

Key vocabulary

Word	definition
Climate	The usual weather conditions in a place over a long period of time. While Kenya is known for its warm and tropical climate, the UK has a temperate climate with distinct seasons.
Safari	An expedition or journey, typically to observe animals in their natural habitat. In Kenya, safaris in places like the Maasai Mara are popular ways to see wildlife such as lions, elephants, and zebras.
Traditional Homes	Houses that are built using local materials and styles passed down through generations. In Kenya, you might find homes like mud huts or other structures made from available resources, whereas in the UK, homes are often made from bricks or stones.
Seasons	The four periods of the year (spring, summer, autumn, winter) each with different weather patterns. Kenya experiences wet and dry seasons, contrasting with the UK's four distinct seasons.

Hinge questions

Where is the area located?

How could we get there?

How far away is the place?

What is the physical geography of the place?

What is the human geography of the place?

What are the similarities and differences between the place and where we live?

What are the lives like for children who live in this place?



What are some of the differences and similarities between the weather, animals, and homes in Kenya and where we live?

Where is Kenya?

- Located in east Africa.
- Population of around 44 million.
- The capital city is Nairobi.
- Mombasa, situated on the coast, is one of Kenya's largest cities.
- The Tana river is the longest river in Kenya.
- Mount Kenya is the highest mountain (5200m).
- Kenya's coastline is on the Indian Ocean.
- Swahili and English are the official languages.



Weather and Climate

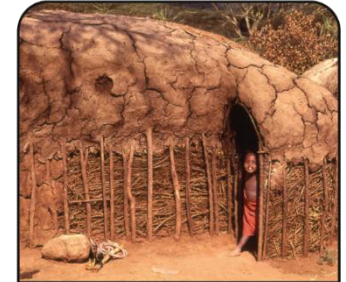
Kenya lies on the equator.	Climate is hot, sunny and dry for most of the year.
Hot, dry deserts in the north.	Hot and humid in the west.
The highlands are cool.	Mount Kenya is high enough to be covered in snow all year round.

National Parks and Reserves

- There are over 50 **national parks** and **game reserves**.
- They include different types of wildlife and **habitats**, including wetlands, grasslands, forest and **savannah**.
- The Maasai Mara National Reserve is one of the most popular reserves for **tourists** to visit.
- Millions of **tourists** visit the famous reserve to go on safari, explore the landscape and to see the amazing wildlife, including the 'Big Five'.
- Each year visitors come to watch the huge **migration** of wildebeest.
- Some animals in Kenya are **endangered** and are protected within the parks and reserves.

The Maasai Tribe

- Maasai people traditionally live in mud huts made from mud, sticks, grass and cow dung.
- Many Maasai are farmers and own large herds of cows, goats and sheep.
- The Maasai people love music and dance. They often sing and the men perform a special jumping dance.



Traditional mud hut.

School Life in Kenya

- Most children in Kenya go to school, but not all of them.
- Some children, especially in **rural** areas, are too busy helping their families by working on the farm, cooking or fetching water.
- At school, some children may be different ages but in the same year group.

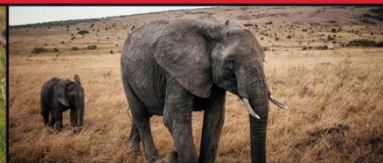


Maasai Tribe.

The Big Five - the largest and most dangerous African animals



African lion



African elephant



Cape buffalo



African leopard



White/black rhinoceros