

Sensational Safari

Geography

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Previous Knowledge

What should I already know?

- Use maps and identify the keys on a map.
- Compare an urban and rural area.
- Draw a simple map and label it.
- Locate countries on a UK map.
- Use maps, pictures and stories to find out about a place.
- Collect data from the environment.
- Find similarities and differences between places.
- Ask and respond to questions about the environment.
- Explain how the local environment is changing.

Geographical skills and knowledge

What will I know or be able to do by the end of this unit?

- Draw a simple map and use symbols for a key.
- Use maps, atlases and globes to identify UK and its countries.
- Use maps, atlases and globes to identify continents and oceans.
- Describe and compare human and physical features of places around the world, using an aerial photograph.
- Locate hot and cold areas in relation to the equator, including North and South Poles.
- Explain how a place has changed over time and suggest ways of improving the environment.

Text Link

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Overview

Subject - Geography

As geographers, the children will develop their knowledge of the world through a focus on the country of Kenya. Through the use of a range of geographical sources, they will explore geographical similarities and differences through studying the human and physical geography of a small area of Africa and will make comparisons to their own locality, building on from their learning from Year 1 and the previous unit in Year 2.

Enquiry question

How does Nairobi compare with where I live?



Nairobi is the capital city of Kenya



Mount Kenya (5200m) and the Tana River



Where is Kenya?

- Kenya is located in the continent of Africa.
- The capital city is Nairobi.
- Kenya is in East Africa.
- Kenya has a population of around 44 million.



Weather and Climate

- Kenya lies on the equator.
- The climate is hot, sunny and dry for most of the year.
- There are hot, dry deserts in the north.
- The highlands are cool.
- Mount Kenya is high enough to be covered in snow all year round.

School Life in Kenya

Most children in Kenya go to school, but not all of them. Some children, especially in rural areas, are too busy helping their families by working on the farm, cooking or fetching water. At school, some children may be different ages but in the same year group.

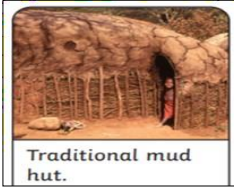


Significant people The Maasai Tribe

- The Maasai tribe live in the Maasai Mara, in the African savannahs.
- Maasai people traditionally live in mud huts made from mud, sticks, grass and cow dung.
- The Maasai tribe share the same ideas and way of life. They use the land as their home and all live together
- Many Maasai are farmers and own large herds of cows, goats and sheep.
- The Maasai people love music and dance. They often sing and the men perform a special jumping dance.



Maasai Tribe.



Traditional mud hut.

Key Vocabulary

continent	A continent is a very large area of land, such as Africa or Asia, that consists of several countries.
endangered	A species of animal or plant that is at risk of becoming extinct (no longer existing) because their habitat is being destroyed by humans, hunting or climate change.
game reserve	A protected area of land where humans are allowed to live and carry out some activities, such as fishing, road building and gathering wood.
migration	When animals move from one area to another, often to find food, water or shelter.
National Park	A protected area of land where only tourism and research is allowed. No humans live there.
savannah	Tropical grasslands with shrubs and trees but not much rainfall.
tourism	Travel for pleasure or fun. The people who take part in tourism are known as tourists.

The Big Five—the largest and most dangerous African animals

- There are over 50 National Parks and game reserves.
- They include different types of wildlife and habitats, including wetlands, grasslands, forest and savannah.
- The Maasai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular reserves for tourists to visit.
- Millions of tourists visit the famous reserve to go on safari, explore the landscape and to see the amazing wildlife, including the 'Big Five'.
- The Big Five is the largest and most dangerous African animals.



African lion



African elephant



Cape buffalo



African leopard



White/black rhinoceros

Nairobi

- Nairobi (ny-roh-bee) is the capital and largest city of Kenya.
- It is the main city of Eastern Africa.
- Its name translates to "place of cool waters".
- The Nairobi River flows through the city.
- The city was founded in 1899 by colonial authorities in British East Africa.
- It is home to the Kenyan Parliament buildings, thousands of businesses and 100 major international companies.
- It also has the Nairobi National Park with a large game reserve.

