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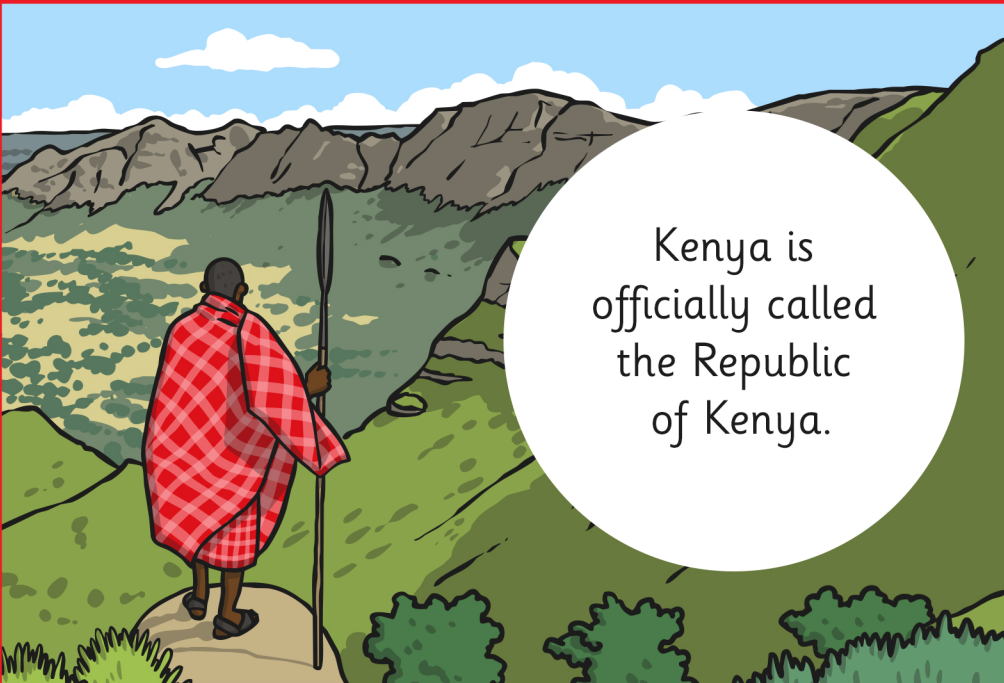




Kenya is located in East Africa, which lies on the Equator.



In 2015, the population was estimated to be around 44 million!



Kenya is officially called the Republic of Kenya.



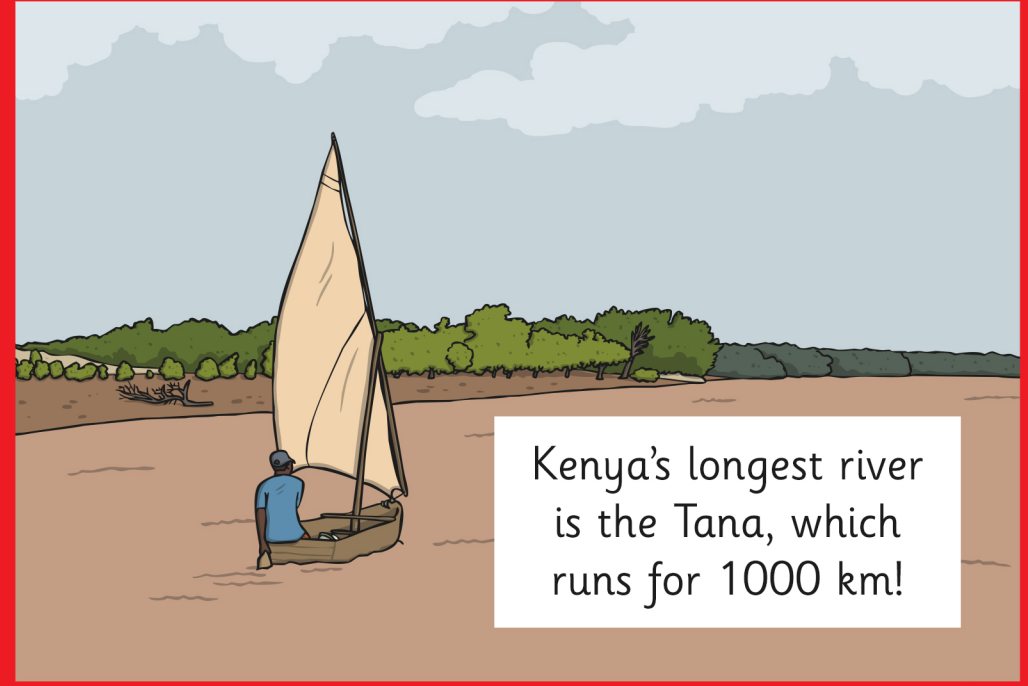
The capital and largest city in Kenya is Nairobi.

