



Overview

- Where is Africa and what countries are in Africa?
- What physical features are there in Africa?
- What is the climate like?
- Who are the Maasai?
- What are the similarities and differences between Africa and the UK?

Fun Facts

- Africa is the second-largest continent in the world. It covers about 30.3 million km². This is about 20% of the earth's land surface area.
- Africa straddles the Equator with more of its landmass in the Northern hemisphere
- The river in Africa is the River Nile. It passes through 11 countries and has 2 sources.
- The highest mountain in Africa is Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. It is 19340ft tall.
- The Sahara desert is the largest and hottest desert in the world.
- There are 16 landlocked countries in Africa. This means countries without a coast line.
- There are more than 3000 different groups of indigenous people living in Africa. They each have their own language and culture.
- It is estimated that about 2000 different languages are spoken on the African continent. Many of these are 'European' languages such as English, French and Portuguese.

Regions of Africa

Northern Africa Northern African contains some of Africa's largest countries by area including Algeria, Libya and Egypt. Many of these countries speak Arabic and are largely Muslim. The Sahara Desert is in Northern Africa, it is the hottest desert in the world.	Eastern Africa Eastern Africa has 20 counties and is known for having lots of wildlife. The Serengeti and Masai Mara are both in Eastern Africa. Mount Kilimanjaro is also in Eastern African and it is the highest mountain in Africa.
Western Africa There are around 400 million people living in Western Africa with Nigeria being the most populated. Unfortunately deforestation has destroyed 90% of West African's rainforests!	Southern Africa Southern Africa is considered to be anywhere south of the Zambezi river. The country South Africa is the most populated and is seen as the leader in African economics

How do the physical features of the African continent impact where and how people live? (Africa)

Language of an animal lover

The big 5	The five largest African mammal species which are known to be dangerous and often endangered
Game reserve	A protected area of land where wild animals live safely alongside humans.
National park	A protected area of land where wild animals are looked after. Only tourism and research is allowed. No humans live there
Savannah	Tropical grassland with shrubs and trees but not much rainfall
Endangered	A species of animal or plant that is at risk of becoming extinct (no longer existing)
Protected	Certain species are protected by law which means it is illegal to kill, injure or capture them.
Habitat	The natural home of a plant or animal

The UK vs Africa

	The UK	Africa
Countries	4 Countries England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland	54 Countries Including: Uganda, Morocco, Chad, Zambia and Gabon
Population	67.22 Million	1.216 billion
Climate	4 seasons with cold winters and warm summers	A range of climates such as tropical wet, desert climate and monsoon season
Capital cities	England – London Wales – Cardiff Scotland – Edinburgh Northern Ireland – Dublin	Africa has 54 countries. South Africa – Cape Town Kenya – Nairobi Senegal - Dakar

Language of a Geographer

Region	Part of a country or continent which have specific characteristics
Population	The amount of people who live in one place
Climate	The weather conditions in one area in general or over a long period of time
Equator	An imaginary circle around the Earth which divides it into two equal parts
Hemisphere	Half of the Earth, usually divided into norther and southern halves of the equator
Land-locked	A country or region entirely surrounded by seat with no navigable route to the sea
Culture	The ideas, customs and behaviour of a group of people
Migration	When humans or animals move from one place to another to find a new home.
Tourists	A person who is visiting a place for fun
Urbanisation	The process of making an area more urban

Things to try at home

- Research one of the 5 animals and find out why it is important.
- See if you can find Africa on google maps. See what different areas look like on street view!
- Have a debate at home – is it good to keep an animal in a zoo?
- Have a go at drawing or painting some animal patterns or traditional African patterns.
- Think about how Egypt has changed from Ancient Egypt to modern day.

Key questions to ask yourself

- Why do people sometimes think that Africa is one country?
- Why does Africa have so many different climates?
- Why might someone move to or away from Africa?
- What animals live in Africa?
- How can we help protect endangered species?

The Big Five - the largest and most dangerous African animals

