



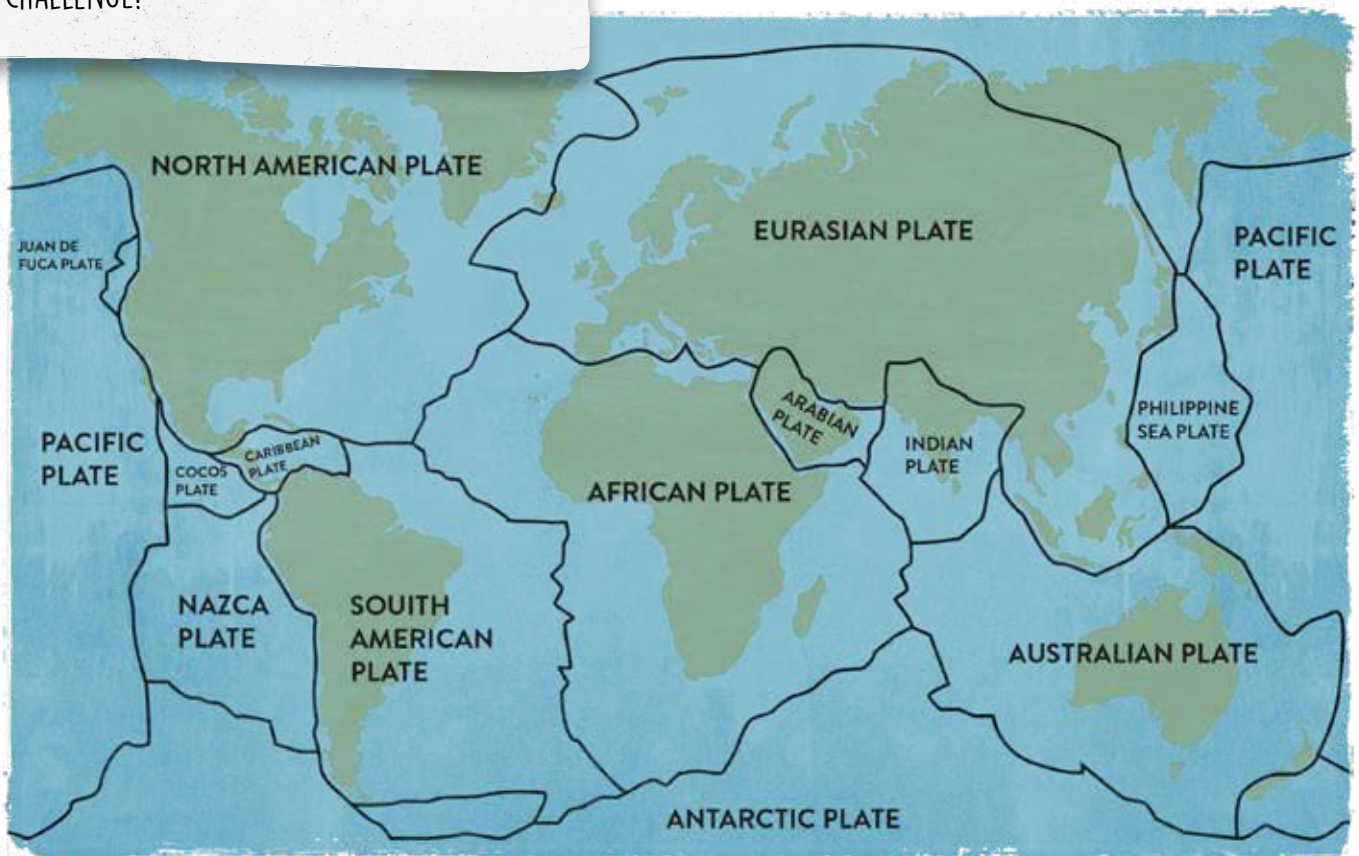
TECTONIC PLATES

Tectonic plates are giant slabs of land which move incredibly slowly over the earth's surface.

Millions of years ago, all of these plates were connected together and the earth was one super continent, Pangaea:



LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE TECTONIC PLATE OF THE WORLD. CAN YOU DRAW THE OUTLINE OF EUROPE ONTO THE MAP. WHAT IS THE CHALLENGE?



It is easy to see Europe's border to the South: the Mediterranean Sea. And the borders to the West and North are also marked by bodies of water: the Atlantic Ocean and the Arctic Ocean. However, the border to the East is tricky because there isn't a Europe plate!

There is one big Eurasian plate, making it hard to decide where Europe ends and Asia begins. We need to look at some more maps.



THE EUROPEAN UNION



EU MEMBER STATES

HERE IS A MAP OF THE EUROPEAN UNION. DOES THIS HELP US TO UNDERSTAND WHAT EUROPE IS?



