Cartographer, Conservation Officer, Environmental researcher

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| agriculture | Land used for growing crops and keeping livestock. |
| altitude | The height above sea level |
| arable | Land used for producing crops. |
| avalanche | A large amount of snow that quickly moves down a mountain or slope. |
| climate | The usual or average weather conditions over a long period of time. |
| continent | A large area of land divided into countries. |
| country | An area defined by its people, culture, language, geography and government. |
| gorges | A narrow valley with steep walls, found between hills or mountains. |
| human geography | Anything in an area that is not naturally occurring and that has been shaped by people. |
| physical geography | Anything in an area that is naturally occurring. |
| population | The number of people living in an area. |
| summit | The highest point of a mountain. |