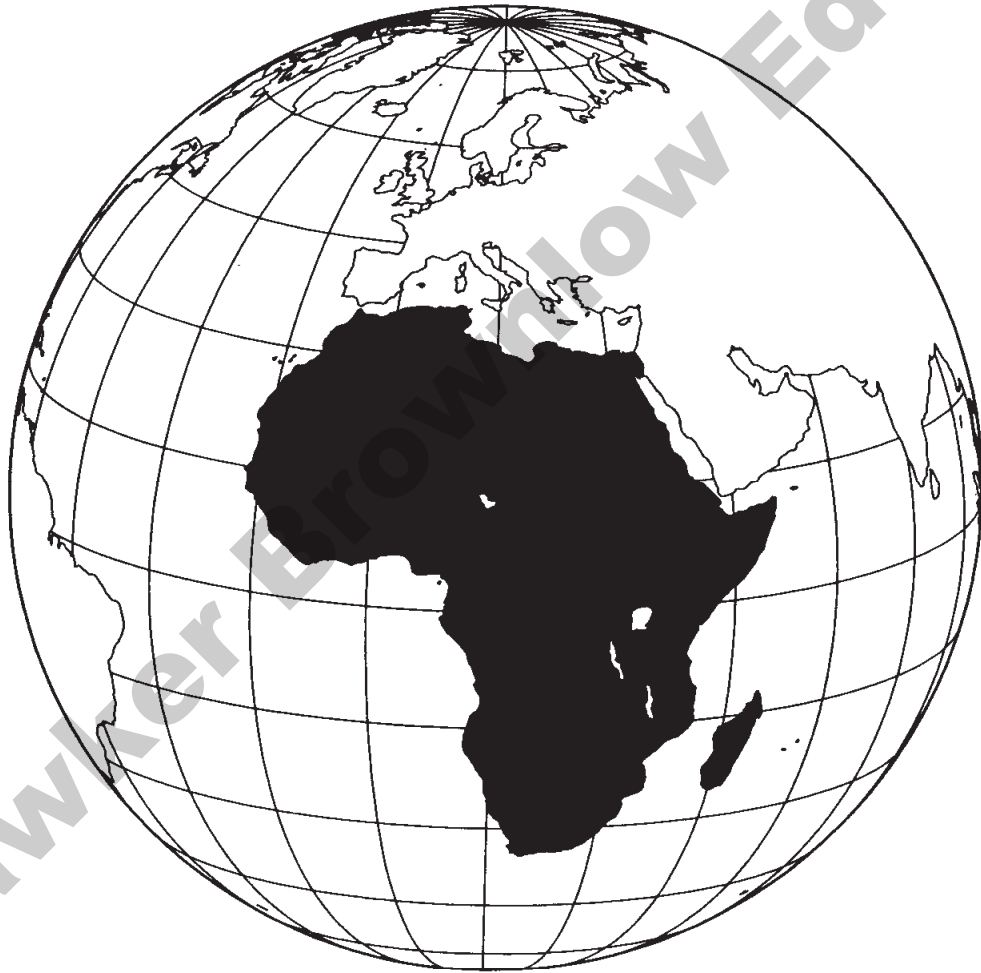


World Geography Series

Years 4–6

AFRICA



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Introduction

About This Book

World Geography Series: Africa presents an overview of the geography of the continent of Africa. It is divided into five sections: Space, Place, Environment, Interconnection and Regions.

Each section contains a selection of teaching pages, maps, activities, interesting facts, review questions and puzzles or games. A plan for using the material to construct a geography centre is also included, as well as ideas for putting together a book as a culminating activity.

About the World Geography Series

The World Geography series consists of seven books, each dealing with a different continental region: Africa, Antarctica, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America and South America.

The books provide reproducible activities to aid primary teachers in teaching the topic of continents in alignment with the Australian Curriculum: Geography Knowledge and Understanding strand for Years 4–6, outlined in the table below. However, they can also be used to support the teaching of a range of geography topics from the curriculum, such as sustainability, the environment, cultural diversity and the natural and built features of places.

Further, the World Geography series has been designed to facilitate the integration of geography study with other subjects, including English, Civics and Citizenship, History and the Arts.

Continents in the Australian Curriculum: Geography Knowledge and Understanding Strand for Years 4–6

Year 4	<p>The location of the major countries of Africa and South America in relation to Australia, and their main characteristics, including the types of natural vegetation and native animals in at least two countries from both continents (ACHGK020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using geographical tools, for example, a globe, a wall map or digital application such as Google Earth, to identify the major countries of Africa and South America and their relative locations • using a globe to investigate the Great Circle routes of aeroplane travel between Australia and the major countries of Africa and South America • researching the main types of natural vegetation and native animals in a climate zone in Australia and comparing them with those found in a similar climate in Africa or South America
Year 5	<p>The location of the major countries of Europe and North America in relation to Australia and the influence of people on the environmental characteristics of places in at least two countries from both continents (ACHGK026)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using geographical tools, for example, a globe, wall map or digital application such as Google Earth, to identify the relative location of the major countries of Europe and North America and their environmental characteristics • researching the changes made by people to a particular environment in a country in Europe or North America
Year 6	<p>The location of the major countries of the Asia region in relation to Australia and the geographical diversity within the region (ACHGK031)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • using geographical tools, for example, a globe wall map or digital application such as Google Earth to identify the geographical division of Asia into North-East, South-East, South Asia and West Asia (the Middle East) • exploring the diversity of environments, in the Asia region, or in part of the region, or in a country in either North-East, South-East or South Asia • investigating the differences in the population size, density, life expectancy and per capita income between countries across the world • describing the location of places in countries of the Asia region in absolute terms using latitude and longitude

