

ZEMLJA: earth vs. ground vs. land

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The surface of the world, when compared with the sea, is called the **land**, but when compared with the sky or space it is called **earth** or **the Earth**:

After a week at sea, the sailors saw land. After a week in space, the spacecraft returned to earth.

An area considered as property is **a piece of land**:

The high price of land in London

The substance in which plants grow is the **soil** or **earth**:

*A pot filled with soil/earth. But: A small **piece of ground** where I could plant a few potatoes.*

But when we are talking about large areas used for farming, we say **land**:

There is good land here for growing corn.

The surface we walk on is called the **ground**, but when this is inside a building, it is the floor (= *tla*):

The horse fell to the ground. But: The plate fell to the floor.