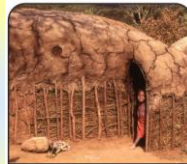


The Maasai Tribe

Maasai people traditionally live in mud huts made from mud, sticks, grass and cow dung. • 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.



Traditional mud hut.



Maasai Tribe.

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.



National Parks and Reserves

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'. Each year visitors come to watch the huge migration of wildebeest. Some animals in Kenya are endangered and are protected within the parks and reserves.

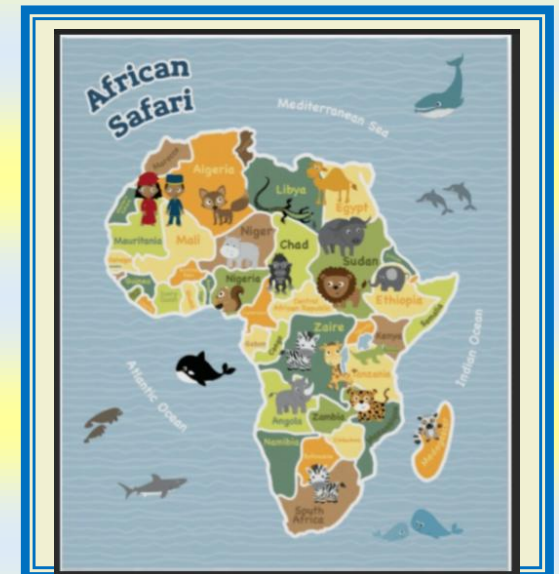
The Big Five



African lion African elephant Cape buffalo African leopard White/ black rhinoceros

Where is Kenya?

Located in east Africa. • Population of around 44 million. • The capital city is Nairobi. • Mombasa, situated on the coast, is one of Kenya's largest cities. • The Tana river is the longest river in Kenya. • Mount Kenya is the highest mountain (5200m). • Kenya's coastline is on the Indian Ocean. • Swahili and English are the official languages.



Vocabulary

Africa- the world's second largest continent, containing over 50 countries

Kenya - a country in East Africa. Many tourists come to Kenya to see its scenery and wild animals

Swahili - an African language spoken in East Africa

Tribe - a group of people who share the same culture, language and social customs

National Park - an area kept by the government to preserve the beauty and natural environment of the area

Migrate - to move from one place to another

Savannah - flat grasslands with spaced apart trees

Endangered- something that is in danger of disappearing forever

Game reserve - a large area of land set aside as a protected area for wild animals

Species - a group of living things that are very similar to each other and can make babies together

Wetlands- land that is always wet such as marsh or swamp

Population - the number of people living in a certain place

Grasslands - large areas covered with grasses

Habitat - the home of an animal or plant

Maasai - An old nomadic tribe - a group of travelling animal herders.

Drought - A long period with little or no rain

Desert - any region that gets very little rain each year

Extinct - the complete disappearance of a species from Earth

Culture - a pattern of behaviour shared by a society or group of people