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# Around the World

Unit 8 Lesson 11

# What will we be learning this class?

- A look into a new country
- A review of punctuation





Today we will be looking  
into another country.

Can you guess which country it is?





Here are some  
hints:

This country is in  
the warm  
continent of Africa!







Most people who live here speak  
English or Swahili





It has many rare, wild  
animals...





And it also has savannas...





Can you guess what country  
it is?





It is Kenya! We will be  
learning about this country  
today.

What do you know about  
Kenya? Write it below





Let's make some  
predictions...

What sorts of animals do you think  
live in Kenya?

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# Do you think there could be mountains in Kenya?

Yes

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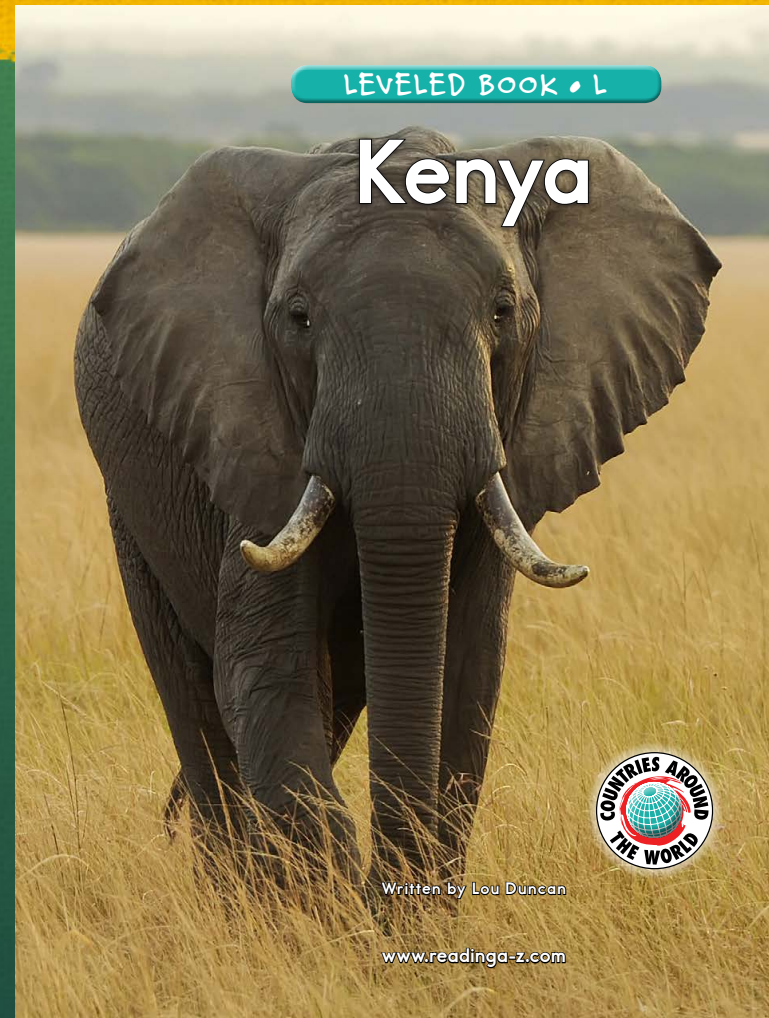
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# Let's find out!

We will now  
read a book  
about  
Kenya!





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## Where Is It?

Kenya is a country in Africa. Part of the country is next to the Indian Ocean. Five different countries border Kenya to the north, south, east, and west.



The capital of Kenya is Nairobi (neye-ROH-bee). More than three million people live there. The city has many businesses. Many different goods are made there.

Nairobi has many hotels for people who visit Kenya. At one famous hotel, guests can eat breakfast with giraffes!



Friendly giraffes live in the areas around Giraffe Manor near Nairobi.



The Maasai (muh-SY) are one tribe of Kenyan people.

