

Inflate the Globe

Keep an inflatable world globe in the car. You can blow it up when you need it, and it is lightweight and easy to pass around. As you listen to audiobooks, encourage carschoolers to find the different states, countries, and locations mentioned. For example, Harry Potter's home is in England; Laura Ingalls Wilder lived on the prairie in Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, and Iowa in the United States; Ernest Shackleton's ship, *The Endurance*, was shipwrecked in Antarctica; *Julie of the Wolves* lived on the Alaskan tundra. Try to find mountain ranges, rivers, and oceans that are mentioned in books as well. Young children may just bat the globe around—but they will hear the family discussion and begin to become familiar with geography vocabulary.

Ready Resources

You can purchase inflatable world globes from Fat Brain Toys at 1-800-590-5987 or www.fatbraintoy.com.

From the Information Highway

Continents are the large masses of land on Earth. There are seven continents: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America.

Just for Road Scholars

Explain time zones and how time changes depending on where one is located on the globe. Point out the International Date Line. Name a location mentioned in a story and have your road scholars determine what the current time is there.

