




# Year 5

# Geography Knowledge Mat

# Africa

Subject Specific Vocabulary		Sticky Knowledge	Key Concepts
<b>altitude</b>	The height of an object above a surface (such as sea level or land).	Africa is the second largest continent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What and where is Africa?</li> <li>-Africa's countries</li> <li>-Physical features e.g. oceans, seas, rivers, deserts and the array of landscapes and habitats</li> <li>-Geographical features: climate, vegetation and land use</li> <li>-Animals</li> <li>-Trade/Fairtrade</li> </ul>
<b>climate</b>	The general weather conditions of a region.	There are 54 countries in Africa.	
<b>deforestation</b>	Clearing of forests by humans to make the land available for other uses.	The Sahara is the largest desert in the world. It is located in northern Africa and has a total area of some 3,320,000 square miles (8,600,000 square km).	
<b>drought</b>	A long period of low rainfall leading to a shortage of water	The River Nile is about 6,670 km (4,160 miles) in length and is the longest river in Africa and in the world. Although it is generally associated with Egypt, only 22% of the Nile's course runs through Egypt.	
<b>equator</b>	A line drawn on the Earth with equal distance from the poles. It divides it into northern and southern hemispheres.	15% of the world's population live here.	
<b>Fairtrade</b>	Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers.	 <p>The Congo Basin makes up one of the most important wilderness areas on Earth. At 500 million acres, it is larger than the state of Alaska and stands as the world's second-largest tropical forest.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use atlases and maps to locate places using 4/6 figure grid references</li> <li>- Use maps on different scales</li> <li>- Locate the equator and explain the climates of given countries</li> <li>- Use geographical symbols e.g. contours</li> </ul>
<b>Nile</b>	The longest river in Africa.		
<b>Sahara</b>	The largest desert in the world.		
<b>tropics</b>	The region of the Earth surrounding the equator.		

## Skills