## People

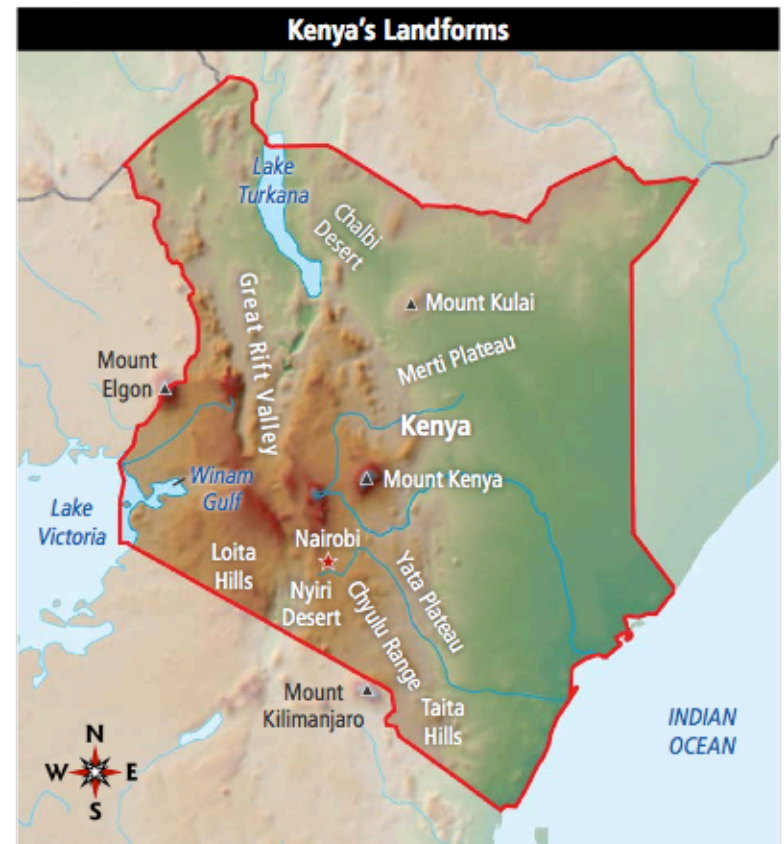
More than forty-five million people live in Kenya. Kenya's people belong to more than thirty different **tribes**.

Kenyan people speak the language of their tribe. Most people also speak Swahili (swah-HEE-lee) or English. Swahili and English are the two main languages of Kenya.

Most people live in the countryside. Many farm the land. They grow food to feed their families. They also grow **crops** to sell. Tea, coffee, corn, and wheat are some of the main crops.



A worker spreads out coffee beans to dry at a factory in Kenya. Later, the beans can be ground up to make coffee.



## Land

Kenya has low land along the Indian Ocean. The land rises to become **highlands** in the west. The highlands include mountains and raised, flat areas.



The Great Rift Valley splits the highlands. This valley is a crack in the land that was made millions of years ago. It is 6,400 kilometers (3,977 mi.) long. The valley has deserts and lakes.



Lake Bogoria is one of the many lakes in the Great Rift Valley.



Dancers from different tribes come together to celebrate Kenya's freedom on December 12.

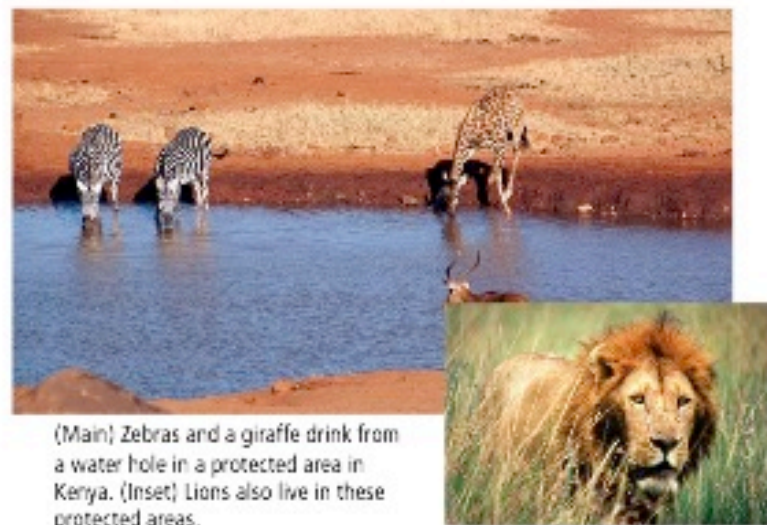
## Celebrations

People from Kenya celebrate many special days. Great Britain ruled Kenya for many years. On December 12, 1963, Kenya became a free country. Every December 12, people celebrate with feasts, parades, and dancing.



