

Reading Comprehension Reader: Kenya

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for grades 1-3



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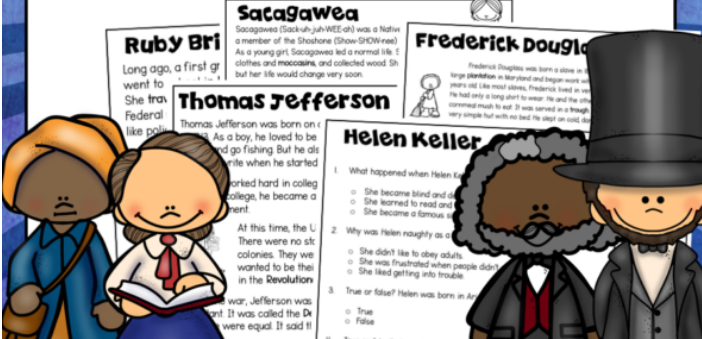


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READING COMPREHENSION

Passages with Text-Based Questions

Famous People



Sacagawea
Sacagawea (Sakaw,juh-WEH-oh) was a Native member of the Shoshone (Shaw-SHOW-neh). As a young girl, Sacagawea led a normal life. She wore traditional Shoshone clothing, including dresses and moccasins, and collected wood. She was very smart and very brave.

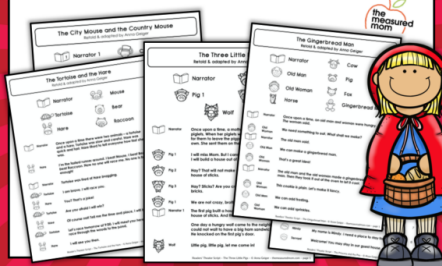
Frederick Douglass
Frederick Douglass was born a slave in Maryland in 1818. He was only 7 years old when he was sold to a white man. He had only a few years of school. He was very smart and very brave. He became a famous abolitionist.

Thomas Jefferson
Thomas Jefferson was born on April 13, 1743. As a boy, he loved to go fishing. But he also loved to read. He became a lawyer and a politician. He was the third president of the United States.

Helen Keller
Helen Keller was born in 1880. She became blind and deaf at the age of 19 months. She learned to read and write. She became a famous author and activist.

READER'S THEATER SCRIPTS

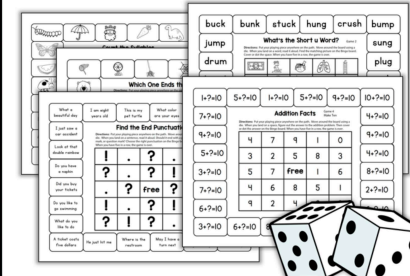
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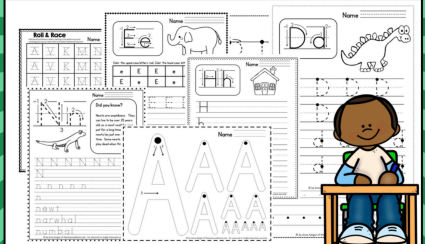
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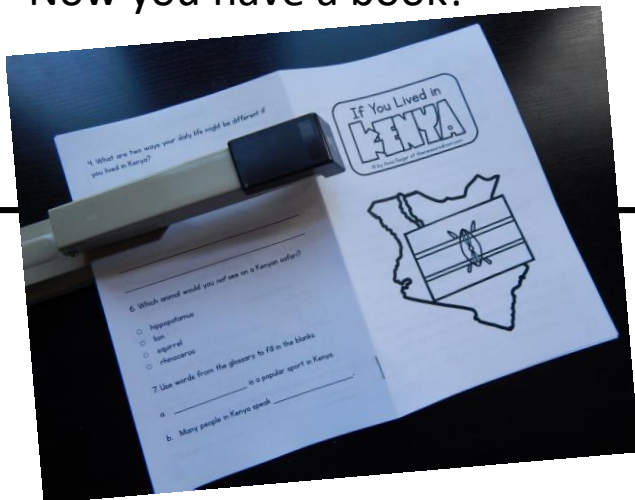
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How to assemble

- Print the pages you'd like FRONT TO BACK. Make sure you FLIP ON THE SHORT SIDE.
- This will take two full sheets of regular sized paper. Fold the pages in half.
- Open back up, and staple on the fold with a long arm stapler.
- Now you have a book!



Teaching Tips

- Use on-on-one in a tutoring session, in small guided reading groups, or as a whole class activity.
- If you use the reader with the whole class, be sure to print a simpler version for students who need it. Consider having students work in pairs to answer the questions.
- You might have students use a highlighter to show where they found their answers in the text.

