

Dear Parents,

Our next topic is Africa and Anansi. Please help your children to prepare for this topic by helping them to learn the key words (in purple) and the facts on this sheet.

There are some homework activities on the back of this sheet. Your child can complete these at any time. Your child's teacher would love to see what they have created.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Year 1 teachers



Which **habitat** would I live in?



### Deserts

Deserts are very hot and sandy. It doesn't rain here. Hardly any plants grow here.



### Mountains

The higher you climb up a mountain, the colder it gets. There is also less oxygen to breathe.



### Rainforests

Rainforests can get a lot of rain. Rainforests have many plants and trees growing in them.

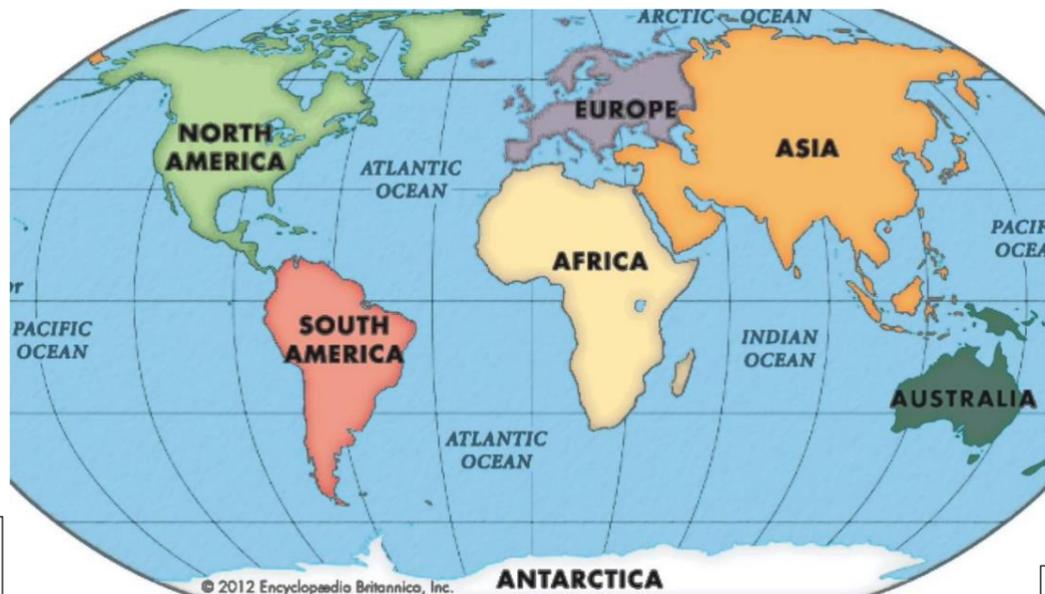


### Savanna

Savanna is another name for grasslands. It doesn't get much rain and is very dry. There are few trees in savannas.



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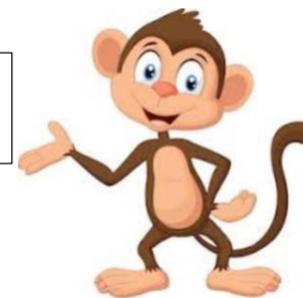


Africa is not a country. It is a **continent**. The world has seven **continents**. Can you name them all?

Which **continent** do we live in?

Africa is a very hot **continent**.

Which **habitat** would I live in?



Which **habitats** would I live in?



Where an animal lives is called a **habitat**. There are lots of different habitats in Africa.

### Useful Words

**Africa** - One of the world's seven continents.

**Anansi** - Anansi often appears in many West African stories. It is often a spider, who manages to trick other much larger animals.

**continent** - One of the Earth's seven major areas of land.

**desert** - A place that gets very little rainfall. They contain lots of sand and few things grow there.

**habitat** - A place where animals or plants live.

**Maasai tribe** - A tribe of people who live in a country called Kenya.

**mane** - Long, heavy hair growing around the neck of a lion.

**mountain** - Tall hills that are made from rocks and earth.

**pride** - The name given to a group of lions.

**rainforest** - An area filled with trees which gets lots of rain.

**savanna** - An area, which has grass and plants, and which doesn't get much rain. There are few trees here.

**tusk** - A long pointed tooth used for fighting or digging. Elephants have these.

### Anansi the Spider

A character in many African stories. He is clever and likes to trick other animals.





### The Maasai Tribe

There are many different tribes who live in the continent of Africa. One of the tribes is the Maasai tribe. They are considered to be one of the tallest people in the world.

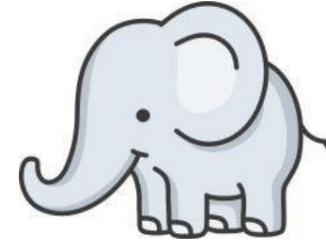


### The Big Five African Animals

These were the five most difficult animals to hunt. They are the lion, the African Elephant, the Cape buffalo, the leopard and the rhinoceros.

### Fun Fact

A fully-grown African Elephant weighs the same as 80 human adults!



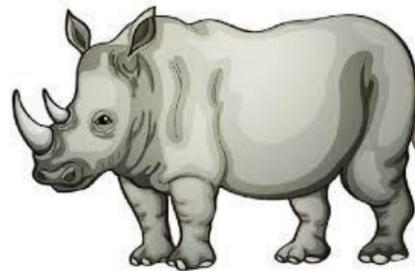
### Fun Fact

When a leopard kills an animal for food, it often takes it up a tree to stop other animals from eating it.



### Fun Fact

There are five types of rhinoceros in the world. Two of these live in Africa (the black rhino and the white rhino). These rhinos have two horns. The name rhinoceros means giant horns.



### Fun Fact

Lion cubs are born with blue eyes. They change colour to amber or brown at the age of two to three months.



### Homework Ideas

- (1) Draw and paint or colour an animal that you could find in Africa.



- (2) Make some animal models from toilet roll holders.



- (3) Create your own Maasai necklace using a paper plate or a piece of card.



- (4) Design and create your own Maasai shield.



- (5) Write some sentences describing an African animal.

- (6) Find an Anansi story online and read it to your child.