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Bodies of Water

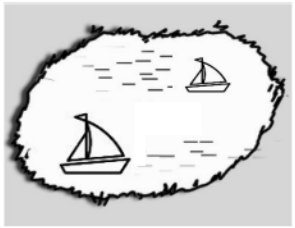
Water shapes the world. When water moves, it can wash dirt and bits of rock with it. This is called **EROSION**. Over time, erosion can make big changes in what the land looks like. When water gathers in one place, this is called a body of water. There are many different bodies of water around the world. Which ones have you seen before?

Puddle

A puddle is one of the smallest bodies of water there is. It is a small pool of water on the ground. You often see them after it rains.

Pond

A pond is water surrounded by land on all sides. Ponds are bigger than puddles but smaller than lakes.



Lake

A lake is like a pond, but bigger. It is water surrounded by land. Some lakes are big enough to cross in a boat.

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River

A river is a bunch of water that flows from one place to another place. Rivers are often long and thin. Small rivers are called streams.

Ocean

The ocean is the biggest body of water on Earth. More than half of Earth is covered by ocean water! In the ocean, the water is salty.