

# KS2 Knowledge Organiser—Kenya

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### Kenya map



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Kenya is in East Africa on the Indian Ocean. Kenya borders on to Tanzania, Somalia, Uganda, South Sudan and Ethiopia.

## Flag of Kenya.

Kenya's flag is comprised of three equal horizontal bands of black (top), red, and green; the red band is edged in white; a large Maasai warrior's shield covering crossed spears is superimposed at the center; black symbolizes the majority population, red the blood shed in the struggle for freedom, green stands for natural wealth, and white for peace; the shield and crossed spears symbolize the defense of freedom.



## Land Area

Covers an area of 582,646 sq km. (225,000 sq. miles) 46th largest country in the world. Roughly the same size as France, or Texas

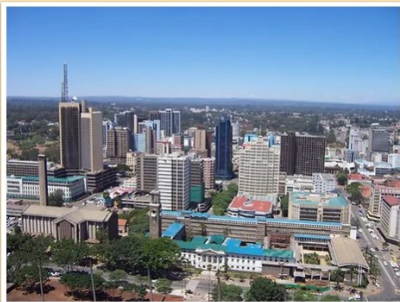
## Tallest mountain

Mount Kenya is the tallest mountain in Kenya and the second tallest in Africa. At 5,199 metres tall, it has snow on it all year round.

## Longest river

The river Tana is the longest river in Kenya. It starts in the foothills of Mount Kenya and travels down to the Indian Ocean.

## Rural / Urban contrasts.



Kenya's capital is Nairobi and it is a big bustling city of 3.4 million people. With many large skyscrapers and its good flight connections, Nairobi is often where large multinational companies choose to locate their African headquarters.



Kenya is home to many national parks. Inside the parks, the land is protected from development and the wildlife is protected from hunting. This makes them excellent places to take a safari.

## Capital city of Kenya

The capital city of Kenya is Nairobi, population 3,400,000 people.

## Independence Day

December 12, 1963. Independence from British colonial rule. In 2013, Kenya celebrates 50 years as an independent country.

## Language of Kenya

English and Kiswahili are the two official languages of Kenya.



The country of Kenya gets its name from Mount Kenya.

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	Key Vocabulary –prior learning
Spelling	Definition
Human features	A manmade features (cities, roads, farming)
Physical features	A natural features on the environment (mountains, beaches, forests).
Migration	The movement of people within a nation
Urbanisation	The process of making an area more urban (cities and towns grow)
	Types of Biomes (habitats)
Grassland	A large open area of country covered with grass, especially one used for grazing.
Savannah	A flat grassland with no trees.
Desert	A large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees or plants.
Coast	An area near the sea or ocean.

## Climate Facts

Kenya is on the **equator**, this means that there are no summers or winters there, instead the climate is hot throughout the year. The rains usually fall from April to May every year, this is called the rainy season.

The landscape and climate can be very different in different parts of the country.

1. **Western Highlands** –good soils and rain. Many crops are grown her but it can get very hot.
2. **Rift Valley and Central Highlands**— This area has the best climate in the country. Mount Kenya and Aberdare mountains are in this area and gets lots of rainfall.
3. **Northern Lowlands**– There are violent rainstorms here. The soil and grasses are very poor.
4. **The Coast**—This This area is very hot and wet and good for growing coconuts. When the heavy rains come from April to June, then it can flood.