



Learn about Tanzania

Get a glimpse of this vast country, its people, its wildlife, its language and even what school is like there!
Then ask yourself what you know about your own country.

Country Factfile

Tanzania

Population: 58 million (32 x N.Ireland)

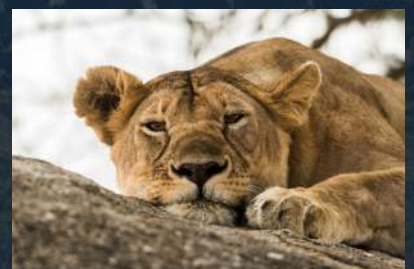
Size: 947, 300 sq.km (68 x N.Ireland)

Capital: Dodoma

Language: Swahili (+ over 100 others!)

Currency: Tanzanian shilling

Average wage: ~ £15 per day





Create a Country Factfile



Create a factfile for an African or South American country that interests you. There is an example done for Tanzania on the previous page. There are spaces for you to include drawings of flags, animals, festivals and anything else from your chosen country!

Name of the country:

Capital city:

Language(s):

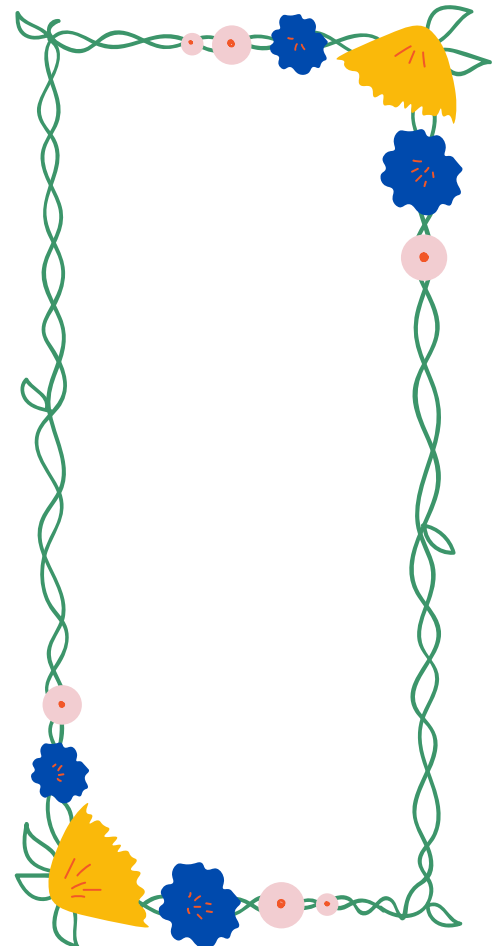
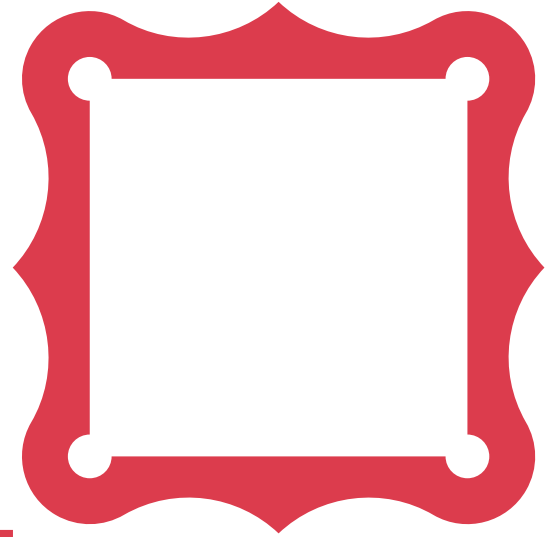
Population:

Currency:

Average wage:

Animals that live here:

Customs/ traditions/ festivals:



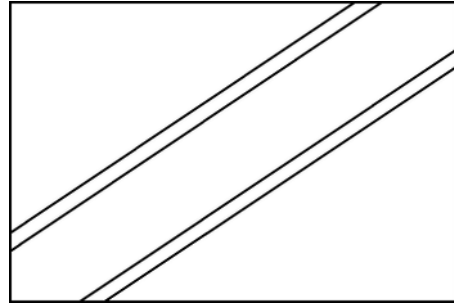
Tanzania: Animals

Find out the missing facts about Tanzania.

Hint: search for Tanzania at www.natgeokids.com

Tanzania

Colour in the flag of Tanzania -->



The painting *below* is in a Tanzanian style called *tingatinga*. Label the animals.

