

Year 3/ 4 Geography Home Learning

Lesson 6

This lesson, we are going to find out more information about Botswana. This will be helpful for us when we write our stories in literacy.

So far, we have learnt about where Botswana is in the world, what the landscape is like and about the animals that live there.

Today, we are going to learn about the **climate**.

The climate is **what the weather is like**.

Task 1:

Read the information on the following page and highlight any information that gives you a clue about the climate.

GEOGRAPHY



Botswana is a landlocked country in southern Africa. It is bordered by South Africa to the south and east, by Namibia to the west, and by Zimbabwe to the east. The country is smaller than the state of Texas.

The massive Kalahari Desert covers more than 70 percent of Botswana, spans about 360,000 square miles (900,000 square kilometers), and touches nine African countries. The Kalahari isn't a true desert because it gets more rainfall each year than most deserts receive.

Because drought is a problem in Botswana, rain is precious. When rain comes, it's sporadic and often causes flooding.

Task 2: *Match these clues* to the *statements* by putting a letter in each box.

Clue 1. Botswana is a landlocked country.



Clue 2. The Kalahari Desert is in Botswana.



Clue 3. The desert isn't like a normal desert because it receives rainfall.



Clue 4. Drought is a problem in Botswana.



Clue 5. Rain fall is sporadic.



Clue 6. The rain causes floods.



Statement A. They have long periods of hot, dry weather.

Statement B. Even though part of Botswana is desert, it still rains.

Statement C. When rain falls, rainfall is high.

Statement D. There is no sea around the boundary of Botswana so the climate is not changeable.

Statement E. It must be hot and dry for long periods of time in Botswana because there is a desert.

Statement F. It rarely rains in Botswana and only rains in particular parts of it.

ANSWERS:

CLUE 1 = Statement D

CLUE 2 = Statement E

CLUE 3 = Statement B

CLUE 4 = Statement A

CLUE 5 = Statement F

CLUE 6 = Statement C

Task 3: *Study this information* about the weather in the capital city of Botswana for last Wednesday (2nd July). Write statements to explain the weather for this day. Here is an example:

The temperature in Gaborone at 4pm on Wednesday 2nd July was 21°C.



