AFRICA



re vital for exports from Africa the 'landlocked' countries.



WHERE DO NAMES COME FROM

CHAD Named from Lake Chad

GAMBIA, NIGER, NIGERIA From big rivers

GHANA, BENIN, MALI Names of great

empires in West Africa a long time ago

IVORY COAST Ivory, from the tusks of

elephants, was traded along this coast

NAMIBIA From the Namib Desert

SIERRA LEONE 'Lion Mountain' (Portuguese)

TANZANIA From Tanganyika (the

mainland) and the island of Zanzibar



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▲ The pyramids of Egypt are tombs built by slaves over 4500 years ago. The picture shows the largest, which are at Giza, near Cairo. They are still the largest buildings in the whole of Africa. They are near the River Nile, in the Sahara Desert.

COINS OF AFRICA



All the 56 countries of Africa have their own banknotes and stamps. Most countries have coins

as well. Pictures on the coins usually show something about the country. The 5 Bututs coin from the Gambia (above) shows a fine sailing ship. There is Arabic writing

because many people are Muslims. The 10 Kobo coin from Nigeria (right) shows palm trees.



AFRICAN FACTS

AREA 30,319,000 sq km
HIGHEST POINT Mount Kilimanjaro
(Tanzania), 5895 metres
LOWEST POINT Shores of Lake Assal

(Djibouti), 155 metres below sea level LONGEST RIVER Nile, 6695 km

(also a world record)

LARGEST LAKE Lake Victoria (East Africa), 69,484 sq km

BIGGEST COUNTRY Algeria, 2,381,741 sq km
SMALLEST COUNTRIES

Mainland: Gambia, 11,295 sq km; Islands: Seychelles, 455 sq km (see page 9)