



Comprehension & Language: Africa

Africa - our Amazing Continent

Africa is the second largest continent, known for its wonderful wildlife and natural beauty. It is also the continent with some of the highest recorded temperatures and the one where the most languages are spoken.

The first people in Southern Africa were the San and Khoi people.

They were hunter-gatherers. Hunter-gatherers hunt animals for food and also gather food from plants, like berries and fruits.

They lived in an era called the Stone Age. The name comes from the tools they used that were mostly made of stone. The oldest tools found comes from the Sterkfontein Caves and are estimated to be two million years old.

The northern parts of Africa are mainly dry and desert-like. The Sahara Desert, in North Africa, stretches across eleven countries and is roughly the size of North America. Central Africa is known for its warm and rainy conditions and beautiful rainforests. According to the record books, the highest temperature in the world, 58°C, was measured in Libya in 1922.

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Question 1: *Underline the correct answer.*

- 1.1 The period when the San and Khoi lived in Africa, was called the Stone Age, because: (1)
- a) The San and Khoi hunted for food and gathered food.
 - b) Most of the tools and implements of that era were made of stone.
 - c) The soil of African is full of stones.
- 1.2 Which part of Africa is the driest? (1)
- a) East Africa
 - b) Southern Africa
 - c) North Africa

Go to the map of Africa on page 4 to see all the countries in Africa.

Question 2: *Answer the following questions:*

2.1 List four interesting facts about Africa, from the passage. (4)

2.2 Where were the old tools made of stone found? (1)

2.2 How old do they think these tools are? (1)

2.3 Complete the following: (7)

- a) The _____ stretches across _____ countries and is roughly the size of North America.
- b) Central Africa is known for its _____ and _____ conditions.
- c) Many _____ are found in Central Africa.
- d) The highest recorded temperature in the world was recorded in _____ and measured _____ .

Language in Context**Common Nouns**

A common noun is something that you can see and touch. It is either a thing, a place, a person or an animal.

Examples: table, chair, teacher, dog, man

Proper Nouns

A proper noun is a name that is given to something, e.g. to people, animals, towns, streets, books, movies, places, etc.

Proper nouns are always written in capital letters.

Examples: John, Centurion, Atterbury Road

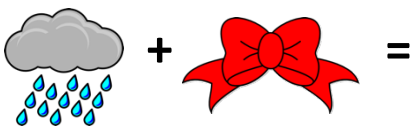
Sort all the underlined nouns in the passage under the correct heading:

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns

Complete the table by giving either the singular or plural of the words:

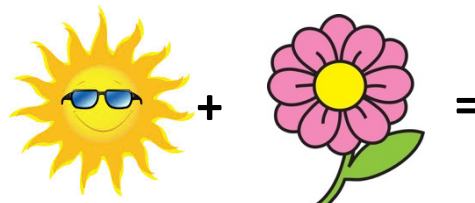
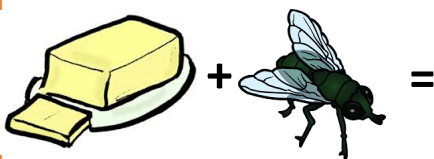
Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
	countries	root	
animal			hooves
fly		church	
	people	berry	
bus			children

Which compound words are formed by the following?



