

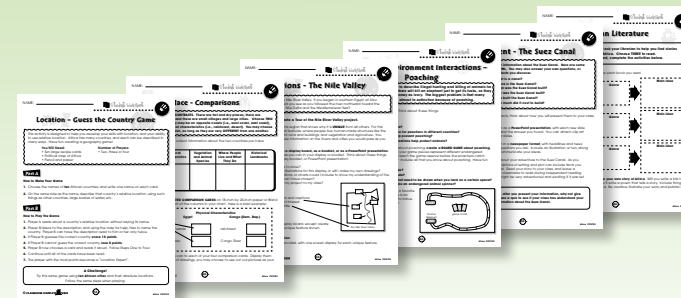
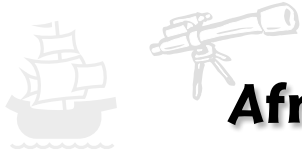
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Africa - Movement

1. Think about your day. How did you move from place to place? How did you share your ideas with other people? Make a list of the things you do for these each day.

2. Match the word on the left to its definition on the right. You may use an atlas or a dictionary to help.

urban

An area in the country or a remote area with few people, and less access to services, such as hospitals, shopping, offices, and recreation activities. Many of these areas develop near a natural resource such as forestry, mining, or farming.

A

communication

The word used to describe how humans move themselves and other items from place to place. It includes the vehicles we use and the things they travel on (air, water, roads, etc.).

B

transportation

An area in a town or city, with a dense population, industry, and many services, such as hospitals, shopping, offices, and recreation activities.

C

rural

The sharing of ideas through many different ways, such as through speech, printed words, signals, sign language, and images.

D



Africa - Movement



As geographers look at the Earth, they study movement, a word used to describe how people, ideas, and products move from place to place. In Africa, people travel to work, to school, or to recreational activities. Vehicles travel within and between countries and continents delivering the products that people use in their homes. People in Africa make telephone calls, write letters, watch TV, and surf the Internet looking for information. Radios and newspapers help spread news and opinions.



Many people have the false impression that most of Africa is wild and difficult to get to. In some cases this is true, because some desert, mountain, or rainforest regions are impassable by ground vehicles. In these remote or rural areas, traditional forms of transportation are used. You might see oxen pulling a cart. You might see someone riding a camel in a desert setting. However, camels are often used now to attract tourists rather than to provide daily transportation. Small airplanes and helicopters fly tourists into remote areas, four-wheel drive vehicles make passage through remote areas easier, and trains carry people to stations scattered throughout the continent.

In urban areas, people rely on many different forms of transportation. Trains help people and products get from place to place. Bicycles, cars, motorcycles, motor scooters, buses, and trucks are used each day. People in Africa also travel by plane or by ship. Africa's many coastal ports provide links to other continents. The Suez Canal in Egypt, allows ships to take a shortcut from the Mediterranean Sea to the Indian Ocean!

On which forms of transportation do Africans rely?





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1. Circle **T** if the statement is true or **F** if it is false.

T = True
F = False

- T F a) Africa is completely impassable, and people cannot travel through it.
- T F b) Transportation is a word we use to describe movement involving vehicles.
- T F c) The Suez Canal is a shortcut from the Mediterranean Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.
- T F d) Small planes and helicopters often carry tourists into remote areas.
- T F e) Africa has many radio stations and newspapers to help spread news and opinions.
- T F f) Africa's many coastal ports provide links to other continents.
- T F g) Traditional forms of transportation can be found in more remote and rural areas.
- T F h) Four-wheel drive vehicles do not work in remote areas.

2. How do you use these things for movement? Explain in a few sentences giving examples of when and how you used them.

telephone _____

automobile _____

school bus _____

Internet _____



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Answer each question with a complete sentence.

3. In what different ways do people communicate their ideas?

4. Airplanes are very important in Africa. Have you ever been on a plane? If yes, describe where you were going, and what the plane was like.

Research and Applications

5. Traditional images of African deserts have people riding camels through the sand. Why are camels shown in this way? Research camels to find out why they are suited to travel in the desert. Think of these questions while conducting your research:

How can camels go long distances without water?

How do a camel's hoofs help it move through the sand and rocky parts of the desert?

What is a camel's temperament (i.e., angry, calm, grouchy, tame)?

Why do camels spit?

Do people still ride camels from place to place?

What harness or saddle do you need to ride a camel?

What is a camel's value to people living in a desert climate?

Present your findings as a pamphlet or a poster advertising what you have learned. Illustrate your work. Share your findings with the class.

6. While your family may have lived in your current home for a number of years, your extended family and ancestors probably came from a variety of different places, in a variety of different ways. Interview your parents to find out where your family originated, how and when they moved about, and how your immediate family came to live in your present home. Record your findings and share them with your class.



Crossword Puzzle!