Contents

- **Pages 3-6** – Level 1 (the reading level is approximately grades 2/3)
- **Pages 7-10** –Level 2 (the reading level is approximately grades 3/4)

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a. _____

b. _____

5. Do you think you would like to eat sukuma wiki? Why or why not?

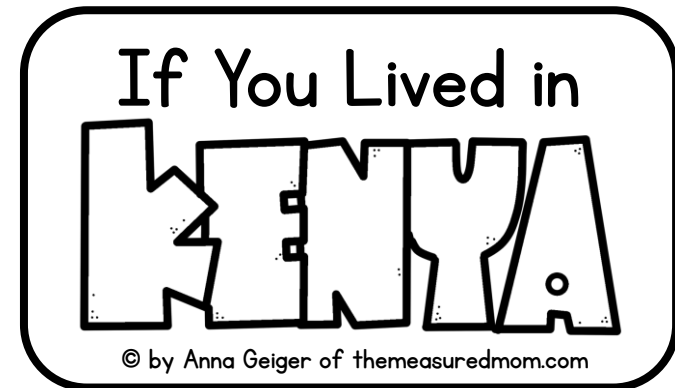
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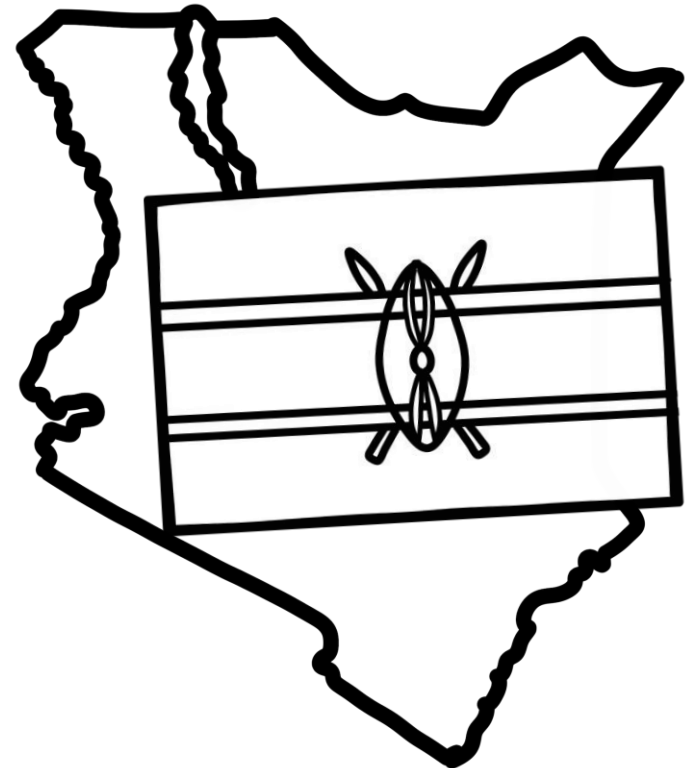
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a. _____ is a popular sport in Kenya.

b. Many people in Kenya speak _____.



Level 1



Glossary



cricket - a bat and ball game

matatu - a minibus

nyama choma - roasted goat

plantain - a fruit similar to bananas

safari - a journey to see animals in their natural habitat

soapstone - a soft rock

sukuma wiki - a green, leafy vegetable often cooked in oil and served with tomatoes and onions

Swahili - one of the main languages spoken in Kenya

ugali - porridge made from cornmeal

What would it be like to live in Kenya?

Let's find out!

Geography

If you lived in Kenya, you would live in Africa. Your country would be a little smaller than Texas.

Climate

Do you like the rain? You would if you lived in Kenya! Kenyan farmers need rain to grow their crops. They grow tea and coffee.

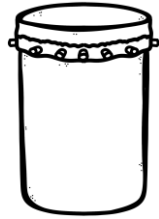
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 - Africa
2. Why is rain good for Kenya?

3. Name two popular Kenyan foods.



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Culture

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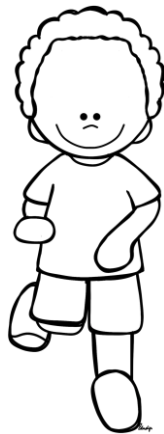
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Kenyans tell stories to share their ideas.

Sports

Do you like to run? Many Kenyan runners have won the Olympics. Other favorite sports in Kenya are soccer, **cricket**, and water sports.