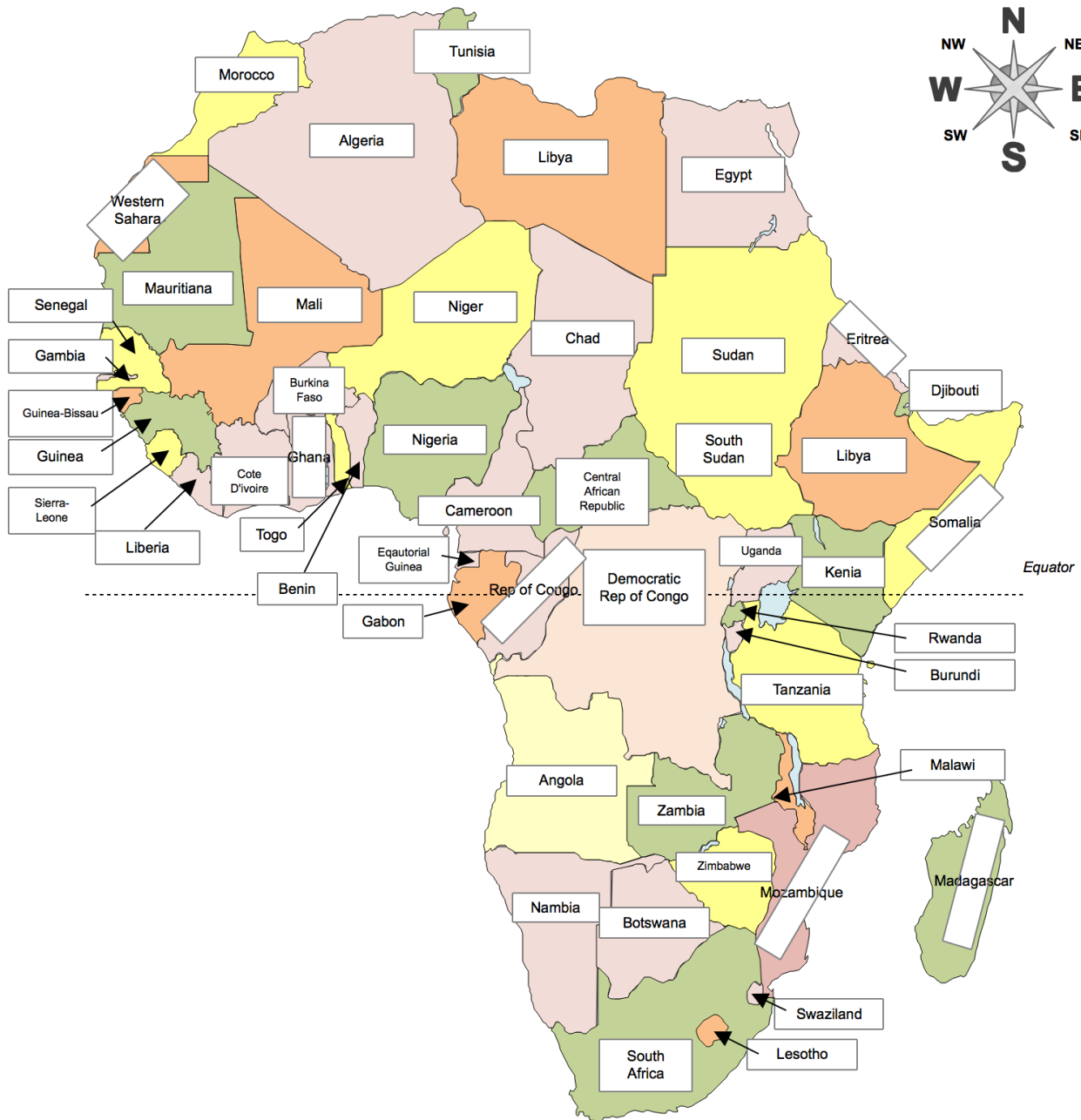
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Political Map of Africa

MEMO:**Question 1:** *Circle the correct answer.*

- 1.1 The period when the San and Khoi lived in Africa, was called the Stone Age, because:
- a) The San and Khoi hunted for food and gathered food.
 - b) Most of the tools and implements of that era were made of stone.
 - c) The soil of African is full of stones.
- 1.2 Which part of Africa is the driest?
- a) East Africa
 - b) Southern Africa
 - c) North Africa

Question 2: *Answer the following questions:*

- 2.1 List four interesting facts about Africa.
- Africa has a variety of wildlife
 - Africa is known for its natural beauty
 - Africa has some of the highest recorded temperatures.
 - Africa is the continent where the most languages are spoken.
- 2.2 Where were the old tools made of stone found?
- In the Sterkfontein Caves
- 2.2 How old do they think these tools are?
- Approximately two million years old
- 2.3 Complete the following:
- a) The Sahara Desert stretches across eleven countries and is roughly the size of North America.
 - b) Central Africa is known for its warm and rainy conditions.
 - c) Many rainforests are found in Central Africa.
 - d) The highest recorded temperature in the world was recorded in Libya and measured 58°C.

Language in Context

Sort all the underlined nouns in the passage under the correct heading:

Common Nouns	Proper Nouns
continent	Southern Africa
animals	Khoi
plants	Stone Age
tools	Sterkfontein Caves
countries	Sahara Desert
books	Libya

Complete the table by giving either the singular or plural of the words:

Singular	Plural	Singular	Plural
country	countries	root	roots
animal	animals	hoof	hooves
fly	flies	church	churches
person	people	berry	berries
bus	buses	child	children

rainbow; rainforest; butterfly; sunflower