



Ben makes a den with four friends.



Ben and his friends go here!

Frog and Fox can smell jam muffins.

“Quick!” yells Frog. “Let’s get them.”



Blackbeard wore a pointed hat with
three corners and a thick black coat.

He twisted his beard into tails.
He was a frightening sight!



The coldest places on Earth are the North Pole and the South Pole.

The North Pole is at the top of the world.



North Pole

The South Pole is at the bottom of the world.



South Pole

The North Pole and the South Pole both have lots of ice!

Do not let this photo trick you.
Amelia Earhart was not
like other girls. Amelia was
a tomboy who had great
adventures!

She was born in Kansas
in 1897.



United States of America



Kansas

At that time most people wanted girls to act like
little ladies.



Amelia's mum let her act like a boy.
Look at her dirty shoes!

Africa

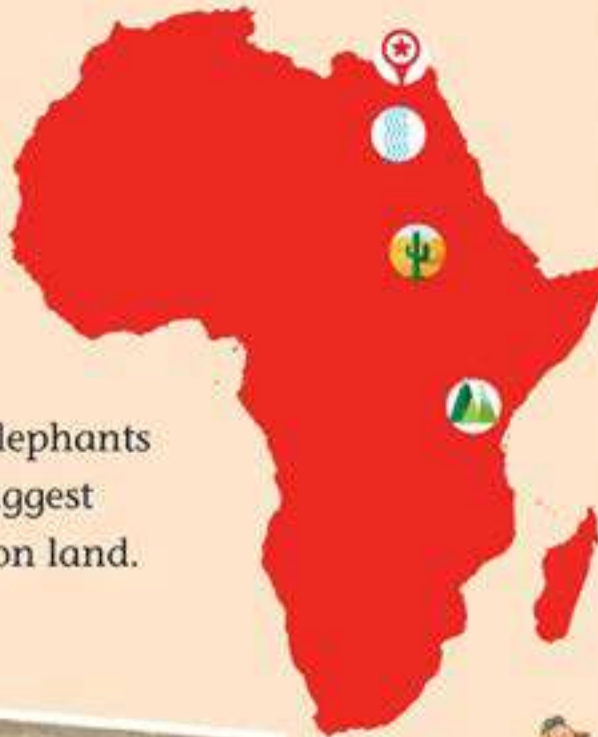
Africa is the hottest continent.
Many people live by the sea,
lakes and rivers. There are
around 2500 different languages
spoken here in Africa!




African elephants
are the biggest
animals on land.


Cheetahs are
the fastest.


How many ...
Countries: 55
People: over 1 billion!




Find these amazing places on
the map!

 Highest mountain:
Kilimanjaro, Tanzania

 Longest river in the world: Nile

 Biggest desert in the world:
Sahara

 Famous landmark: the pyramids,
Egypt



Now follow me to the smallest continent!

Sorting living things

How many living things can you think of?



It's a lot easier to learn about living things if we sort them into groups.

All living things can be sorted into groups called kingdoms.

Animal kingdom



Plant kingdom



Fungi kingdom



Let's look at the animal kingdom together.

"Welcome to the loch!" said one of the ponies in a rich Scottish accent, as the others went back to munching scrubby plants.

"Loch?" asked Asha. "Are we in Scotland?"



They gazed across at the geese, swans and ducks on the loch and the sand dunes in the distance. Despite the strong wind, an eagle soared like a plane overhead.

Satellites

As you fly away from Earth, you might bump into a **man-made** satellite.

A man-made satellite is a machine that works in space.

Satellites do lots of different things. Some satellites send television signals and phone-call signals around the world.

Other satellites take pictures of Earth. Some of these pictures are used to tell us about the weather.



Some satellites are used to track **hurricanes**!



Special satellites take pictures of planets. Experts use these satellites to find out lots about what's going on up here in the night sky.



Chapter 1: Swept Away

Tess, Asha, Finn and Rav were spending the day at the wildlife park, and Asha was telling her friends some jokes.

"What is a snake's favourite subject?" she said.

The others shrugged.

"Hiss-tory!" she cried. Rav groaned and Finn shook his head.

"Let's go and look at the birds," suggested Tess.



"This section is for Australian birds," read Finn.

"The cockatiels are so colourful," said Tess, as a flock of bright birds flapped overhead.

"This bird's called a laughing kookaburra," Asha read. "But it's not laughing."

She pulled faces but the bird still didn't laugh.

"So why has it got that name?" muttered Asha.