

Text Structure and Language Features: Example 2



Text Structure - Information Report

General statement - identifies and classifies the subject

Description - includes continents and oceans

THE WORLD

There are seven continents in the world – Europe, Asia, North America, South America, Africa, Australia and Antarctica. There are also four large oceans - Pacific, Atlantic, Indian and Arctic.

Asia is the largest continent and Australia is the smallest. Africa has the most countries. It has 53 countries. Europe is a small continent with 25 countries. There are 22 countries in North America and 13 countries in South America. Australia is a continent, a country and an island.

Language Features

Timeless present used, typical of much scientific writing, e.g. is, are, has

Use of adverbial phrases, e.g. in the world

Adjectives used, e.g. largest, smallest, large, small

Sentences and statements used throughout

Use of relating verbs, e.g. are, has

Use of conjunctions, e.g. and