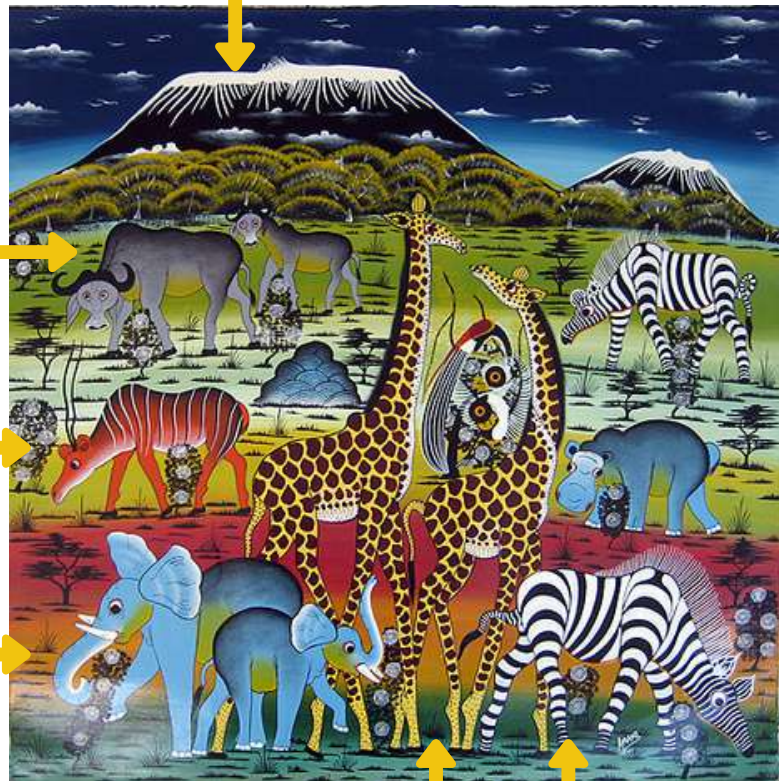
What is the name of this mountain? It is the tallest in Africa.

1. K _ _ _ _ _

2. w _ _ _ b _ _ _

3. gazelle
_ _ _ _ _

4. _ _ _ _ _



5. _ _ _ _ f _

6. _ _ _ _ _

What Tanzanian animals are missing?...

7. l _ _ _

8. c _ _ _ _ _ e

9. r _ _ n _



Swahili



the official language of
Tanzania

If you have seen The Lion King, you might already know some Swahili:
Hakuna matata! (Meaning: No worries!)

Swahili has many wise proverbs. Can you say these out loud? What do you think they mean?

Wapiganapo tembo wawili ziumiazo nyasi

Literally: "When two elephants fight, it's the grass that gets hurt."

Meaning: When the rich and powerful fight, it is the weak and powerless who suffer.

Haraka haraka haina baraka

Literally: "Hurry hurry has no blessing."

Meaning: _____

Hakuna masika yasiyokuwa na mbu

Literally: "There isn't a rainy season without mosquitoes"

Meaning: _____



Answers

Haraka haraka haina baraka
Meaning: haste makes waste

Hakuna masika yasiyokuwa na mbu
Meaning: with anything good comes something that is bad

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Here are some useful phrases in Swahili:

Hello	Habari	How are you?	Hujambo?
Goodbye	Kwaheri	I'm fine, thanks	Sijambo, asante
See you later!	Baadae!	I'm not well	Sijisikii vizuri
Please	Tafadhali	My name is...	Jina langu ni...
Thank you	Asante	Pleased to meet you	Nimefurahi kukufahamu
Yes	Ndio	Do you speak English?	Unaazungumza Kiingereza?
No	Hapana	I don't understand	Sielewi

Swahili also has tongue twisters. Although these are less useful, they
are fun to try!

Try saying them slowly and then speed up - how fast can you say them
correctly?

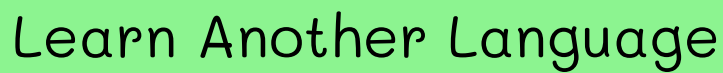
Kichwa cha twiga

Giraffe's head

Mpishi mbishi kapika mchicha mbichi.

A chef has cooked spinach that turned out undercooked.







Meaning:



School and Life in Tanzania: What the Students Say

Manon and Birgit from TFS talked to pupils in Gilgal Primary School and Agnes Trust Secondary School to hear about school, life and culture in the Njombe region of Tanzania! Read on to find out more. Complete the activities and questions (they have a star beside them). You will need scrap paper.

Thanks to Martin Bahati Sanga, Rayson Kihega, Sweetbeth Augustino Mahenge, Clever Mhonijma, Christopher Emmanuel and all their classmates for telling us about life in their schools and country!

What time does school start and finish?
Gilgal P.S.: 8-3.30
Agnes Trust: 7-4.30
Wow, an early start!

★ How long is your school day? _____

In Agnes Trust the students study:
maths, Swahili, English, biology, geography, history, civics, English literature, physics and chemistry.



★ What subjects do you study? Which is your favourite?



Gilgal Primary School

What would you like to be when you grow up?
doctor, soldier, police, pilot, musician, nurse, engineer, pharmacist

★ Conduct a survey in your class about what people would like to do when they're older. Present your findings in a bar chart. Were there any jobs picked by your class and the Tanzanian pupils?

What are the different aspects of culture in Tanzania?

People are very welcoming. There are many tribes, for example the nomadic Maasai tribe.

Did you know?
There are about 120 African tribal groups in Tanzania.¹ Cool!

★ Find out the meaning of:
tribe:
nomadic:



Music

Many of the pupils like Bongo Flava - it's a Tanzanian style of music!

★ How many genres of music can you name?

