Africa factsheet
Do you know all of the countries in Africa?

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Africa is the second largest continent in the world.
There are 54 official countries in Africa.
The continent of Africa has a population of approximately 1.2 billion.
Africa makes up 15% of the world’s population.
The Sahara desert in Africa, is the largest desert in the world.
The Nile is the longest river in the world and flows through 12 African counties.
All 54 African countries

1. Algeria
2. Angola
3. Benin
4. Botswana
5. Burkina Faso
6. Burundi
7. Cameroon
8. Cape Verde
9. Central African Republic
10. Chad
11. Comoros
12. Democratic Republic of the Congo
13. Djibouti
14. Egypt
15. Equatorial Guinea
16. Eritrea
17. Ethiopia
18. Gabon
19. Gambia
20. Ghana
21. Guinea
22. Guinea-Bissau
23. Ivory Coast
24. Kenya
25. Lesotho
26. Liberia
27. Libya
28. Madagascar
29. Malawi
30. Mali
31. Mauritania
32. Mauritius
33. Morocco
34. Mozambique
35. Namibia
36. Niger
37. Nigeria
38. Republic of Congo
39. Rwanda
40. Sao Tome
41. Senegal
42. Seychelles
43. Sierra Leone
44. Somalia
45. South Africa
46. South Sudan
47. Sudan
48. Swaziland
49. Tanzania
50. Togo
51. Tunisia
52. Uganda
53. Zambia
54. Zimbabwe
Activity
Mixed up Words

ANAGRAMS

Can you sort out these mixed-up words?
They are all countries of Africa

ANALOG __________________________
MAIL __________________________
REGALIA _________________________
TEARIER _________________________
REIGN __________________________
BOGAN __________________________

These mixed up words are called Anagrams. An anagram is a word or phrase formed by rearranging the letters of another word.
Africa is home to hundreds of lakes and some are the largest in the world, which are bordered by two or more countries.

The African Great Lakes (Swahili: Maziwa Makuu) are a series of lakes establishing part of the Rift Valley lakes in and around the East African Rift. They include Lake Victoria, the largest lake in Africa and the second largest freshwater lake in the world in terms of surface area; and Lake Tanganyika, the world's second largest in volume as well as the second deepest; and Lake Malawi which is the ninth largest lake in the world.

The large rift lakes of Africa are the ancient home of great biodiversity and 10% of the world’s fish species live there. Countries in the African Great Lakes region include Burundi, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.
Rivers of Africa

There are many famous rivers in Africa!

The Nile is the longest river in the world and is around 6,670km or 4,160 miles long. It has two branches, the Rosetta branch which flows to the west and the Damietta branch which flows to the east. The name comes from the Greek world ‘neilos’ meaning river.

The Zambezi River flows through six African countries and is around 2700 km in length. It is the fourth longest river in Africa. The Zambezi passes six countries, Angola, Namibia, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Zambezi River means the Great River in the local Tonga dialect. The power of the Zambezi has been harnessed by two dams which are sources of hydroelectric power.

The Congo is not just the second longest river in Africa but presently is considered to be the deepest river in Africa. The deepest point is around 220metres. The Congo river plays a crucial role in supporting communities, not only is it the largest source of hydroelectric power, it is also provides a source for agricultural activities.

Activity – have a look on the internet and see if you can find a few other major rivers in Africa?
Three of the highest mountains in Africa

Africa’s three highest mountains are all in East Africa and all three are world heritage sites.

Mount Kilimanjaro is in Tanzania, it is the highest mountain in Africa. The highest peak of the mountain ‘Kibo’ is called ‘Uhuru Peak’ and is 5,895 metres.

Mount Kenya is the highest mountain in Kenya and the second largest mountain in Africa, its elevation is 5,199 metres. Mount Kenya has several summits, including its three highest peaks, Batian (5,199m), Nelion (5,188m) and Point Lenana (4,985m).

Mount Toubkal is located in the Toubkal National Park and is nestled within the Atlas Mountains. It is 4,167 metres and is the highest summit in Morocco.

Other world heritage mountain ranges include the Drakensberg Mountains in South Africa and Ethiopia’s Simien Mountains, two of Africa’s most spectacular escarpments.