The challenge here is that not all European countries are in the European union. Using this map, can you name three countries in Europe but not in the European Union:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Lesson 3



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THESE COLOURS INDICATE HIGHER LAND: MOUNTAINS! LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE MAP.



NEEDS TITLE

Name the mountain range that spans across C,7 and C,8 ? _____

Name the sea in B,6? _____

Name the sea in C,6? _____

Which European country is it in? _____

The continents of Europe and Asia are actually part of a single, enormous piece of land called Eurasia. However, the areas of Asia and Europe are very different. People speak very different languages, have different histories and cultures, and look very different.

Because of this, most geographers divide Eurasia into Europe and Asia. An imaginary line, running from the northern Ural Mountains in Russia to the Caspian and Black Seas, separates Europe, to the west, from Asia, to the east.



FINDING EUROPE

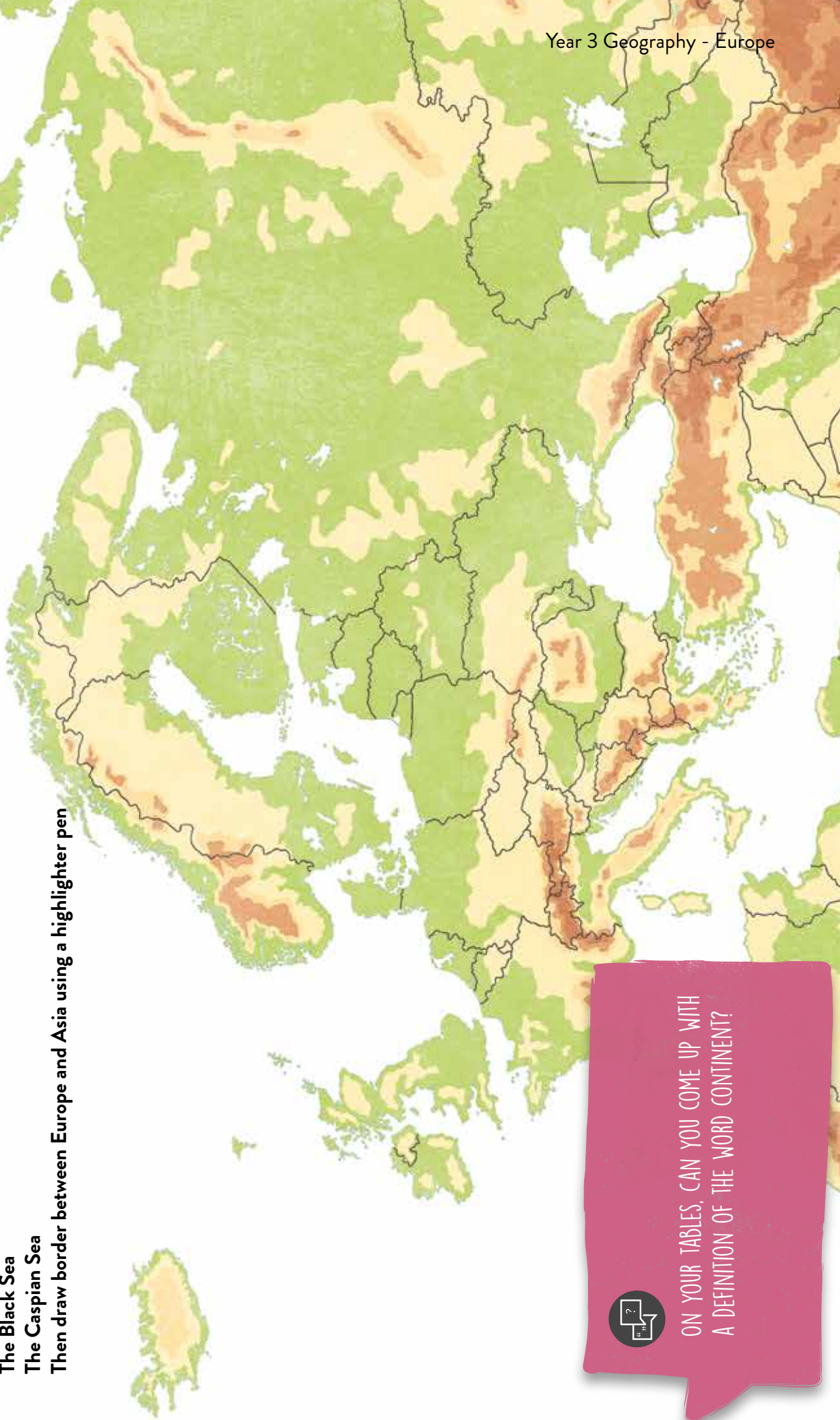
Using the map below, can you label the following:

The Ural mountain range

The Black Sea

The Caspian Sea

Then draw border between Europe and Asia using a highlighter pen



**ON YOUR TABLES, CAN YOU COME UP WITH
A DEFINITION OF THE WORD CONTINENT?**