Now that you know about life in Kenya, what do you think? Would you like to live there?

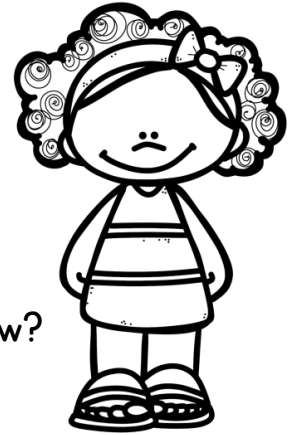


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Daily Life

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Would it seem a lot like where you live now?

Keep reading to find out.



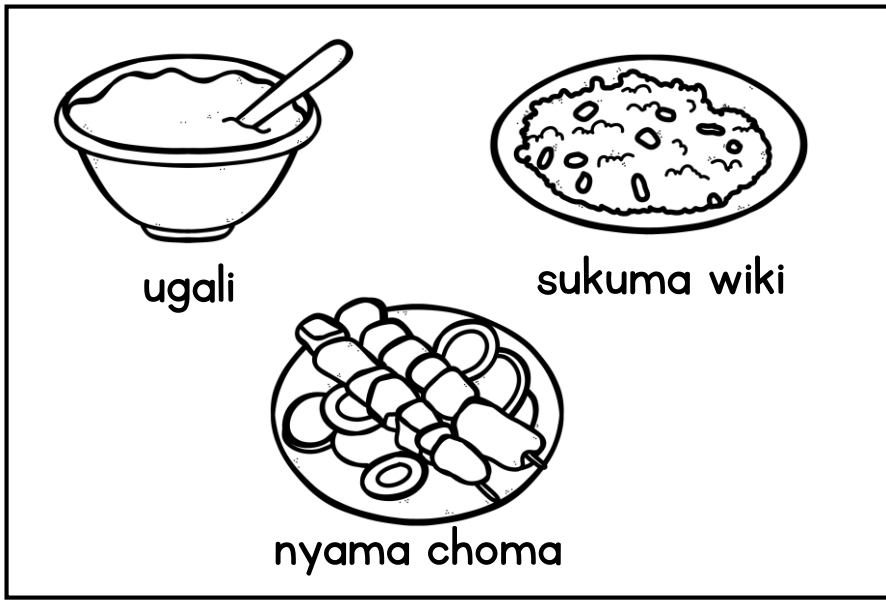
A Kenyan girl

If you lived in the capital city of Nairobi, you would live in a modern home. You could visit a museum or go to the movies. You could even go to the mall.

If you lived in the country, you might not have electricity. You might have to get your water from a well. Your house could be made of wood, grass, or mud.

Most Kenyan children go to school until they are at 12. They learn **Swahili**, math, and geography. But some children cannot go to school. They have to help on the farm.

If you lived in the country, you would not have a car. You could walk, take your bike, or ride in a **matutu**.

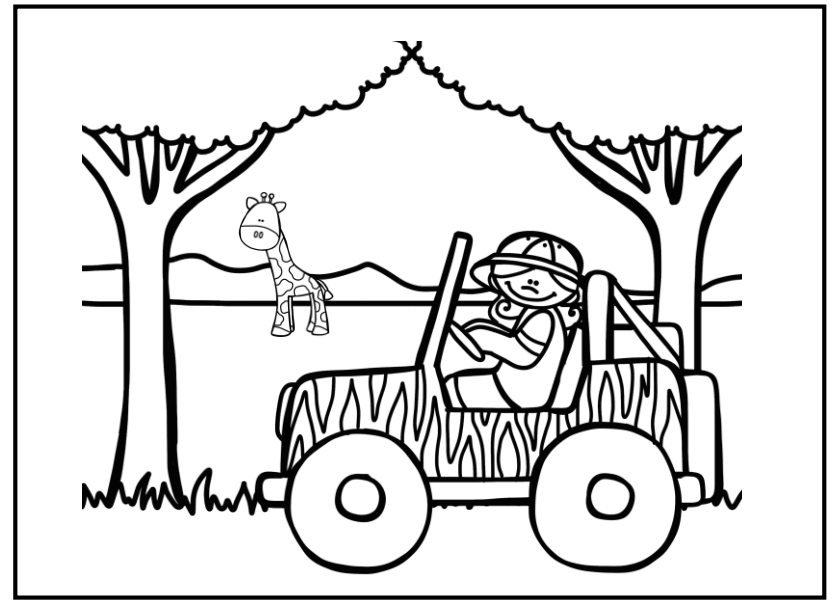


ugali

sukuma wiki

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Popular foods in Kenya



A Kenyan safari

Food

What would you eat in Kenya?

