



Supporting with Geography at home

1. Songs

Songs stick in their head, and they memorize them quickly. Even if they memorise words to a song before completely making sense of the concept, they can put two and two together down the road.

A few songs around the continents are:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7yXDYvWSswl&t=14s>

(Add a few links)

2. Puzzles

Putting a puzzle together focuses them to keep referring back to the work at hand. When they refer to the puzzle, to the picture on the box, and back to the puzzle again, and they work out which pieces go where, they are ingraining an image of the picture in their heads.



3. Maps and Globes

If you can, make maps a part of your child's environment. By having maps be a natural part of their surroundings, kids will become more familiar with them. Here are a few ideas:

- Hang a big world map in their room.
- Have a family map where you put pushpins of where you've been and where you want to go.
- Hang pictures around the perimeter of the map to depict landmarks, physical features, people, or food from those places.

In the same way, globes are a great learning tool. You can invest in a good globe that shows the topographical features of the world like mountains, desert, etc., but any globe is good.

4. Map Games

Especially with our globe, we play a lot of games.

Pass the Globe

One fun game is to pass the globe back and forth. Wherever your right hand lands, you have to try to name that country, continent, ocean, or other feature you decide. Children may need a lot of help identifying things at first, but you'll see that they catch on quite quickly.

Spin the Globe

Play a game where one person holds the globe and spins it, and the other person has to close their eyes with their finger on the globe. When the person closing their eyes says "Stop," the person spinning has to stop, and together they have to name what they're pointing to.

Create Your Own Map

Another fun activity is to give children a piece of paper, some coloured pencils, and a ruler, and ask them to create their own map. It can be an imaginary place. Ask them to include mountains, roads, forests, bodies of water, or other features. Help them create a legend at the end and colour it all in.

5. Exploring Your Own City or Town

Geography is not just about faraway places. It is also about where you live and your immediate surroundings, and how it all fits together in the world as a whole. By getting to know your neighbourhood and town or city, your child can gain a better understanding of how everything is connected.