



# What will we see on our African Adventure? YEAR 2

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## KEY KNOWLEDGE

### World map showing location of Africa

There are 54 countries in Africa.  
The Nile is the longest river Africa and in the world and passes through eleven countries.  
The Sahara in northern Africa is the largest hot desert in the world.



### Map of Africa



## KEY VOCABULARY

**Africa** - the worlds second largest continent.

**Kenya** - a country in East Africa.

**local** - a place that is close to where you are.

**animals** - living things that need food, water and oxygen in order to live.

**maps** - a drawing of the earths surface showing features such as rivers, lakes, roads and buildings.

**areal images** - a photograph taken from above.

**North** - Compass direction going upwards

**South** - Compass direction going downwards

**East** - Compass direction going to the right

**West** - Compass direction going to the left.

**human features** - things that are built by people like houses and roads.

**physical features** - things that are created by the environment like rivers and mountains.

**continents** - large solid areas of land.

**oceans** - large areas of water.

**National Park** - an area of land created to preserve the natural environment.

**Maasai** - an tribe of people that live in Kenya.



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### Animals of Africa and National Parks

In Africa, you will find some of the largest mammals on this planet. Among them are the largest land mammal, the African elephant, the tallest mammal, the giraffe, and the fastest mammal and the cheetah. Africa is also home to many endangered animals such as the White and Black Rhinoceros.



There are over 225 National Parks on the African continent. This is where many of the wild animals live and people are trying to protect these animals from poachers.



Lots of tourists visit Africa to go on Safari to see the animals and experience the different African cultures and traditions.

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### The Maasai People

The Maasai have a population of about 1 million people. The Maasai language is called Maa. The Maasai are pastoral nomads, or traveling animal herders. Pastoral nomads travel to find land where their animals can graze. They live by keeping herds of animals such as cattle, goats, and sheep. They travel with their herds from one pasture to another. They sell or trade some of their animals, while using others for food. Their food includes milk, butter, honey, blood, and meat. The Maasai also sometimes eat rice, potatoes, cabbage, and mealie meal, a type of cornmeal. The Maasai are very tall people. The men usually carry spears. The women wear bracelets and colorful beads around their necks.

