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WORLD - FACTS AND COMPARISONS

FACTS ABOUT THE EARTH

Estimated Age	: 4,600 million years
Mean distance to the Sun	: 14,95,03,923 km
Mean distance to the Moon	: 3,84,400 km
Equatorial Diameter	: 12,756 km
Polar Diameter	: 12,714 km
Mean Diameter	: 12,735.3 km
Equatorial Circumference	: 40,077 km
Mass (in metric tons)	: 5,97,40,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,000
Period of Revolution	: 365 days 5 hrs. 48 min. & 46 sec.
Speed of Revolution	: 1,07,160 km/hr
Period of Rotation	: 23 hrs., 56 min.
Speed of Rotation	: 1610 km./hr.
Total area	: 51,00,00,000 sq. km.
Land area	: 14,84,29,000 sq. km. (29.1%)
Water area	: 36,16,37,000 sq. km. (70.9%)
Volume	: 10,83,230 x 106 cubic km.
Population	: On 31 st October 2011, 7 Billions (7 Arab)

EARTH'S EXTREMES

Hottest Place	: Dalol, Danaki Depression, Ethiopia; (Annual average Temperature 34.4° c)
Coldest Place	: Plateau Station, Antarctica; (Annual average Temperature - 56.7° c)
Wettest Place	: Mawsynram, India, Asia; (Annual average rainfall 1,143 centimeters)
Driest Place	: Atacama Desert, Chile; (rainfall barely measurable)
Highest Waterfall	: Angel, Venezuela; (979 metres)
Largest Gorge	: Grand Canyon, Colorado River, Arizona; (466 km long) along river, 183 metres to 29 km wide about 1.6 km deep)
Deepest Gorge	: Hells Canyon, Snake River, Idaho - Oregon; (2,408 metres)
Most Predictable	: Old faithfull Wyoming U.S.A.; Geyser (annual average interval 63 - 73 minutes)
Longest Reef	: Great Barrier Reef, Australia; (2,012 km)
Greatest Tides	: Bay of Fundy, Nova Scotia; 16 metres

MAJOR ISLANDS & THEIR AREAS

	Area (in sq. km.)
Greenland (N. America).....	21,75,600
New Guinea (Auatralasia).....	7,92,500
Borneo (Asia).....	7,25,500
Madagascar (Africa).....	5,94,180
Baffin (N. America).....	5,07,500
Sumatra (Asia).....	4,27,300
British Isles (Europe).....	2,39,876
Honshu (Asia).....	2,27,414
Victoria (N.America).....	2,18,100
Ellesmere (N.America).....	2,12,687
Sulawesi (Asia).....	1,78,700
South Island (New Zealand, Australasia).....	1,51,000
Java (Asia).....	1,26,700
North Island (New Zealand, Australasia).....	1,14,000
Newfoundland (N.America).....	1,10,681

WATERFALLS

	(Height in metres)
Angel Venezuela.....	979
Tugela, South Africa.....	614
Yosemite, California.....	739
Mardaisfossen, Norway.....	655
Sutherland, New Zealand.....	580
Reichenbach, Switzerland.....	548
Wollomombi, Australia.....	518
Ribbon, California.....	491
Gavarnie, France.....	422
Tyssefallene, Norway.....	414
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OCEAN AND MAJOR SEAS

	(Area in Thousand sq.km.)
Pacific Ocean.....	15.55
Atlantic Ocean.....	7.67
Indian Ocean.....	6.85
Arctic Ocean.....	1.41
Coral Sea.....	0.41
South China Sea.....	0.35
Bering Sea.....	0.25
Caribbean Sea.....	0.28
Gulf of Mexico.....	0.15
Sea of Okhotsk.....	0.15
East China Sea.....	0.12
Yellow Sea.....	0.10
North Sea.....	0.05
Red Sea.....	0.04
Baltic Sea.....	0.04

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Continent	Area (sq. km.)	Highest Elevation (in metres)	Lowest Elevation below (in metres)
Asia	4.45	Mt. Everest, Nepal 8, 848	Dead Sea - 400
Africa	3.00	Mt. Kilimanjaro, Tanzania 5,895	Lake Assal - 156
North America	2.44	Mt. Mckinley, Alaska (USA) 6,194	Death Valley, California USA - 86
South America	1.78	Mt. Aconcagua, Argentina 6,960	Salinas Grandes, Valden Penin Argentina - 40
Antarctica	1.41	Vinson Massif 5,148	Sea Level - 850
Europe	0.99	Mt. Elbrus 5,633	Caspian Sea - 28
Australasia	0.77	Mt. Wilhelm New Guinea 4509	Lake Eyre, South Australia - 16

PRINCIPAL LAKES AND THEIR AREAS

Lake	Area (sq.km.)	Greatest Depth (in metre)
Caspian Sea (Salt) (Asia - Europe)	3,71,795	1,025
Superior (Fresh water) (N.America)	83,270	406
Victoria (Africa)	69,485	82
Aral Sea (Asia)	36,500	76
Huron (N.America)	60,700	223
Michigan (N.America)	58,016	281
Tanganyika (Africa)	32,893	1,470
Baykal (Asia)	30,510	1,620
Great Bear (N.America)	31,792	446
Malawi (Africa)	22,490	695