Mombasa is the second largest city in Kenya.

Mount Kenya is the highest mountain in Kenya at 5199m high!



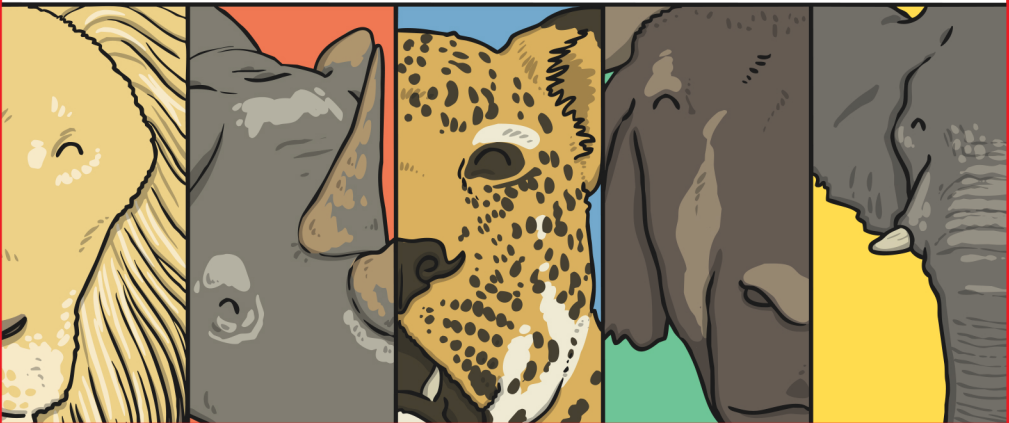
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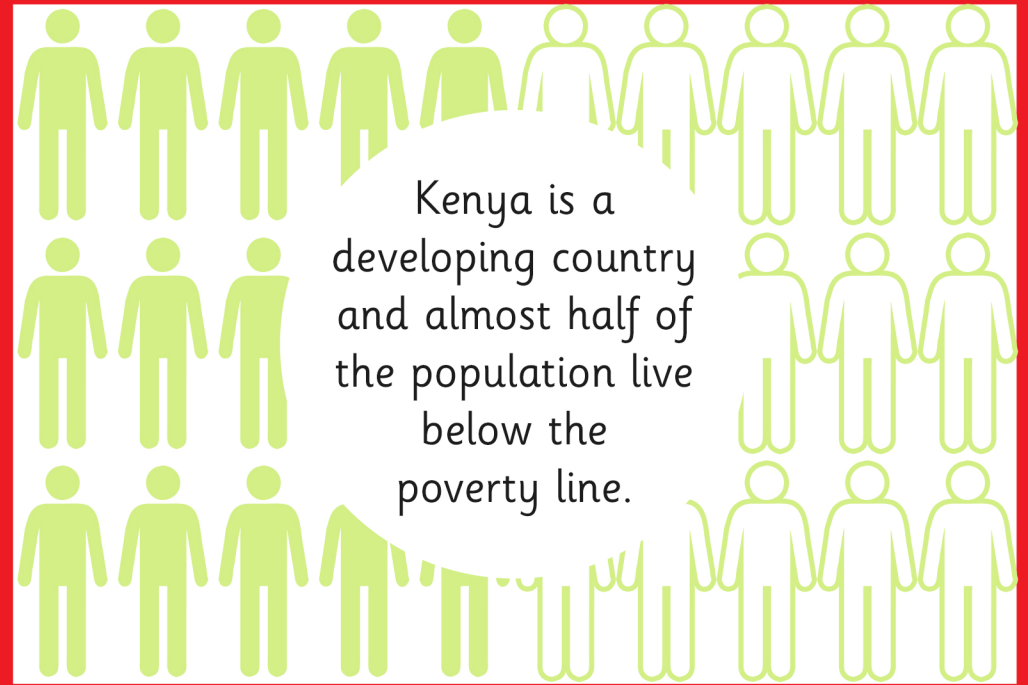
Kenya's longest river is the Tana, which runs for 1000 km!

