

Geography

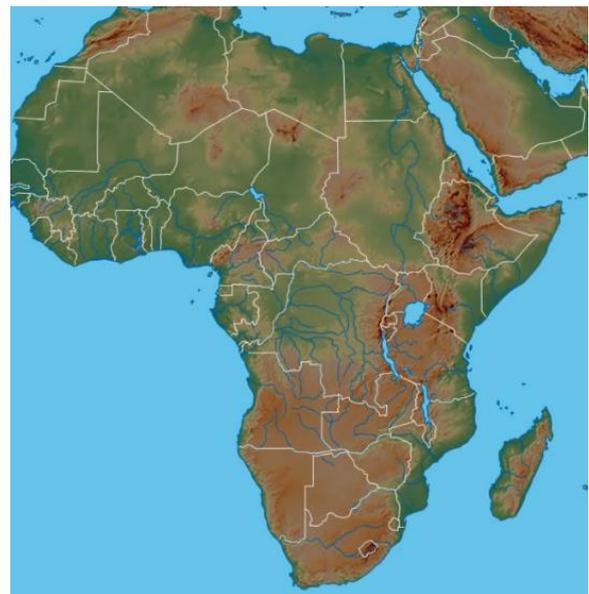
Week beginning Monday 22nd June

Last week, we found Botswana on a map of Africa. We looked at a **political map** and a **physical map**.

Do you remember the difference between a political and physical map?



Political



Physical

A **political** map shows you where countries are.

A **physical** map shows you what the land is like.

Lesson 3 What is Botswana like?

This week we are going to investigate more about Botswana. This will help with our story writing in literacy.

Task 1: *Read the following information* about Botswana. If it is too tricky to read or understand, ask an adult to read with you or to you.

BOTSWANA



Botswana elephants, mother and baby



- Botswana is a land-locked country situated in southern Africa, bordering Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia and Zambia.
- Botswana is similar in size to France but with a much smaller population. In fact it is one of the most sparsely populated countries in the world. Over 10% of the 2,100,000 population live in the capital city of Gaborone, made famous in the novel "The First Ladies Detective Agency".
- Botswana is a wealthy country by African standards. It contains extensive mineral resources such as the Jwaneng Diamond Mine, the richest in the world, which was found when termites pushed specks of diamond to the surface.
- Nearly 40% of the land is national parks and wildlife reserve, providing large areas for animals to roam. Much of the country is flat and 70% of the land is the Kalahari Desert.

The Limpopo River Basin sits partly in Botswana in the country's southeast. In the north, the Chobe River is a boundary between Botswana and Namibia. It meets with the Zambezi River at Kazungula.

Task 2: Answer the following questions.

- 1. Which word describes** the way that Botswana is ***surrounded by other countries*** and does not have a coast? landlocked
- 2. Which countries** border Botswana?
- 3. Which country** is Botswana ***close to in size?***
- 4. Which 2 words** explain that ***not a lot of people live there?***
- 5.** What is the ***capital city*** of Botswana called?
- 6. What type of mineral can be found in Botswana** which makes the country rich by African standards?
- 7. What do the national parks and wildlife reserves provide?**
- 8. What is most of the land like in Botswana? (Name 2 things).**
- 9.** What is the ***name of the desert*** in Botswana?
- 10. Which two rivers** flow through Botswana?

The answers to the questions can be found on the next page.

ANSWERS

- 1. Which word describes** the way that Botswana is **surrounded by other countries** and does not have a coast? *Landlocked*
- 2. Which countries border** Botswana? *Zimbabwe, South Africa, Namibia and Zambia.*
- 3. Which country** is Botswana **close to in size?** *France*
- 4. Which 2 words** explain that **not a lot of people live there?** *'sparsely populated'*
- 5. What is the capital city** of Botswana called? *Gaborone*
- 6. What type of mineral can be found in Botswana** which makes the country rich by African standards? *Diamonds*
- 7. What do the national parks and wildlife reserves provide for animals?** *'large areas to roam'*
- 8. What is most of the land like in Botswana?** (Name 2 things). *Flat and desert.*
- 9. What is the name of the desert** in Botswana? *Kalahari*
- 10. Which two rivers** flow through Botswana? *Limpopo and Chobe.*

Task 3: Create your own fact file about Botswana. You could add additional information and maybe find out what their national flag looks like or if they have a football team. Here is what a fact file could look like:

Country Fact File

Find your country on the map and colour it in.



Find out the following information about your country:

Capital City: _____ Population: _____

Continent: _____ Spoken Language(s): _____

How to say hello: _____ How to say thank you: _____

A famous person: _____

An interesting fact: _____

Flag:

Famous Landmark:

Lesson 4 This lesson, we are going to find out which animals live in Botswana. We need to do this because animals will be a main part of our story writing in literacy. **Which animals live in Botswana?**



Task 1: *Write the names* underneath any of the animals that you recognise.

Task 2: Use the internet to *name any of the animals that you don't know*. The names of them all are below:

wild dog	antelope	vervet monkey	
meerkat	lion	leopard	giraffe
cheetah	caracal	hippopotamus	crocodile
rhinoceros	zebra	bat eared fox	

Task 3: Find more wild animals that live in Botswana. **Create your own page of wild animals** that live in Botswana. **Draw them and name them.** Can you find any birds?

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