Some tribes in Kenya raise camels to race and to carry people.

Kenya's camel race festival starts in late August. It lasts for three days. People come from all over the world to race camels. At the festival, visitors also enjoy bike races, dancing, and local foods. They buy arts and crafts made by different tribes.



(Main) Zebras and a giraffe drink from a water hole in a protected area in Kenya. (Inset) Lions also live in these protected areas.

## Animals

Kenya is famous for its wild animals. Some of them are very **rare**. Kenya has more than fifty parks and **protected** areas for animals. Every year, many people travel to Kenya to see these animals.

Giraffes, zebras, and other grazing animals fill Kenya's **savannas**. Lions and cheetahs live on the savannas, too.





Hippos may look cute, but they can be dangerous.

Elephants, buffalo, and rhinos also live in Kenya. Crocodiles and hippos swim in its rivers and lakes.

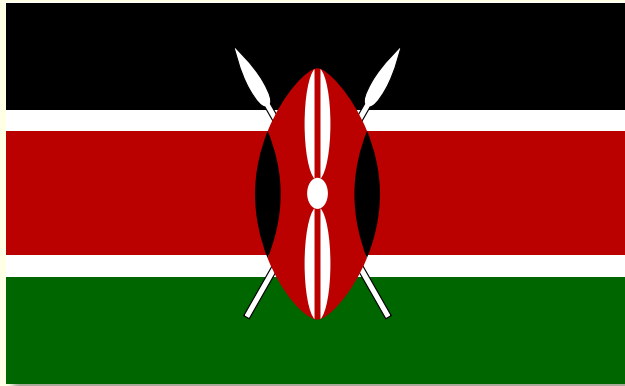
Kenya has more than a thousand kinds of birds. Wading birds live near lakes. Eagles and hawks glide through the air.



Nairobi has a wildlife park in its backyard. Nairobi National Park is located just a few kilometers from the city.

## Conclusion

Kenya has mountains and flat land. It has deserts, forests, and savannas. Many different tribes make up its people. Many rare animals are found there. Kenya is one of Earth's treasures.



**Population:** 45,010,056

**Land:** 569,140 sq km (219,746 sq. mi.)

**Capital City:** Nairobi

**Primary Languages:** Swahili, English

**Currency:** Kenyan shilling



Source: Central Intelligence Agency (July 2014), World Bank

## Glossary

- crops** (*n.*) plants grown by farmers for food or other uses; the amount of plants gathered in one season (p. 7)
- highlands** (*n.*) areas that have many mountains (p. 8)
- protected** (*adj.*) guarded or defended from harm or danger (p. 12)
- rare** (*adj.*) not happening very often; uncommon (p. 12)
- savannas** (*n.*) flat grasslands with few trees (p. 12)
- tribes** (*n.*) groups of people who share a culture and land (p. 6)



# What did you like about Kenya?



# Review

Now that you have read the book...

What animals live in Kenya?

Are there mountains in Kenya?



# Great work!

Now we will review punctuation!



This is an exclamation mark



When would we use an exclamation mark?



When we are excited or are feeling a strong emotion.



This is a question mark



When would we use a question mark?



When we are asking a question.

Most sentences will begin with

Who?

What?

Where?

When?

Why?

or How?

This is a comma



When would we use a comma?



When we are making a list, or when we are using “connecting words” such as:

and, but, for, or, nor, so, yet

For example: I am going to Kenya, and  
I want to stay there.

Let's practice using some  
in a sentence.

Write a sentence using an exclamation mark!

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Let's practice using some  
in a sentence.

Write a sentence using a question mark!

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Let's practice using some  
in a sentence.

Write a sentence using a comma!

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# Very good job! What did we learn today?

- A look into Kenya
- Practicing punctuation



Let's look at the homework now.

Do you have any questions?







Thank you for a  
great class today.  
We'll see you next  
time!