

Exploring the Continent of Africa: A Writing Scaffold

Learning objective: To describe the geographical features, climate zones, and human geography of Africa using appropriate vocabulary.

Use the prompts below to help you write a detailed report about the continent of Africa. Ensure you use a range of geographical terms and connectives to link your ideas together.

Africa is a vast and diverse continent, home to fifty-four countries and a wide array of unique geographical features.

Word bank: diverse · equator · landscape · notably · furthermore · consequently · savanna · archipelago · basin · in addition · on the other hand · significant

1. Introduction: Briefly describe Africa's size and global location. Start your paragraph with: 'Situated between the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, Africa is...' (2 marks)

2. Climate Zones: Explain the different climates found across the continent. Start your paragraph with: 'Due to the Equator running through the centre of the continent, the climate varies significantly, ranging from...' (3 marks)

3. Physical Geography: Describe a major landscape feature, such as a mountain range, desert, or river. Start your paragraph with: 'One of the most striking physical features is... because...' (3 marks)

4. Human Geography: Mention the population or urban centres. Start your paragraph with: 'Beyond its natural beauty, Africa is home to bustling cities such as... where...' (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise why Africa is an important continent to study. Start your paragraph with: 'In conclusion, exploring Africa reveals a fascinating mix of...' (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research one specific African country. Use your writing frame to write a second, shorter report focusing solely on that country's capital city, language, and main exports.