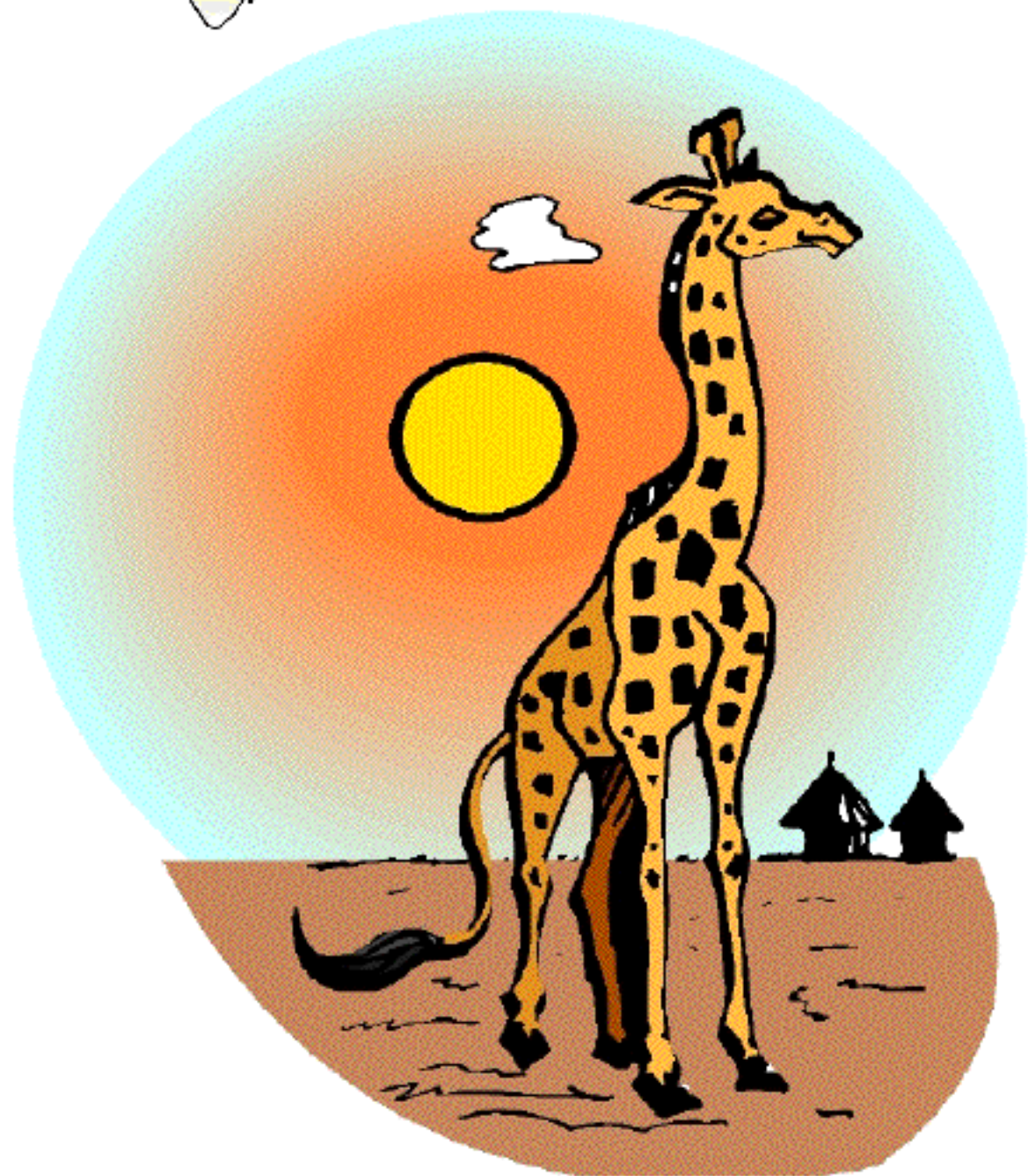


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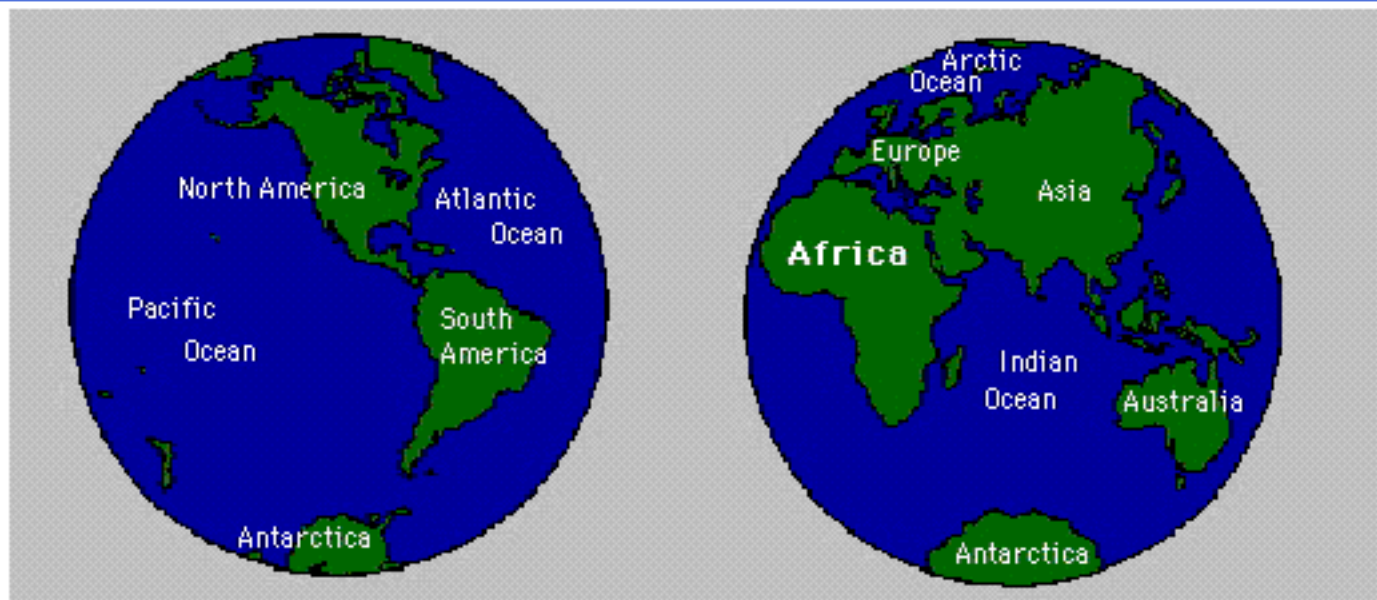


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CONTINENTS

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

All the continents have interior plains or plateaus. The continents are either completely, or nearly, surrounded by water. Europe and Asia are sometimes considered as one continent, which is called Eurasia. The continents cover about twenty-nine percent of the Earth's surface.

LOCATION

Africa is located in the eastern hemisphere. The equator crosses through Africa. Part of Africa is located in the northern hemisphere, and part is located in the southern hemisphere. It is connected to Asia, on the east, by the Suez Canal.

Africa is surrounded by ocean water. The Atlantic Ocean borders the entire western side of Africa. The Indian Ocean is along the south-eastern coast of Africa. The Red Sea borders the northeastern area of Africa. The Mediterranean Sea is along the northern coast of Africa.



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SIZE

Africa is the second largest continent. Africa's widest area from east to west is north of the equator. It is 4,700 miles wide at its widest point. Africa is 5,000 miles in length from north to south.

Africa covers 11,710,500 square miles. This is about twenty-two percent of the Earth's land.

COUNTRIES

There are fifty-three countries in Africa. The number of countries change when countries are in dispute.

Some of the countries in Africa are: Algeria, Libya, Niger, Chad, Sudan, Egypt, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, Zaire, Congo, Angola, Namibia, Botswana, Uganda, Tanzania, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.