You would eat **ugali** (you-goll-ee). It is a porridge made from cornmeal. You would eat **sukuma wiki** (suh-koo-ma-wicky). It is a vegetable recipe.

You might also eat **nyama choma** (nee-amma cho-ma), which is roasted goat.

Do you love dessert? Sorry! There isn't much dessert in Kenya. You could eat fruit instead. Kenyans eat papayas, pineapples, mangoes, and **plantains**.

Wildlife

Do you like to see animals in the zoo? In Kenya you could spot animals on a **safari**. Here are some of the animals you might see!

elephant

jackal

buffalo

antelope

cheetah

warthog

leopard

wildebeest

lion

baboon

rhinoceros

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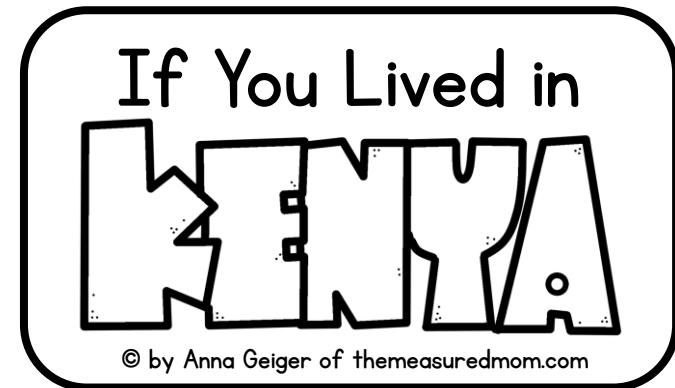
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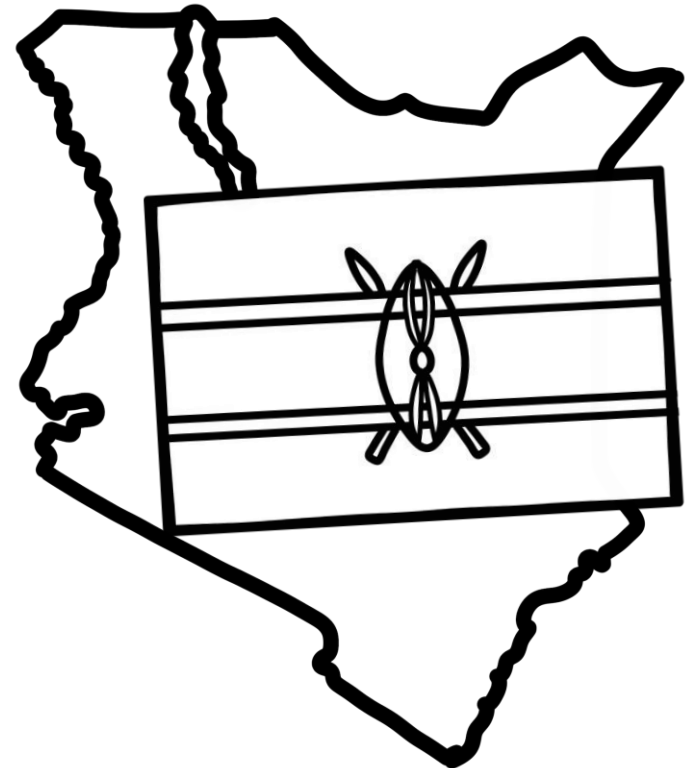
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Level 2



Glossary



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What would it be like to live in a country different than your own? Let's learn about Kenya!

Geography

If you lived in Kenya, you would live on the east coast of Africa between Somalia and Tanzania. Your whole country would be a little smaller than the state of Texas.

The north part of Kenya is a desert-like wilderness, so most Kenyans live in the southern part.

Climate

Do you like rainy days? You would if you lived in Kenya! People in Kenya are thankful for the rainy seasons because most of them make their living by farming. They need rain to grow tea and coffee.