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The Big Five animals of Africa can be found in Kenya (in the Maasai Mara National Reserve in particular): the lion, leopard, buffalo, rhinoceros, and elephant.

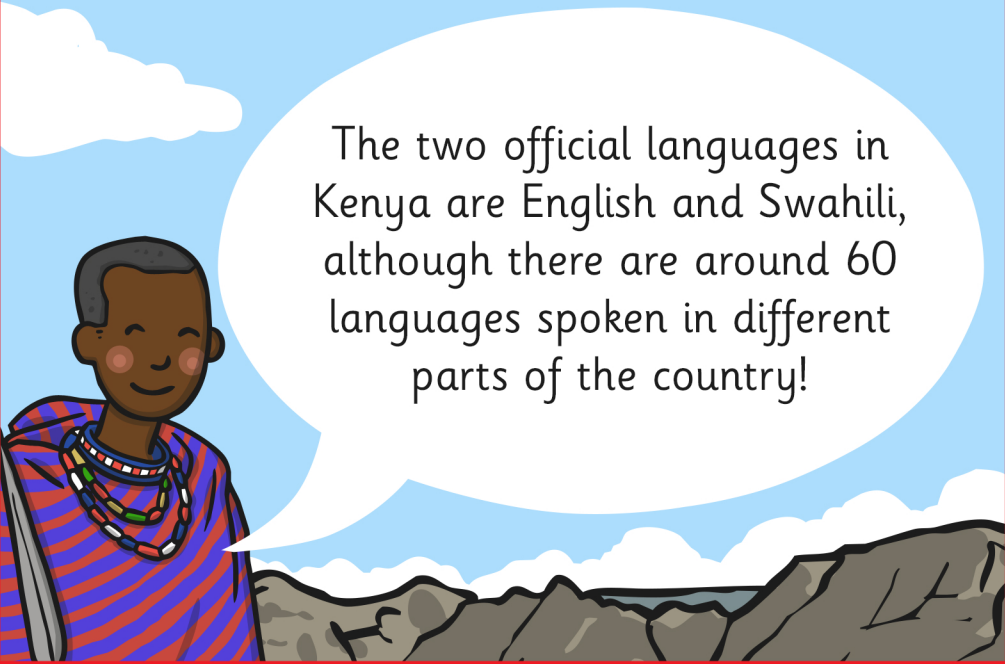


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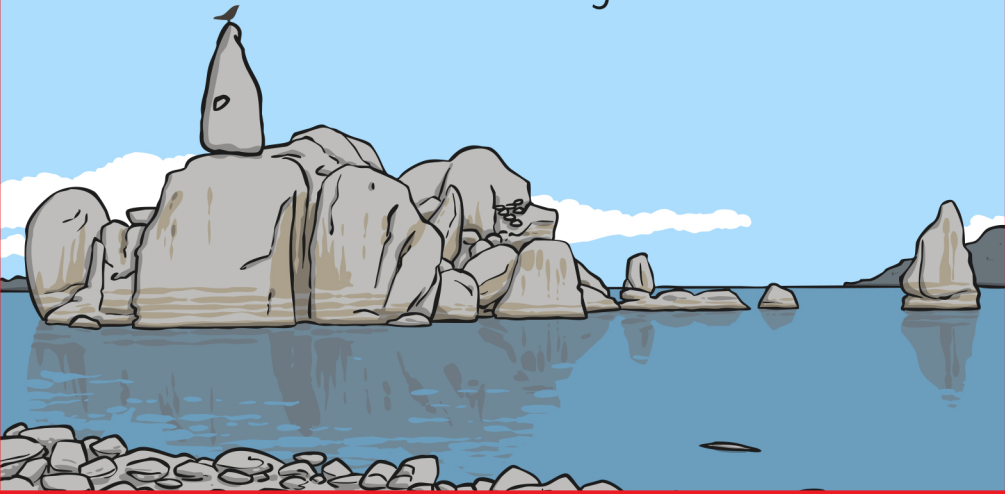


Kenya is a developing country and almost half of the population live below the poverty line.


