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Read it!

How much do you know about oceans?

Read our **factfile** on the **Arctic Ocean**.

You might like to read this with an adult. Once you have finished complete the activity sheet.

Online investigator



Login to www.oddizzi.com and click on *explore the world - places - Europe - Ireland*

Watch the **Emerald Isle** film. How would you describe this country in three or four words?

Quiz time

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Click on **Quiz** at the top of the page. Find the **Capitals and flags** quiz. We suggest trying **Level 1**. See how many points you can score!

Daily Walk

When you go outside for your daily walk try and find the following things!

- Something bumpy
- Something red
- Something with holes
- The number 3

Geography riddle

What gets bigger the more you take away?

(Answer at the bottom of the page.)



Flags of the world

Draw the flag of **Ireland** (Places - Europe - Ireland - Key Facts)



Irish facts

(Places - Europe - Ireland - Key Facts)

Name the capital city of Ireland.

What date is St Patricks Day celebrated?

Who was James Hoban?

The Arctic is the world's smallest ocean. It's roughly the shape of a circle, with the North Pole in the middle. Greenland, Canada, Alaska, Russia and Norway surround it.

It's the shallowest ocean in the world: just 1,038 metres (3,406 feet) deep, on average.

In winter, the Arctic Ocean is almost all covered in thick ice. The ice becomes thinner in the summer and melts in some places. At the North Pole, though, it stays frozen all year round.

Scientists watch the Arctic ice very carefully: global warming is making it thinner than it used to be. This can cause problems for people who live by the ocean, as well as for Arctic animals like whales, polar bears and seals.

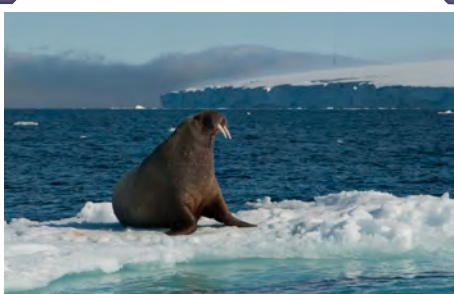
Facts



The Arctic Ocean



Polar bear on the Arctic sea ice



Walrus

How big?

5,390,000 square miles (13,960,100 square kilometres)

Average depth?

The Arctic is the shallowest ocean, with an average depth of 1,038 metres (3,406 feet). Imagine 11 Big Bens stacked on top of each other!

Oceans from smallest to largest:

Arctic, Southern, Indian, Atlantic, Pacific

Ocean life

Grey whale, narwhal, spotted seal, walrus and polar bear.

Human activity

Global warming is being monitored closely in the Arctic, where average temperatures are rising faster than in the rest of the world. The Arctic ice is getting thinner at an alarming rate.

Did you know?

The famous ship the Titanic sank because it ran into an iceberg, which had broken away from a glacier from the Arctic Ocean.

Check your understanding - Arctic Ocean

NAME: _____



1. Read the fact page on the Arctic Ocean.
2. Answer the questions below.

A. Tick 'true' or 'false' for the statements below.

Statements	True	False
1. The Arctic Ocean is the world's largest ocean		
2. The Arctic ocean is the shallowest ocean in the world.		
3. Global warming is making the sea ice thinner.		

B. Circle the correct answer.

4. In the middle of the Arctic Ocean is...

- a. The South Pole
- b. London
- c. The North Pole

5. Name a country that surrounds the Arctic Ocean.

- a. France
- b. Canada
- c. The UK

6. What type of whale is found in the Arctic Ocean.

- a. Spotted whale
- b. Grey whale
- c. Polar whale

C. Draw three animals you might find in Arctic Ocean.

D. How would you describe the Arctic Ocean?
