

AFRICA

1. Did you know that Africa is not a single country but a continent of 53 separate nations where many languages are spoken? The life and history of each country is seen through its art, music, dancing and storytelling.
2. Africa stretches from Tunisia in the north to South Africa. The top part of Africa which is in the Northern Hemisphere, is called **the bulge**. It is twice as wide as the bottom part, which is south of the equator.
3. Africa's huge size means that it has many different habitats supporting a wide variety of animal wildlife. Tourists to Africa often enjoy a safari, searching for wild animals in their natural environment.
4. Every year, thousands of visitors travel to Egypt (in north-eastern Africa) to see the famous pyramids and other remains of the ancient Egyptian civilisation. They may also take a trip on the world's longest river, the Nile, which flows through Uganda, Sudan, Ethiopia and Egypt before flowing into the Mediterranean Sea.
5. Lake Victoria, one of the largest lakes in the world, was named after Queen Victoria. It lies on the equator, on the border of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania. The northern edge of the lake is the start of one part of the Nile River.
6. On the Zambezi River, between Zambia and Zimbabwe, are the magnificent Victoria Falls. These are amazing cataracts of water that fall over towering rocks to the river, many metres below. They are also named after the British queen, but are nowhere near the famous lake!
7. Africa is a dry continent. The Sahara Desert, in the north, is the largest hot desert in the world and the Kalahari, in the south, also covers a wide area of land.
8. Much of Africa is covered in highlands and mountains. Climbing Africa's highest peak, Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, has become very popular with climbers from all over the world.
9. Africa surely is a magnificent continent with many wonderful features to experience!