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The two official languages in Kenya are English and Swahili, although there are around 60 languages spoken in different parts of the country!



Kenya shares Lake Victoria, the world's second largest fresh water lake, with Tanzania and Uganda.

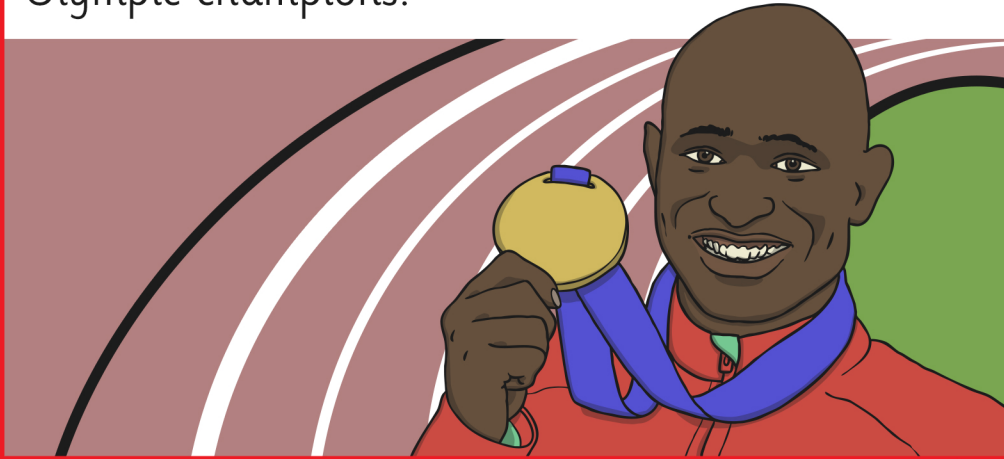


Kenya has many national parks and wildlife reserves, with safaris being a popular activity for tourists.



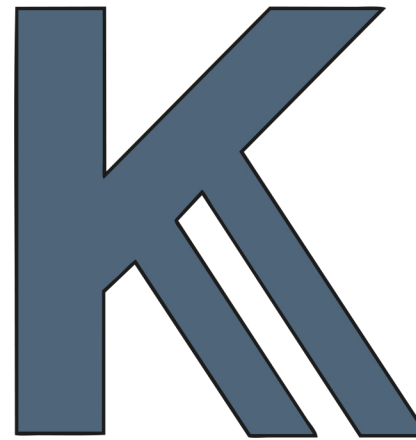
Many people in Kenya work in agriculture. Agriculture is important to Kenya's economy, especially exporting tea, coffee and flowers.

Sport is popular in Kenya. Kenya is perhaps best known for its middle distance and long distance runners, with the country frequently producing Olympic champions.



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The currency is the Kenyan Shilling.



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Here is Kenya's flag:



