

Year 6 Geography Summer 1

Africa

Geographical Facts

Africa is the world's second-largest continent, after Asia. It's also the second-most populous continent (which means it's the continent with the second-most amount of people living there). 16% of the world's human population (1.216 billion in 2016) live there! It also covers 6% of Earth's total surface area and 20% of its land area. The continent is separated into two by the Equator; most of Africa lies in tropical regions, with the Tropic of Cancer at the north and the Tropic of Capricorn at the south of the continent.

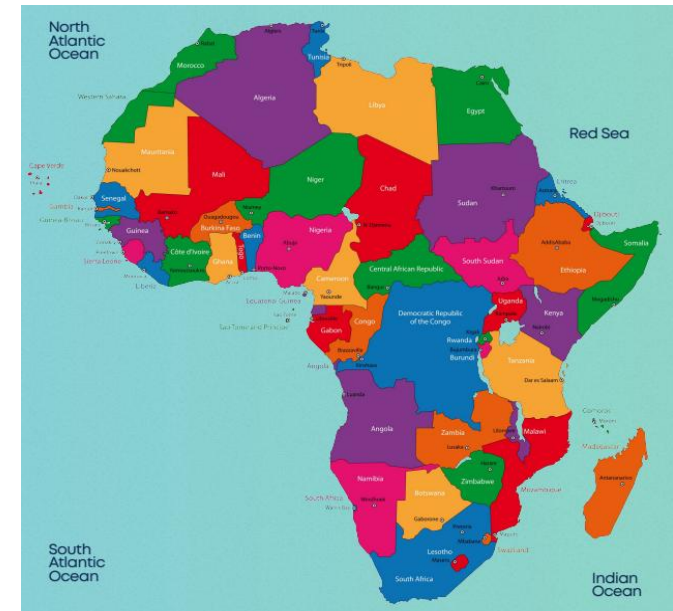


Africa on a world map

Key Vocabulary	Definition
agriculture	The practice of farming, both crops and animals.
biodiversity	The variety of plants and animals within a habitat.
colonialism	The practice of taking control of another country, then holding political and economic power over that country.
commodity	A raw material or product of farming that can be bought or sold e.g. salt or gold. Commodities are traded around the world.
deforestation	Cutting down the trees to clear the land for other use.
desert	From the Latin word "desertus" meaning an abandoned place. They are areas of land that receive little precipitation. It is hard for animals, humans and most plants to live in such conditions.
desertification	A process where fertile land becomes desert. This can be as a result of drought, deforestation or over farming.
developed	A developed country has a relatively high level of industrialisation and standard of living.
fertile	Land that is good for growing crops.
food insecurity	A situation where people within a country or region are unable to access, or afford, enough nutritious food.
homo sapiens	Our species of modern human, from the Latin meaning "wise man", the term was introduced by the scientist Carl Linnaeus.
infestation	An invasion of insects.
population	The number of people living in a place. Sparse population= few people. Dense population= many people.
uninhabitable	An area not able to be lived in by humans or animals

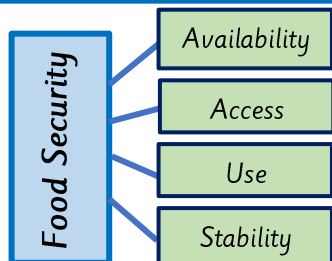
African Countries.

Africa is the world's second largest continent, after Asia. It formed of 54 countries.



Food Security

This is a measure of how much food there is, if it is of suitable quality and whether people can access it. Food security has four interrelated elements: Availability, Access, Use and Stability.



Mansa Musa

Ruler of the Ancient Kingdom of Mali from 1312-1337. He is thought to be the richest man the world has ever known.

