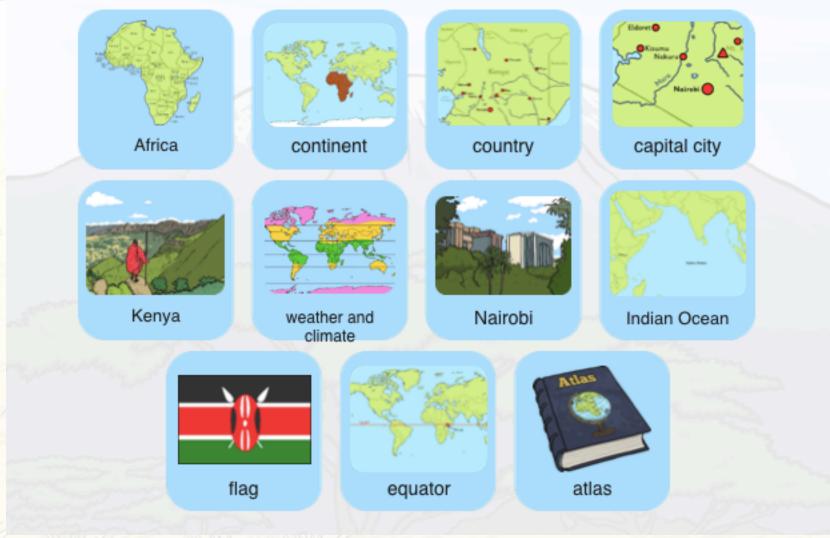


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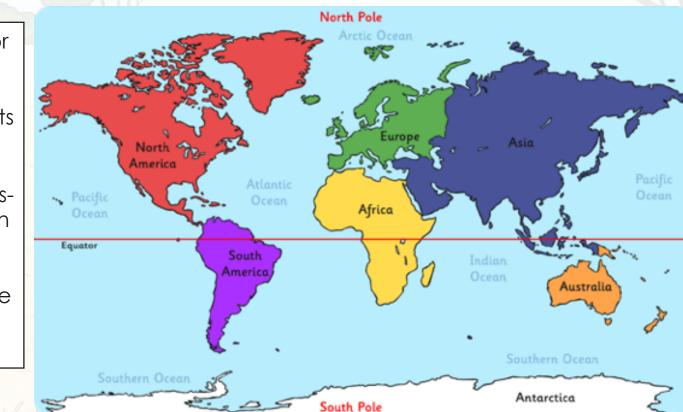
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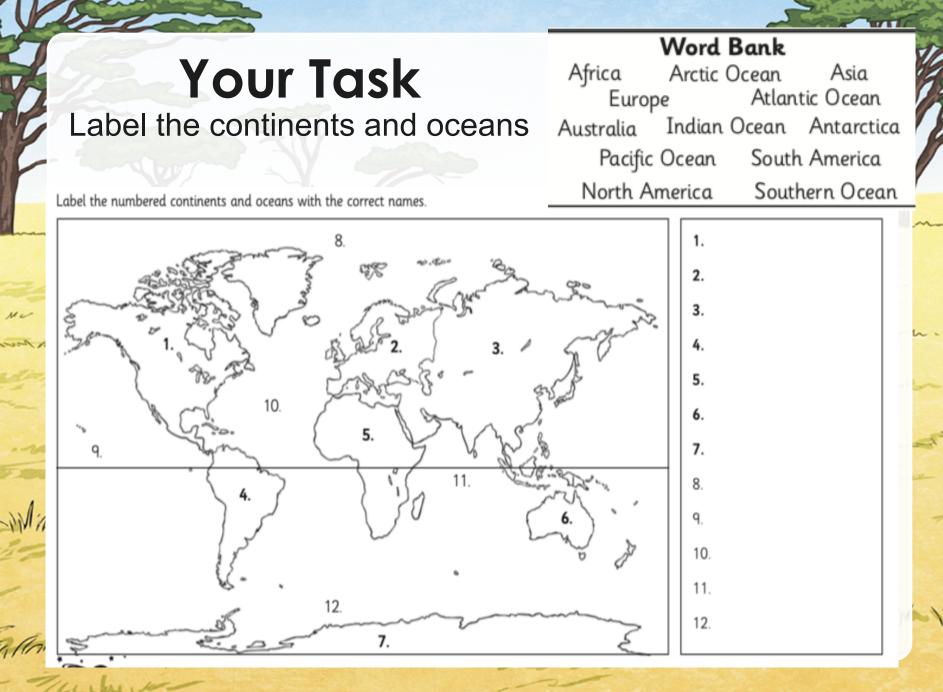
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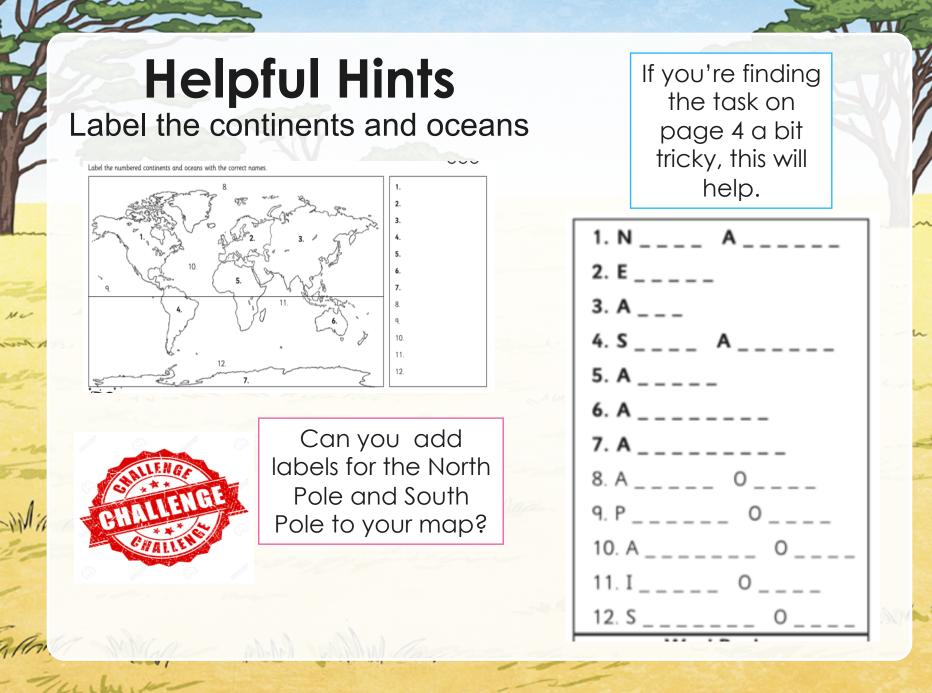
Introduction

The equator is an imaginary line that splits the world into 2 hemispheresthe northern and southern. Can you see it on the map?



Look at this map of the world. It shows the 7 continents and 5 oceans. Can you find Africa. Africa is not a country. It is a continent – a collection of countries.





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Introduction

Kenya is a country in East Africa. It has a varied climate and geography, ranging from the low plains bordering the Indian Ocean to the mountain ranges of the west. Popular with tourists, Kenya is known for its wildlife and nature reserves.



Where is Kenya?



Kenya (officially known as the Republic of Kenya) is in the continent of Africa. It lies in East Africa, on the equator.

Weather and Climate

Kenya lies on the Equator, which means the climate is hot, sunny and dry for most of the year.

Mount Kenya is high enough to have snow all year round. It is very cold in the mountains. In the highlands it is cool.

