

# Africa



# Amazing Africa

Africa is an amazing place. It is made up of a lot of countries that form the second largest continent in the world.



Africa has many different regions including the Sahara desert, grasslands (known as savannas) and highlands.



# African Cities

There are also many big, bustling cities in African countries.



Cairo is the capital city of Egypt.



Johannesburg is the biggest city in South Africa.



Nairobi is the capital city in Kenya.

# Fascinating Facts

- There are 54 countries in Africa.
- There are well over 1000 languages spoken in Africa.
- South Africa hosted the 2010 World Cup tournament, and was the first African country to do so.
- Morocco, in North Africa, is very close to Spain, which is in Europe.
- Africa is the hottest continent in the world.
- There are glaciers in Africa.



# Landmarks

There are many magnificent landmarks in Africa.



## **The Egyptian pyramids**

These are in Egypt and were built over 4000 years ago.  
The most famous of these pyramids are found in Giza, near Cairo.  
They were built as tombs for the pharaohs.



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## **The Valley of the Kings**

This landmark is also in Egypt and was another place where kings and pharaohs were buried. The tomb of King Tutankhamun was discovered here in 1922 by Howard Carter.

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## **Victoria Falls**

These amazing waterfalls are found between 2 countries: Zambia and Zimbabwe. Although they are not the highest or widest waterfalls in the world, they are considered some of the most impressive.



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## **Mount Kilimanjaro**

This mountain is in Tanzania. It is the highest mountain in Africa and stands at 5895 metres above sea level. You can see amazing glaciers all around. Many people have enjoyed climbing it.

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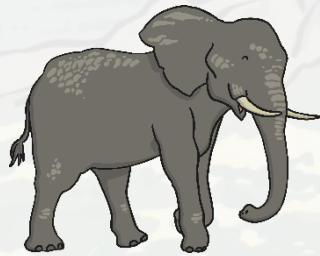
## **Serengeti National Park, Tanzania**

350,000 people visit this beautiful park each year. It covers a huge area of nearly 15,000 km<sup>2</sup> and is home to millions of animals, including lions, zebras, elephants, and giraffes.

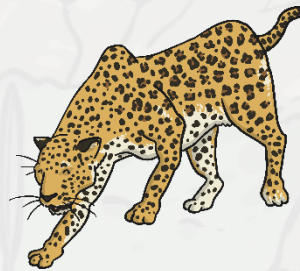
# Africa's Animals

Africa is well known for its wonderful animals. It is one of the few places you can see them in their natural habitat.

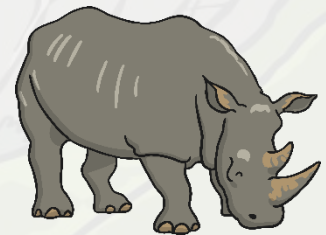
People often go to Africa to see the Big 5:



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leopard



rhino



buffalo

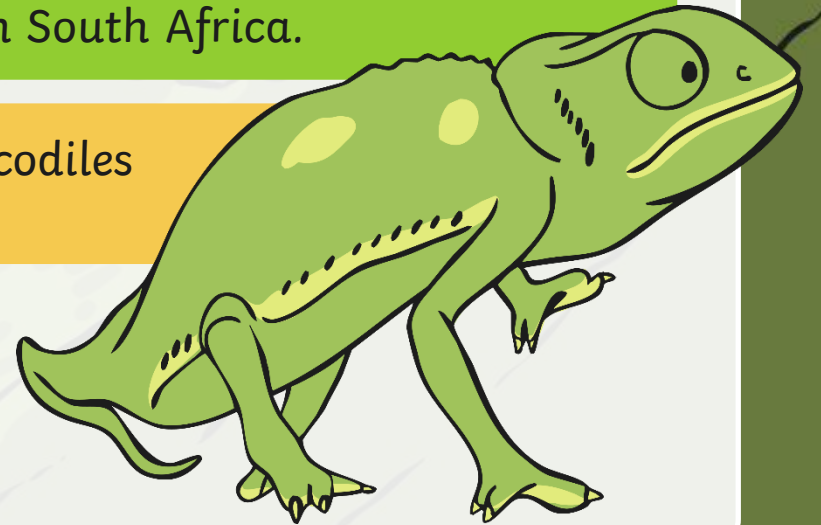


lion



# Animal Facts

- There are over 2600 different types of bird that live in Africa.
- 4 out of 5 of the fastest animals in the world can be found in Africa:  
The cheetah, which can reach speeds of 70mph.  
The wildebeest, Thomson's gazelle and lion, all of which can reach speeds of 50 mph.
- There are penguins living in a colony in South Africa.
- Africa is also home to gorillas, Nile crocodiles and the world's largest chameleons.



# Find Out More!

There is a lot more to find out about Africa.  
Why not try to find out more in a non-fiction book or on the Internet?







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