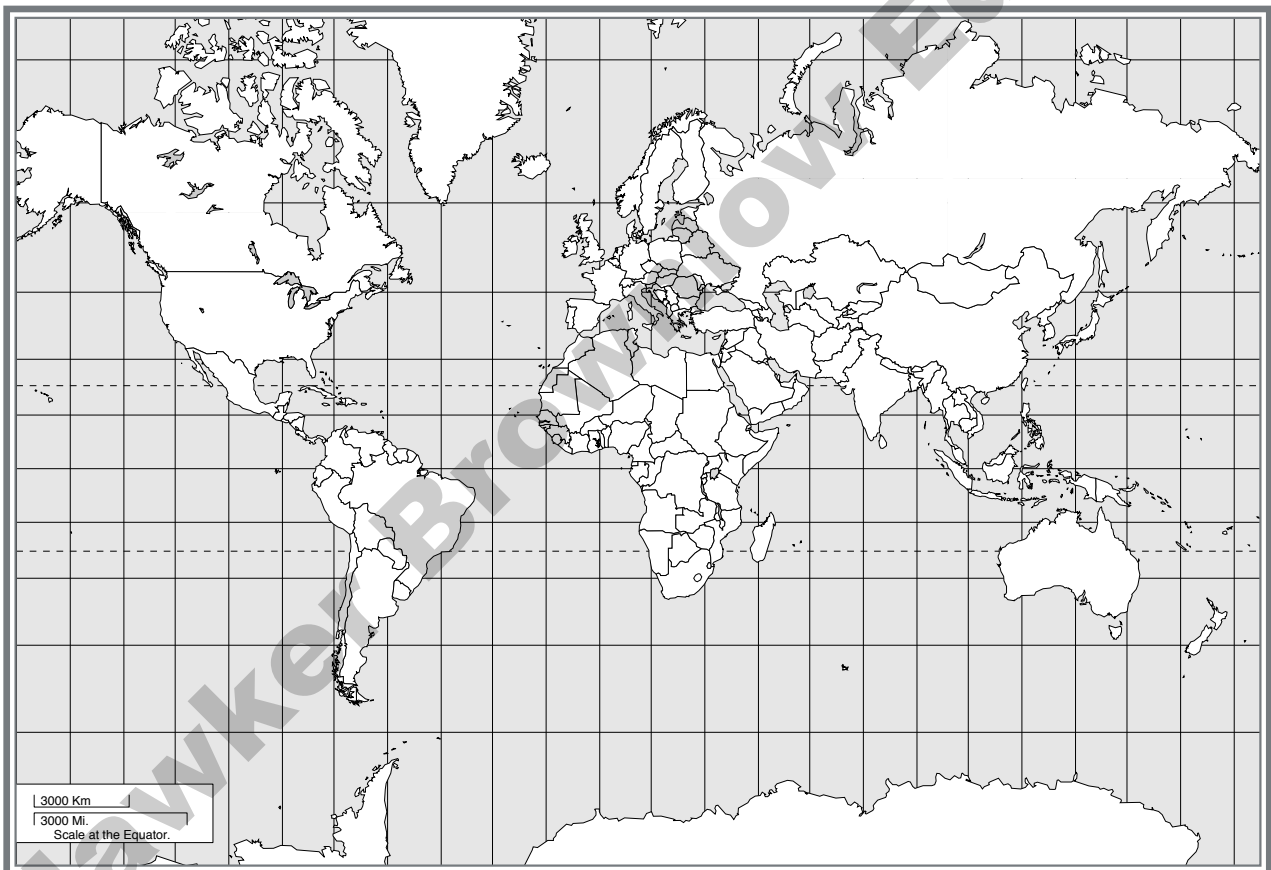
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Where on Earth Is Africa? *(1 of 5)*

- Africa lies between the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean.
- Africa is the second largest continent, smaller only than Asia.
- The equator runs through the centre of Africa.
- The Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea form the northern boundaries of Africa.

Use these clues to find Africa on this map. Colour it blue.



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Countries of Africa (7 of 7)

Use the numbered list of African countries on the previous pages to label the map below. Write the number of each country on the map and use the list for a key.



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People Adapt to and Change the Environment *(2 of 2)*

People adapt to and change the environment in many ways. Think of some possible solutions that may solve these environmental problems:

Housing in cold climates:

Clothing in hot climates:

Clothing in cold climates:

Transportation in mountainous or hilly areas:



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Movement Involves Connection

(1 of 2)

List some of the ways people travel from place to place in the less developed regions of Africa.

List some of the ways people travel from place to place in the urban areas of Africa.

Bonus question!

Why don't many people use cars to travel from one city to another?





The Rainforest (2 of 2)

Find information about this area in reference sources and answer these questions.

7. Name four animals that live in the African rainforest.

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

8. From what European country did the people of Equatorial Guinea win their freedom?

9. What ethnic group is associated with the African rainforest?

10. Why is the African rainforest in less trouble than the South American rainforests?



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