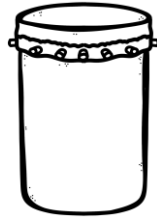
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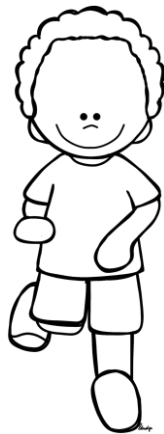
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Sports

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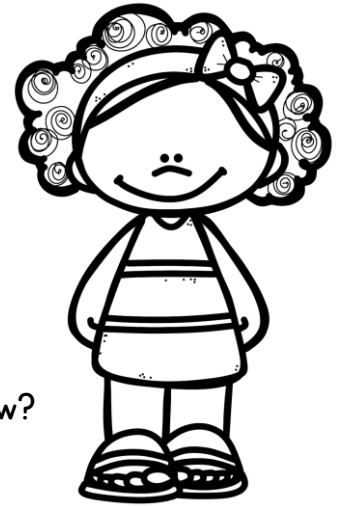
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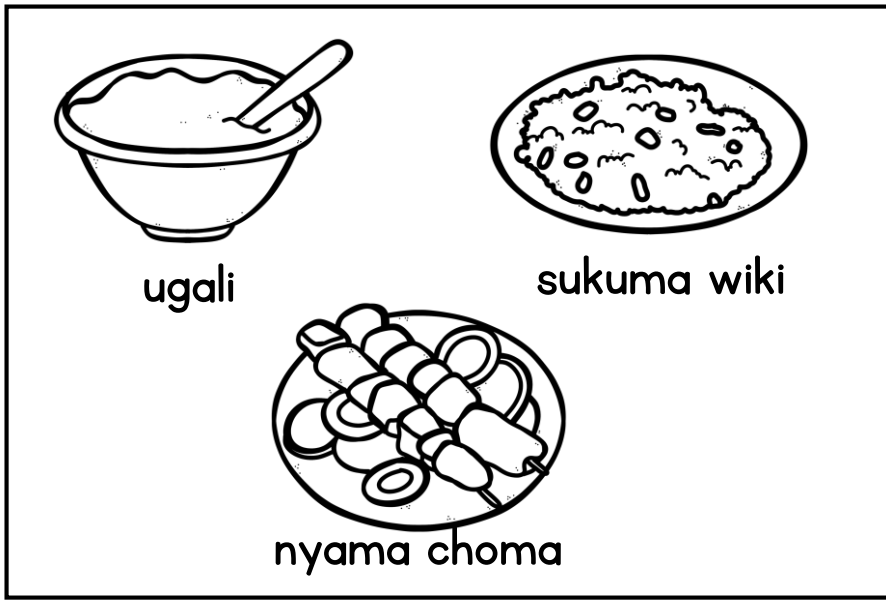
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Most Kenyan children go to school until they are at least 12 years old. They study **Swahili**, math, and geography. But some children are too busy to go to class. They have to help work the land, take care of cattle, and fetch water.

If you lived in rural Kenya, you wouldn't have a car. You might get to town by walking, riding a bike, or getting on a ride in a **matatu**.



A Kenyan girl



Popular foods in Kenya

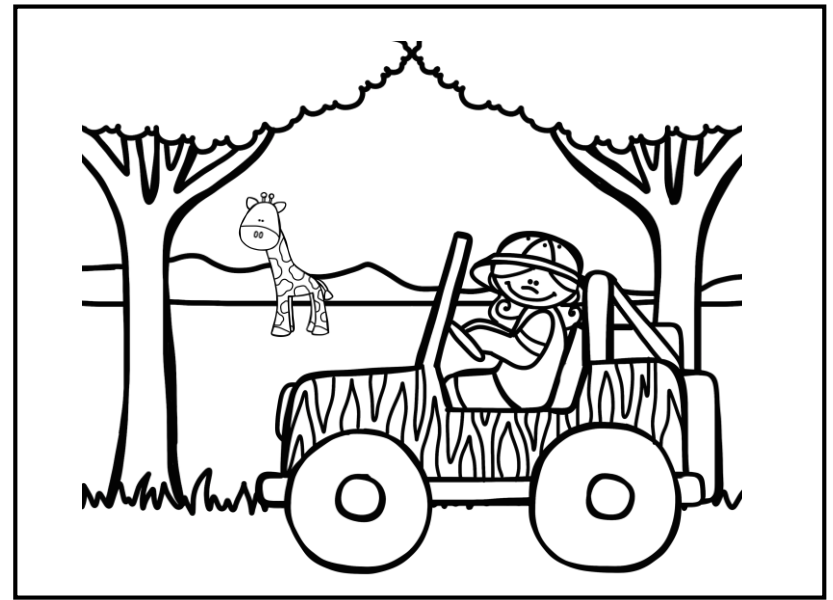
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A Kenyan safari

Wildlife

What is your favorite animal to see at the zoo? In Kenya you could go on a safari to visit a national park or wildlife reserve. You would see animals in their natural homes.

Just look at all the animals you might spot in Kenya!

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leopard

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giraffe

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