- plains
- desert
- game reserve
- absolute
- continent
- negative
- transportation
- endangered
- Asia
- rural
- region
- communication
- contrasts
- Nile Valley
- links



Across

- 1 Sharing of ideas through speech, sign language and printed words
- 4 Poaching is an example of _____ human/environment interactions
- 6 Many of Africa's animals are _____ species
- 8 A remote area with few people
- 9 The Sahara is a _____ in Africa
- 11 A _____ can be described by the languages spoken there
- 13 Africa is a continent of huge _____
- 14 Flat, open areas of land covered mostly by grasses

Down

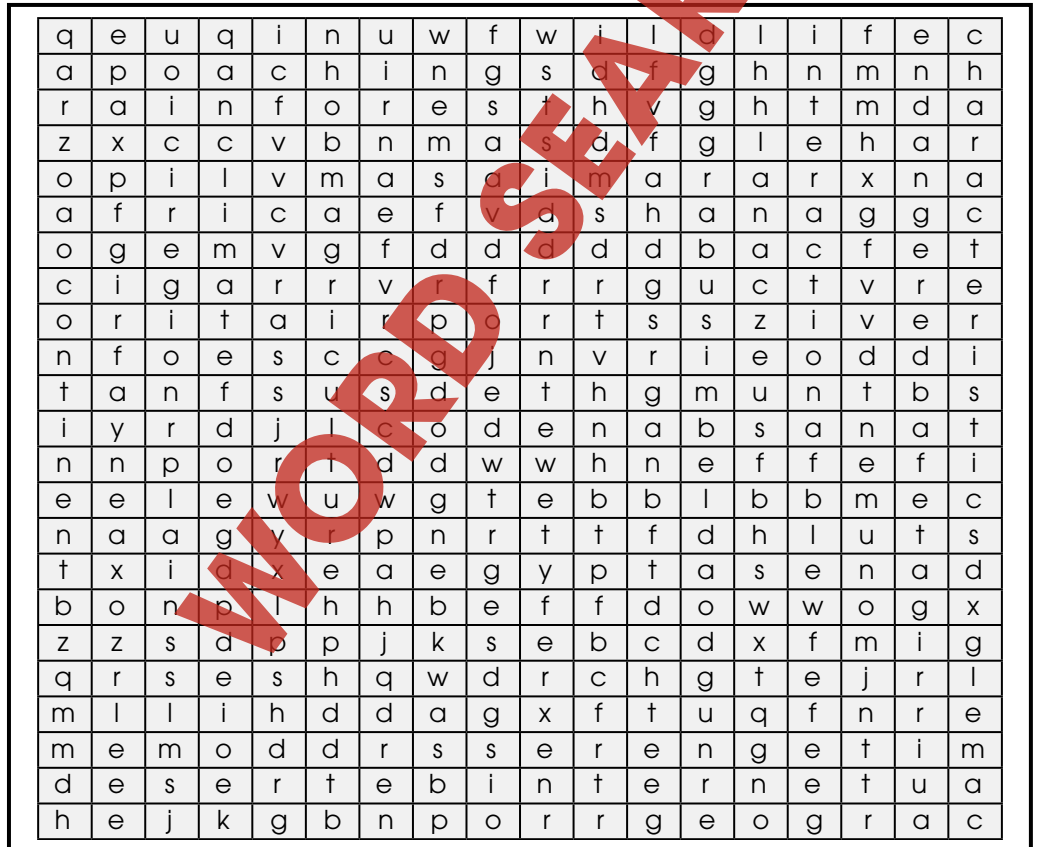
- 1 Africa is the world's second largest _____
- 2 Movement involving vehicles
- 3 The _____ is a region known for its ancient Egyptian ruins
- 5 Protected area where animals can live free of threats from humans
- 7 It is difficult to describe Africa's _____ location
- 10 Africa's coastal ports provide _____ to other continents
- 12 Africa is linked to _____ at the Panama Canal



Word Search

Find all of the words in the Word Search. Words may be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal. A few may even be backwards! Look carefully!

- | | | | |
|------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|
| hemisphere | camel | interaction | trade |
| Africa | continent | poaching | Egypt |
| wildlife | rainforest | Suez Canal | endangered |
| region | plains | airports | irrigate |
| Serengeti | agriculture | climate | elephant |
| monument | unique | desert | Internet |
| Abu Simbel | Masai Mara | characteristics | oxen |



Comprehension Quiz

Part C

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the difference between **absolute** location and **relative** location? As an example, describe Africa's relative location.

2. How do we describe **place**? Describe Africa as a place.

3. Describe what is meant by **human and environment interactions**. Explain how the poaching of animals is a negative interaction.

4. What do we mean by **movement** in geography? Give one example of transportation and one of communication.

5. What is a **region**? Describe the Nile Valley as a region.

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Africa Political Map



NAME: _____

After You Read 



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- b) **T**
- c) **F**
- d) **T**
- e) **T**
- f) **T**
- g) **T**
- h) **F**

3.

Possible answers:
e-mail
radio
television
Internet
telephone
cell phone
talk
letters

4.

Answers will vary

5.

Answers will vary in complexity and detail depending on the resource used.

Possibilities:

Produce little urine and allow body temperature to get quite high; walk on the front part of the hoof only, etc.

6.

Answers will vary

Across:

- 1. communication
- 4. negative
- 6. endangered
- 8. rural
- 9. desert
- 11. region
- 13. contrasts
- 14. plains

Down:

- 1. continent
- 2. transportation
- 3. Nile Valley
- 5. game reserve
- 7. absolute
- 10. links
- 12. Asia

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EASY MARKING ANSWER KEY