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## Lesson 5 FOUR REALMS OF THE EARTH

## **NOTES:**

- > Lithosphere, Hydrosphere, Atmosphere and Biosphere are the four realms of the earth.
- > The first life on the earth originated in water.
- > The outer solid layer of the earth is called crust or lithosphere (the realm of land).
- > Vast land masses rising above the sea level are called **Continents**.
- > The highest point on the earth's surface is Mount Everest in the Himalayas. It is 8,848 meters high above the sea level.
- > There are 7 continents in the world namely Asia, Europe, Africa, North America, South America, Australia and Antarctica.
- ➤ Asia is the largest continent in the world.
- Europe and Asia are collectively known as **Eurasia**.
- > Australia is the smallest continent.
- Antarctica is known as the white continent.
- > Mountains, plateaus and plains are called the Major Landforms of the earth.
- > Water bodies like oceans, seas, lakes and rivers are formed on the earth's surface. These water bodies are collectively known as hydrosphere (the realm of water).
- > The four oceans on the earth's surface are the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, EDUCATION (T.O) the Indian Ocean and the Arctic Ocean.
- The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean in the world.
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- > The blanket of air surrounding the earth is called **Atmosphere** (the realm of air). ernment
- Nitrogen is the most abundant gas.
- > Oxygen is the gas which we inhale whereas carbon-dioxide is the gas which we exhale.
- > The narrow zone on the earth's surface, where life exists, is called **Biosphere**. Land, water and air meets in this narrow zone.
- > Life forms are classified into **Plant kingdom** and **Animal kingdom**.