Name some traditional instruments from your own country.



Find out more on the next page...

¹ Information from
<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/tanzania>



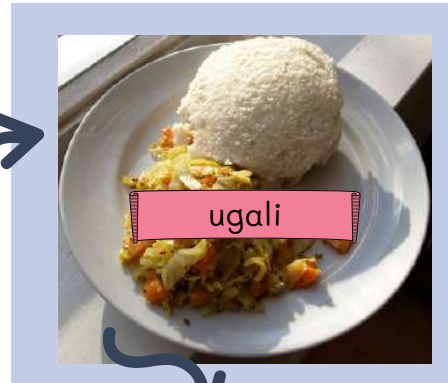
Agnes Trust Secondary School



★ Look at the photos. Now imagine your school, your school grounds, your uniform etc. What are the similarities and differences?

What foods do most people eat in Tanzania?
 rice, ugali, potatoes, beans, pumpkins, cassava, bread, makande

★ Yum! Can you name any foods from your own region? Write and decorate a menu inspired by your country / region.



ugali

ugali - a type of maize porridge

makande - made with maize and beans, you can add vegetables and spices

cassava - a root vegetable which can be roasted, boiled or eaten fresh

What do you like about Tanzania?
 We like...

- culture
- traditions
- weather
- environment
- national parks
- Swahili
- music
- food

What would you change about Tanzania?

- improve technology
- improve education
- the fact that many people are poor

★ Reflect: What do you like about the place you come from?
 What would you change about it?

★ Research Tanzania including the 8 points above. Put your findings into a colourful booklet. Make sure to include drawings / pictures!

★ There are poor people in all regions of the world. Learn about poverty on page 14.

School in Tanzania: Insight from the Teachers

Manon and Birgit from TFS also talked to teachers in Tanzania (sincere thanks to the teachers named at the start of this booklet). Read their interview and find activities to complete along the way in yellow!

Reflect: Can you describe how the school system works here? Is it a fair system?...Is there anything you would change?

1. How does the school system work in Tanzania?

We have primary school (ages 7-13), ordinary level education (ages 14-18), advanced level education (ages 18-21) and university level (ages 21-24). There is free education, especially for primary level and ordinary education - families do not pay fees but provide their children with important school items such as bags, exercise books and school uniforms. There are also private schools where families pay fees.

Reflect: What facilities do you have in your school? Are they different to the ones mentioned?

2. What resources and facilities are available in your school? Is your school a typical example of a Tanzanian school?

Yes [it is a typical example]. There are books, blackboards, tables and chairs and equipment for sports.

Action: Interview someone older than you about their schooldays. What has changed? You could even record the interview and show your class. Ask permission first!

3. If a child drops out of school, are there other opportunities for them?

There are other outside opportunities such as agricultural activities and crafts. There is also vocational training (to learn a trade).

4. What problems do you face as a teacher in Tanzania?

I'm faced with lack of teaching materials like books and computers for searching different materials.

5. What makes it difficult for some children here to continue their education?

Poverty is one of the problems that hinders students from obtaining an education. Family problems. Some children do not attend school due to distance from home to school.

6. How does gender and disability affect children's education?

In terms of gender, girls are discouraged from studying some subjects such as science. With regard to disability, unfortunately children may fail to get education due to lack of important materials which can enhance their studies.

Did you know? Around the globe, nearly 50% of children with disabilities are not in school.¹ Action: do a drawing or painting with the title 'Education is for everyone'.

7. What do you enjoy most about teaching?

The way the students perform well in my subject (English). How students answer the questions I give them. Exploring my skills.

Reflect: We are all teachers - sometimes we teach our friends, siblings or even our pets! Think of one thing you've taught someone.

Tanzania Photo Collage

We were impressed by how these women could carry all this rice!...And with the colourful clothing!



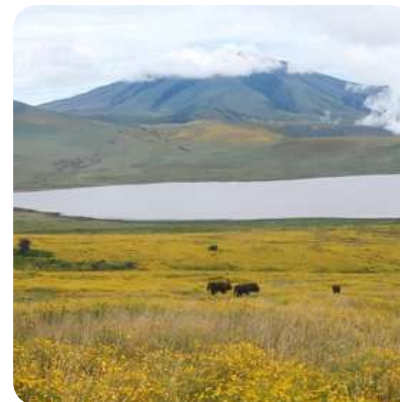
What different modes of transport are there in Tanzania? In the U.K. and Ireland we rely heavily on cars. What problems does this cause for the planet?



Tanzania is home to some beautiful scenery and wildlife! Which animal is hiding in this tree? What is the name of the mountain below?



These boys have done an excellent job reusing to make toy cars! What materials have they used? What materials have you reused recently? To learn more about reusing go to page 24.



Thanks to Tools For Solidarity volunteers, Birgit and Sam, for the photos.



Now it's your turn! Make a collage including photos and drawings of your country, area and culture. You might want to include pictures of wildlife, scenery and people (including you)! To give you some ideas about what to include we asked Aoibhe and Thomas what they like most about Belfast.

They said Cave Hill and W5 are their favourite places in the city.