In the north it is hot and dry with arid deserts. In the west it is hot and humid and the rainfall can be highest here. If there is no







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Physical Geography

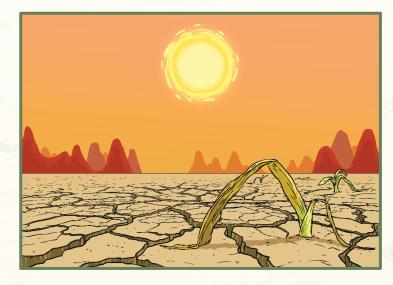
Coastline: Indian Ocean 536km

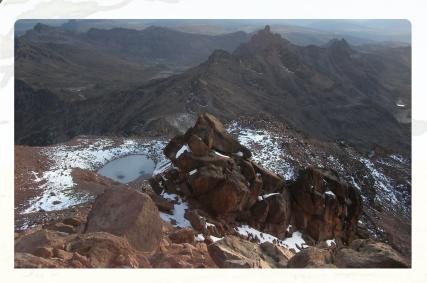
Rivers: the River Tana is 1000km long and is the longest river in Kenya. Other rivers are the the Galana, the Nzoia

Mountains: Mount Kenya is highest mountain at 5197m. Mount Elgon is on the border with Uganda

Natural Features: You will find deserts, grasslands and tropical forests in Kenya.

Natural Hazards: Droughts, floods, landslides and minor earth tremors happen from time to time in Kenya.





Mount Kenya

Mount Kenya is the highest mountain in Kenya, and the country itself was named after the mountain!



The Great Rift Valley

The Great Rift Valley is an enormous valley of mountains which runs from the north to south of Kenya. The valley has a chain of volcanoes which are still 'active' (alive).



Tana River The Tana river is the longest river in Kenya.

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Lake Victoria

Lake Victoria is in the Great Rift Valley and is the second largest lake in the world.

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Human Geography

Population 47.5 million (2019 census). Kenya is actually quite a small country.

Language English and Swahili are the official languages. However 60 other languages spoken and most people speak more than one language

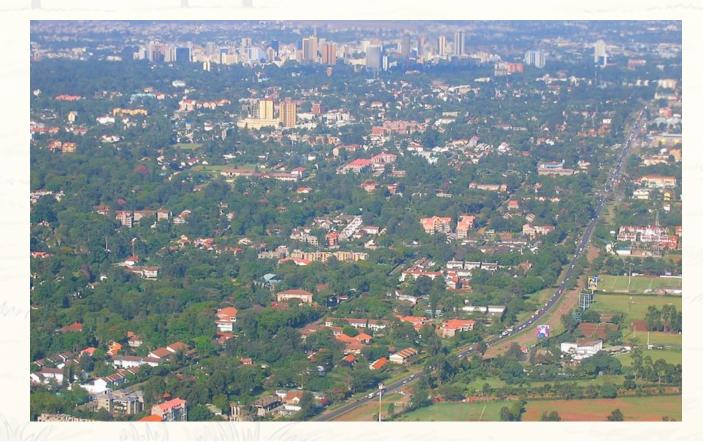
Religion Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, traditional African beliefs

Capital city Nairobi



Nairobi

Nairobi is the capital city and the largest city in Kenya. Its name means 'cool water' in the Maasai language. The Nairobi River flows through the city.



Nairobi, one of Africa's most modern cities, is a bustling place of diverse cultures.

There are thousands of businesses and companies in Nairobi. Also, many tourists visit every year.

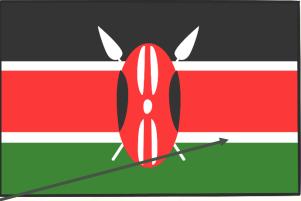


The climate in Nairobi is warm and temperate (average temperature 21°C). Evenings can be cool. The sunniest months are from December to March. The coolest months are June and July. There are only two seasons (wet and dry) because Nairobi is so near the equator.

The Flag of Kenya

When Kenya gained its independence from Great Britain in 1963, a new flag was created. It is made up of three colours:

- The black represents the people of Kenya.
- The red represents blood.
- The green represents natural wealth.



• The white represents peace.

The Maasai shield and spears represent the defence of freedom.

Culture

More than 60 languages are spoken in Kenya! The official languages of Kenya are Swahili and English.

Music and storytelling are very important in Kenya.

There are many different types of food in Kenya such as cassava, ugali and Kenyan stew. Maize and other cereals are the staple grains.





