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# Guided Reading Activity 20-1

## *The Physical Geography of Africa South of the Sahara: The Land*

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Section 1

After reading Section 1, you should be able to name the major landforms in Africa south of the Sahara, to locate the physical barriers to inland travel in Africa south of the Sahara, and to explain how topography affects the water systems of Africa south of the Sahara.

 As you read Section 1, fill in the blanks below.

1. Steep cliffs or slopes known as \_\_\_\_\_ separate the plateaus of Africa.
2. In Africa south of the Sahara, the average elevation is more than \_\_\_\_\_ (610 m) above sea level.
3. The cone-shaped volcanic peaks of Kenya and Tanzania include \_\_\_\_\_, Africa's highest mountain.
4. Scientists believe the \_\_\_\_\_ emerged when Africa was part of a huge supercontinent they call Pangaea.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the second-largest freshwater lake in the world and the source of the White Nile.
6. In West Africa, the people of Ghana have built a dam across the \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Almost 10 million gallons (38 million l) of water flow through the Congo River each second, creating an enormous potential for \_\_\_\_\_.
8. The Zambezi River widens to 18,297 feet (5,577 m) before plunging down a huge chasm known as \_\_\_\_\_.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ controls about 3 percent of the world's known oil reserves.
10. Central Africa, especially Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, yields reserves of \_\_\_\_\_.


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# Guided Reading Activity 20-2

## *The Physical Geography of Africa South of the Sahara: The Climate and Vegetation*

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Section 2

After reading Section 2, you should be able to list the climate regions and vegetation patterns in Africa south of the Sahara and to describe how elevation and rainfall affect climate in Africa south of the Sahara.

 As you read Section 2, fill in the blanks below.

1. Three tropical latitudes define the location of Africa south of the Sahara—the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ sprawls across northern Africa from the Atlantic Ocean to the Red Sea.
3. About the size of Italy, the Kalahari Desert covers most of the country of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The world's largest inland delta, on the northern edge of the Kalahari, is formed by the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. An area known as the \_\_\_\_\_ lies between the desert and the more fertile grasslands to the south in Africa south of the Sahara.
6. In some parts of the \_\_\_\_\_, which provide grazing for livestock and wild game, elephant grass grows to more than 15 feet (4.5 m) tall.
7. Kenya's Nairobi National Park is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ created to protect African wildlife.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate region covers only about 8 percent of Africa and is centered mostly on the Equator.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ seeking valuable hardwood trees have increased their harvesting of rain forest areas.
10. Moderate climates are found in the \_\_\_\_\_ and the southern tip of Africa.