

Kenya | Year 2 |

Important Questions

- 1 Where is Kenya on a world map?
- 2 What is life like for people living in Kenya?
- 3 What is a national park?
- 4 Which are the main animals living in Kenya?
- 5 What is Maasai culture?
- 6 What is life like for a Kenyan child compared to my life?

Key Knowledge

Kenya is in East Africa. Nairobi is the capital city and Mombasa is the largest city in Kenya.

The Tana river is the longest river in Kenya.

Mount Kenya is the highest mountain in Kenya.

Kenya lies on the Equator, which means the climate is hot, sunny and dry for most of the year.

The Great Rift Valley is an enormous valley of mountains which runs from the north to south of Kenya. The valley has a chain of volcanoes which are still 'active'. Lake Victoria, the second largest lake in the world, is part of the Great Rift Valley.

Kenya has over 50 nature reserves and national parks to protect these animals. The Maasai Mara reserve is the most popular.

In the north it is hot and dry with arid deserts. In the west it is hot and humid and the rainfall can be highest here. If there is no rainfall for a long time, droughts can occur.

Vocabulary

1	continent	A large solid area of land. Earth has seven continents.
2	National park	An area set aside by a country's government.
3	Maasai	one of the best-known groups of people in Africa. They live in southern Kenya
4	Endangered	Any type of plant or animal that is in danger of disappearing forever.
5	migrate	Many mammals, birds, fishes, insects, and other animals move from one place to another at certain times of the year.
6	ocean	A large body of salt water, which covers the majority of the earth's surface.
7	Capital city	A large town. Each country has a capital city, which is usually one of the largest cities.
8	mountain	A very large, high and steep hill.
9	river	A large, natural stream of fresh water that flows into the sea or a lake.
10	compass	A tool for finding direction; north, south, east or west.
11	equator	An imaginary circle around Earth. It divides Earth into two equal parts: the Northern Hemisphere and the Southern Hemisphere.

