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# The world

The world is divided into seven large areas of land called continents and five large areas of sea called oceans. The picture maps in this book show amazing animals, places and people from around the world.

This map shows world record holders, from some of the tallest, smallest and fastest animals to the highest mountain and the longest train line.



## ARCTIC CIRCLE

The coldest parts of the world are north of the Arctic Circle and south of the Antarctic Circle.

## TROPIC OF CANCER

## EQUATOR

The Equator is a line added to maps to show where the middle of the world is.

## TROPIC OF CAPRICORN

Places between the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn are the hottest parts of the world.

## ANTARCTIC CIRCLE

## SOUTHERN OCEAN

## THE ARCTIC OCEAN

## ARCTIC OCEAN

## NORTH AND CENTRAL AMERICA

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Coast redwoods are the world's tallest trees.

Coast redwoods

Bee hummingbird

Bee hummingbirds are the world's smallest birds.

When they dive, peregrine falcons are the fastest animals.



Oybirch

Angel Falls is the world's highest waterfall.



Electric eel

Electric eels can generate electricity. They are the world's most shocking animals.

Ostriches are the largest birds.



## EUROPE

PAGES 4-7

Trans-Siberian Railway

The Trans-Siberian is the longest train line. It goes from Moscow in Europe to the Sea of Japan in Asia.

The Great Wall of China

The Great Wall of China is the world's longest wall.

Mount Everest is the highest mountain.

Mount Everest

Giraffes are the tallest land animals.



Giraffe

Cheetah

The fastest land animal is the cheetah.

Rafflesia are the world's largest flowers.



Rafflesia

## INDIAN OCEAN

Antarctica is the coldest place on Earth.



## ANTARCTICA

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Bat-tailed godwits

Bat-tailed godwits can fly greater distances without stopping than any other birds.

The sting of the sea wasp box jelly fish can kill a human, making it one of the world's deadliest animals.



Sea wasp

The Great Barrier Reef



The Great Barrier Reef is the world's largest living structure.

## AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANIA

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One of the strongest insects is the male dung beetle.



Dung beetle

Blooms are clouds of microscopic plants that create bright patterns in the sea.



Sea bloom

# Eastern Europe

ARCTIC OCEAN

BARENTS SEA

ARCTIC CIRCLE

Man fishing in ice

Wild mushrooms

Eurasian wolves

SWEDEN

Santa Claus's post office

Elk

FINLAND

Saimaa

Sparrowhawk

Russian blue cat

The Russian blue is prized for its silver-blue coat, which falls thick and soft.

Ural owl

URAL MOUNTAINS

Sable

BALTIC SEA

HELSINKI

TALLINN

ESTONIA

Walled city of Visby

Seto woman

RIGA

LATVIA

LITHUANIA

RUSSIA

VILNIUS

BELARUS

RUSSIA

Gymnast

The Winter Palace in St. Petersburg

Ballet dancers

MOSCOW

Famous Russian ballets include *The Nutcracker*, *The Firebird*, and *Swan Lake*.

Fabergé eggs

Fabergé eggs are jewel-covered ornaments. The fanciest eggs were made 100 years ago for the last Russian emperors.

Dacha (summer house)

Combine harvester

Wheat

VALDCA RIVER





■ MINSK

POLAND

■ WARSAW

European bison

■ KIEV

Kiev Monastery of the Caves

Samovars are used to heat water, mostly to make tea.

Samovar

Cossack dancer

The Motherland Calls statue in Volgograd

Balalaika player

CASPIAN SEA

SLOVAKIA

UKRAINE

■ BRATISLAVA

HUNGARY

■ MOLDOVA

■ CHISINAU

ROMANIA

Bran Castle

■ BUCHAREST

Radio telescope

Dwarf hamster

■ ZAGREB

CROATIA

Chain bridge

■ BELGRADE

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

■ SARAJEVO

SERBIA

■ PRISTINA

KOSOVO

MONTENEGRO

■ PODGORICA

■ SKOPIE

MACEDONIA

■ TIRANA

ALBANIA

GREECE

Ancient Parthenon temple

■ ATHENS

CRETE

■ SOFIA

BULGARIA

TURKEY

■ Varna

prehistoric cemetery

BLACK SEA

Sturgeon

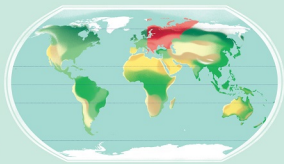
Sturgeon eggs are used to make a luxury food called caviar.

Whirling Dervish

ASIA

Only this western part of Turkey belongs to Europe. The rest is in Asia.

Dancers in traditional costumes



Eastern Europe is shown in pink on this world map.