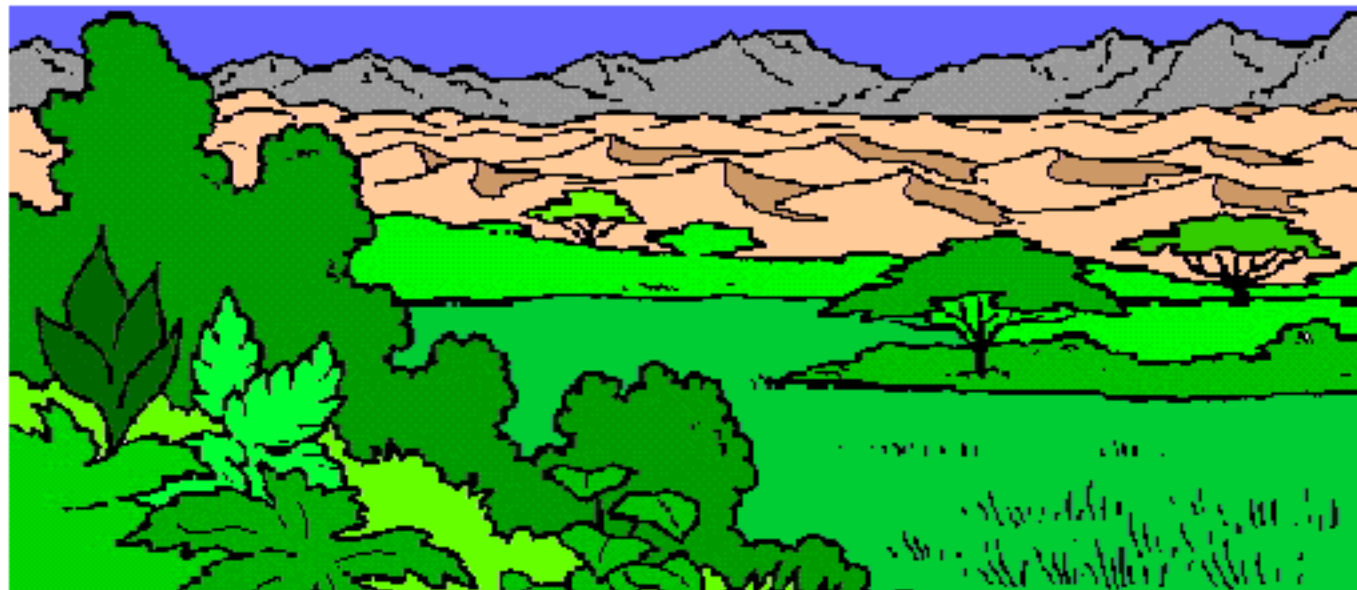
Read the words below. Write a definition for each on the lines.

1. country _____

2. continent _____



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TOPOGRAPHY

Africa has a variety of land surfaces. There are mountains, deserts, rain forests, grasslands, coasts, islands, and glaciers. The elevation ranges from 510 feet below sea level to 19,340 feet above sea level.

CLIMATE

The climate varies throughout the continent. Yearly rainfall ranges from under ten inches to over 150 inches. About half of Africa receives less than 20 inches of rain a year. Snow falls in the mountains.

There are areas that are always hot and areas that are always mild. Some regions have cold winters and hot summers. Some areas have mild winters and hot summers.

WATERWAYS

The longest river in the world is in Africa. It is known as the Nile River. It begins in Lakes Victoria, Albert, and Edward, near the equator. It flows northward, and empties into the Mediterranean Sea. It is 4,160 miles long.

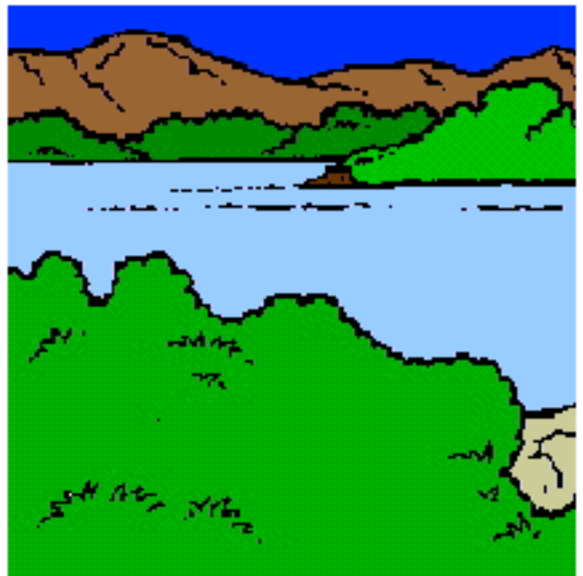


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Other principal rivers include the: Congo, Zambezi, Niger, Volta, and Orange. The Congo River carries more water to the ocean than the Nile River.

