

# 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?



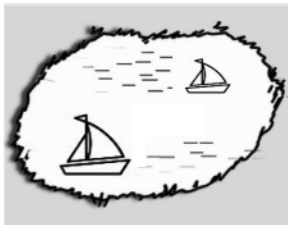
## Puddle

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.



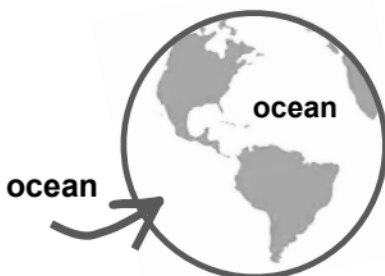
## Lake

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



## 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.