

Africa Geography Quiz

From the Sahara to the Serengeti, twenty questions about the countries, landmarks, and geography ...

Name / Team:

Score:

1 What is the largest country in Africa by area?

- A. Democratic Republic of the Congo
- B. Sudan
- C. Algeria
- D. Libya

2 What is the most populous country in Africa?

- A. Ethiopia
- B. Egypt
- C. Nigeria
- D. South Africa

3 What river is the longest in Africa?

- A. Congo River
- B. Niger River
- C. Nile River
- D. Zambezi River

4 What is the largest desert in Africa?

- A. Kalahari
- B. Namib
- C. Sahara
- D. Libyan Desert

5 What is the tallest mountain in Africa?

- A. Mount Kenya
- B. Mount Kilimanjaro
- C. Mount Stanley
- D. Ras Dashen

6 Which African country is known as the 'Rainbow Nation'?

- A. Kenya
- B. Ghana
- C. South Africa
- D. Tanzania

7 What large island off the southeast coast of Africa is the fourth-largest island in the world?

- A. Zanzibar
- B. Mauritius
- C. Madagascar
- D. Cape Verde

8 What waterfall on the Zambezi River is one of the largest in the world?

- A. Angel Falls
- B. Niagara Falls
- C. Victoria Falls
- D. Iguazu Falls

9 What canal connects the Mediterranean Sea to the Red Sea through Egypt?

- A. Panama Canal
- B. Suez Canal
- C. Corinth Canal
- D. Kiel Canal

10 What is the capital of Kenya?

- A. Mombasa
- B. Lagos
- C. Nairobi
- D. Dar es Salaam

11 Which African country has the most pyramids?

- A. Egypt
- B. Sudan
- C. Libya
- D. Ethiopia

12 What body of water separates Africa from Europe at the Strait of Gibraltar?

- A. Red Sea
- B. Mediterranean Sea
- C. Atlantic Ocean
- D. Arabian Sea

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13 Which African country was never colonized by a European power?

- A. Ghana
- B. Kenya
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Senegal

14 What grassland ecosystem in East Africa is famous for the Great Migration of wildebeest?

- A. The Sahel
- B. The Serengeti
- C. The Okavango Delta
- D. The Congo Basin

15 What is the capital of Egypt?

- A. Alexandria
- B. Luxor
- C. Cairo
- D. Aswan

16 What lake is the largest in Africa by surface area?

- A. Lake Tanganyika
- B. Lake Malawi
- C. Lake Victoria
- D. Lake Chad

17 Which small African country is completely surrounded by South Africa?

- A. Swaziland (Eswatini)
- B. Lesotho
- C. Malawi
- D. Burundi

18 What region of dense tropical rainforest in central Africa is the second-largest in the world?

- A. The Serengeti
- B. The Sahel
- C. The Congo Basin
- D. The Great Rift Valley

19 What geological feature runs through East Africa and has created deep lakes and volcanic mountains?

- A. The Atlas Mountains
- B. The Drakensberg Range
- C. The Great Rift Valley
- D. The Ethiopian Highlands

20 How many countries are in Africa?

- A. 44
- B. 48
- C. 54
- D. 60

Africa Geography Quiz — Answer Key

1. C Algeria

Algeria became the largest African country by area after South Sudan split from Sudan in 2011. It covers about 2.38 million square kilometers.

2. C Nigeria

Nigeria has over 220 million people, making it the most populous country in Africa and the sixth most populous in the world.

3. C Nile River

The Nile flows about 6,650 kilometers through northeastern Africa. It is also considered the longest river in the world.

4. C Sahara

The Sahara covers about 9.2 million square kilometers across northern Africa, making it the largest hot desert in the world.

5. B Mount Kilimanjaro

Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania stands at 5,895 meters (19,341 feet). It is the tallest free-standing mountain in the world.

6. C South Africa

Archbishop Desmond Tutu coined the term 'Rainbow Nation' to describe South Africa's multicultural diversity after the end of apartheid.

7. C Madagascar

Madagascar is home to thousands of species found nowhere else on Earth, including lemurs. It separated from the Indian subcontinent about 88 million years ago.

8. C Victoria Falls

Victoria Falls sits on the border of Zambia and Zimbabwe. It is about 1,708 meters wide and 108 meters tall, creating the largest curtain of falling water on Earth.

9. B Suez Canal

The Suez Canal, opened in 1869, is about 193 kilometers long. It allows ships to travel between Europe and Asia without going around Africa.

10. C Nairobi

Nairobi is Kenya's capital and largest city. It is one of the largest cities in Africa and a major hub for business and tourism.

11. B Sudan

Sudan has about 200-255 pyramids, more than Egypt's roughly 130. The Nubian pyramids of Meroe are smaller but more numerous than Egypt's famous pyramids.

12. B Mediterranean Sea

The Mediterranean Sea lies between southern Europe and northern Africa. At the Strait of Gibraltar, only 14 kilometers separate Africa from Spain.

13. C Ethiopia

Ethiopia successfully resisted colonization, notably defeating Italy at the Battle of Adwa in 1896. Liberia is the other African country that was not colonized, as it was founded by freed

14. B The Serengeti

The Serengeti in Tanzania hosts the Great Migration, where over 1.5 million wildebeest and hundreds of thousands of zebras migrate in a circular pattern following the rains.

15. C Cairo

Cairo is the largest city in Africa and the Arab world, with a metropolitan population of over 20 million. The Giza pyramids are located on the outskirts of the city.

16. C Lake Victoria

Lake Victoria is shared by Uganda, Tanzania, and Kenya. It is the largest lake in Africa and the largest tropical lake in the world, with a surface area of about 69,000 square kilometers.

17. B Lesotho

Lesotho is one of only three countries in the world completely surrounded by a single other country. It is also the only country in the world entirely above 1,000 meters in elevation.

18. C The Congo Basin

The Congo Basin rainforest covers about 2 million square kilometers across six countries, second only to the Amazon. It is one of the most biodiverse places on Earth.

19. C The Great Rift Valley

The Great Rift Valley stretches about 6,000 kilometers from Lebanon to Mozambique. It has created deep lakes (Tanganyika, Malawi) and volcanic peaks (Kilimanjaro, Kenya).

20. C 54

Africa has 54 recognized sovereign countries, making it the continent with the most countries. The newest is South Sudan, which gained independence in 2011.