The coast line of Africa is 18,950 miles long. There are not many large bays along the coast.

Africa has the second largest fresh water lake in the world. It is known as Lake Victoria. Africa has the longest lake in the world. It is Lake Tanganyika.



POPULATION

The population of Africa is over 600 million. This is about twelve percent of the world's population. The country with the largest population is Nigeria. Egypt has the second largest population and Ethiopia has the third largest.

Read each sentence. Fill in the missing words below.

1. Africa has the _____ largest fresh water lake in the world.
2. The population of Africa is over 600 _____.
3. Lake _____ is the longest lake in the world.
4. The coast of Africa is _____ miles long.

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PEOPLE

About ten percent of the world's population lives in Africa. A majority are black Africans. Many Arabs live in north Africa. Many East Asians live in east Africa and South Africa. Other nationalities are French, English, Lebanese, Syrians, and Americans.

More than one thousand different languages are spoken in Africa. Arabic, French, and English are especially common among the business people. The Bantu languages are spoken by a large number of Africans.

PRODUCTS

A large number of the people in Africa work in the mining industry. Some minerals include: iron ore, copper, lead, coal, zinc, gold, tungsten, manganese, chromium, nickel, mica, cobalt, aluminum, asbestos, diamonds, uranium, and natural gas.

Read the question, write your answer on the lines.

Why are so many different languages spoken in Africa? _____



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Many people in Africa work in manufacturing industries.

Manufacturing industries include: textiles, plastics, aluminum processing, chemicals, food processing, steel, and tires.

Many of the people in Africa working the agricultural industry. A variety of agricultural crops are produced in Africa.

Some of the crops produced include: barley, wheat, grapes, corn, sugar cane, millet, rice, fruits, vegetables, tobacco, and sorghum.

Palm oil, palm kernels, sisal, peanuts, and cacao are also produced in Africa.



Unscramble the words below.

1. groshmu _____

3. esetl _____

2. rsagu _____

4. occaa _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE
Circle the correct answer.



- There are _____ continents.
1) five
2) eight
3) seven
- Africa is in the southern, northern, and western hemispheres.
true false
- Africa is the _____ largest continent on the earth.
first second third
- African countries include Egypt and _____.
1) Peru
2) Canada
3) Algeria
- Mt. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain peak in Africa.
true false
- There are _____ principal desert regions in Africa.
ten two three
- More than _____ fifths of Africa is covered with grasslands.
1) two
2) four
3) three
- The climate varies throughout Africa.
true false

MULTIPLE CHOICE
Circle the correct answer.

1. The Nile is the longest _____ in the world.
lake river ocean
2. Africa has the _____ lake in the world.
1) longest
2) shortest
3) widest
3. Africa has forty percent of the world's population.
true false
4. Over one _____ languages are spoken in Africa.
thousand million
5. Copper and lead are _____.
1) soils
2) chemicals
3) minerals
6. Textiles and chemicals are mining industries.
true false
7. A variety of _____ crops are grown in Africa.
tobacco agricultural cacao
8. Barley and wheat are _____ that are produced.
1) crops
2) tobacco
3) sugars



FILL IN THE BLANK
Print the correct word on each line.

1. There are _____ continents on the Earth.
three seven

2. Africa is surrounded by _____ water.
river ocean



3. Africa is the _____ largest continent.
sixth second

4. The _____ River is the longest river
in the world.
Nile Amazon

5. Africa is often referred to as the _____
continent.
forest plateau

6. The population of Africa is over 600 _____.
thousand million

TRUE or FALSE
Circle true or false.



1. There are five continents on the Earth.
true false
2. The equator crosses through Africa.
true false
3. Africa is the second largest continent.
true false
4. Africa is surrounded by river water.
true false
5. The Nile River is the longest river in the world.
true false
6. The population of Africa is over 600 million.
true false

VOCABULARY
Circle the correct answer.