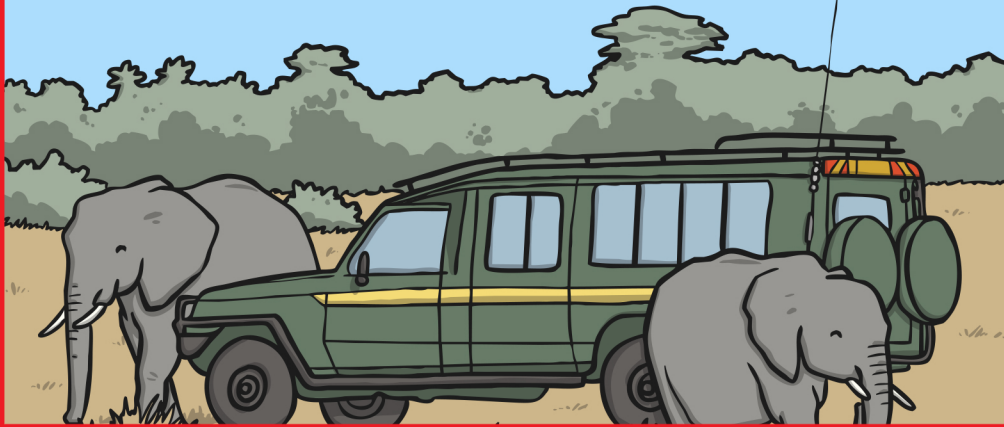
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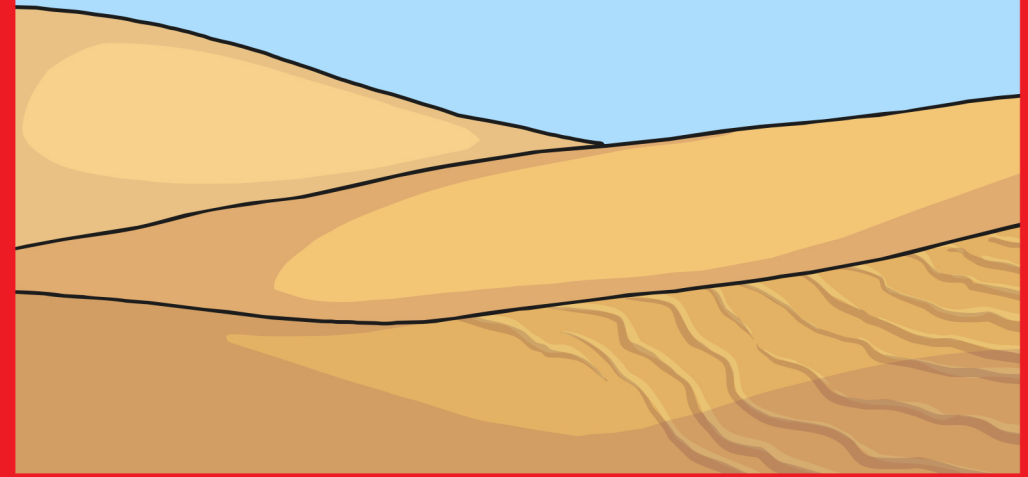
The Great Rift Valley, a 6400 km tear in the Earth's crust can be found west of Nairobi. Within this valley are the green waters of famous Lake Turkana.

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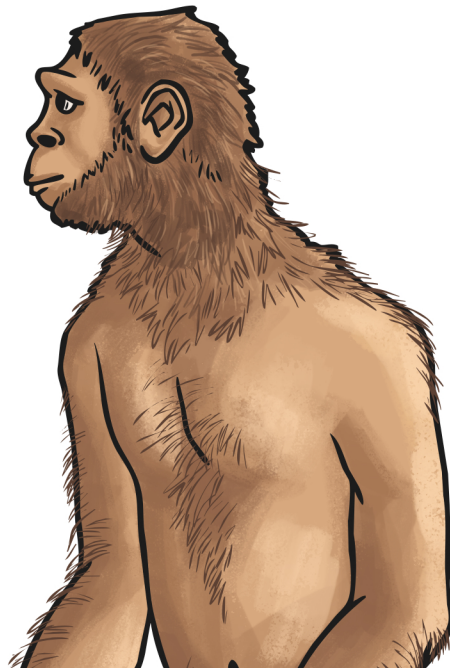
Millions of people visit Kenya each year to see the endless savannah, wildlife, nature reserves and to go on safari. Kenya has more than 50 animal reserves to protect its beautiful wildlife!



Kenya has many different landscapes such as deserts, swamps, mountains and forests.



Scientists think Northern Kenya and Tanzania may have been the original birthplace of humans! The bones of one of the earliest human ancestors ever found were discovered in Kenya's Turkana Basin.



Kenya was a colony of the United Kingdom from 1920 until 1963. Since its independence, it has been a republic.

