

Knowledge Organiser - Geography

Exploring Africa

<u>Key word</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Continent	A large solid area of land. Earth has 7 continents.
Landlocked	A country surrounded by other countries and without access to the sea.
Tropical Climate	A damp climate with monthly average temperatures of 18c or higher all year round.
Equator	An imaginary circle around the middle of Earth, dividing it into the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
Congo Basin	The large area of land that is drained by the Congo River. It is the second largest river basin in the world after the Amazon Basin.

Famous Africans

Nelson Mandela (1918—2013) He was an active member of the fight against apartheid in South Africa.

Haile Gebrselassie — Record breaking distance runner. He has set world records in the marathon and won many world championships.

Mohamed Salah — One of Liverpool's most successful strikers and Egyptian international.

Graça Mache—Aged 74, she is one of the most powerful and historic women in Africa. Her first platform was as the minister of education in Mozambique, a position she held from 1975 to 1989.



Africa is split into 5 regions:

Northern Africa: This area is effectively separated from the rest of Africa by the Sahara Desert, which is the largest hot desert in the world. Northern Africa is also home to the longest river in the world: The Nile.

Central Africa: Central African countries are on or around the equator. The Central African Republic (CAR) is a landlocked country with a mainly tropical climate and is one of the poorest countries in the world.

Eastern Africa: There are 18 countries in Eastern Africa including Tanzania. Tanzania is home to the highest peak in Africa: Mount Kilimanjaro, which is a dormant volcano.

Southern Africa: There are 5 countries in Southern Africa including South Africa. South Africa has a population of around 56,000,000 people. Less than 10% of the South African population is white; it is one of the richest countries in Africa.

Western Africa: There are 16 countries in Western Africa, one of these is Nigeria. Nigeria's landscape is very diverse. It is the largest exporter of oil in all of Africa.