1. Dry land that has few or no plants.

forest desert

2. The land surface of the world.

earth universe

3. A large natural stream of water.

cloud river

4. Great in size, amount, or number.

large small

5. A hard, strong metal.

steel plastic

6. What a person does to make money.

play work



SPELLING

Print the correct spelling of the word on the line.

1. border
bordir
bordar _____



2. lengthe
lenght
length _____

3. language
landguage
langage _____

4. vegitable
vegetible
vegetable _____

5. equator
equater
equatar _____

6. buziness
business
busness _____

WORD UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble each word and print the word on the line.



1. nceoa _____

2. aelk _____

3. daln _____

4. etrdse _____

5. vierr _____

6. scpro _____





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WORD FIND

Find and circle these words. They run down, across, and diagonally.

equator

second

continent

rainfall

hot

river

population

mining

diamonds

crops

barley

sorghum

w c c o n t i n e n t t t b b
g r i v e r n b a h p m a w a
e h y p o n m v s s o c x r r
q e t o u e t y m c n t y i l
u l z p a r m l e r s o n v e
a p i u e d i a m o n d s e y
t f v l l e a n c p e e w r n
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r l c t v e s j o a i f q s i
f r w i w s o r g h u m o p n
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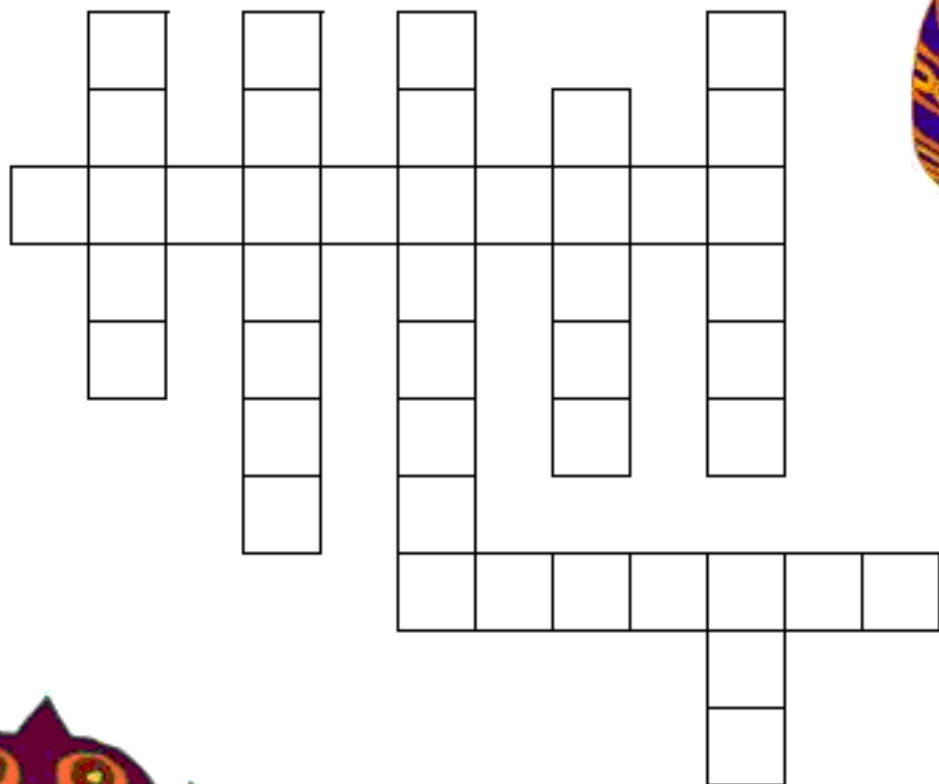
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mining



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1. 3 2. false 3. second 4. 3 5. true 6. two
7. 1 8. true

Page 8

1. river 2. 1 3. false 4. thousand 5. 3 6. false
7. agricultural 8. 1

Page 9

seven, ocean, second, Nile, plateau, million

Page 10

false, true, true, false, true, true

Page 11

desert, earth, river, large, steel, work

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border, length, language, vegetable, equator, business

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ocean, lake, land, desert, river, crops



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