



Kenya

Lesson 1: The Country of Kenya

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Kenya is a country right in the armpit of Africa! The country of Kenya is 17 times smaller than the United States, about the size of the state of Texas.

Kenya has many different land features, including Africa's second highest mountain, which is named: Mount Kenya.

Since Kenya is close to the equator, it is very warm.

People in Kenya wear light clothing to help them stay cool in the extreme heat. Wearing light colored T-shirts and pants helps keep the sun off their skin, while the light colors won't absorb as much sun.

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Just east of Lake Turkana is the desolate Chalbi Desert.

Kenya also has a large forest. It is called the Aberdare Forest.

Kenyans have made lots of farms near much of the Aberdare Forest, growing sugar cane, corn, plantains, tea, coffee, flowers, and beans. They also grow many other varieties of fruits and vegetables.



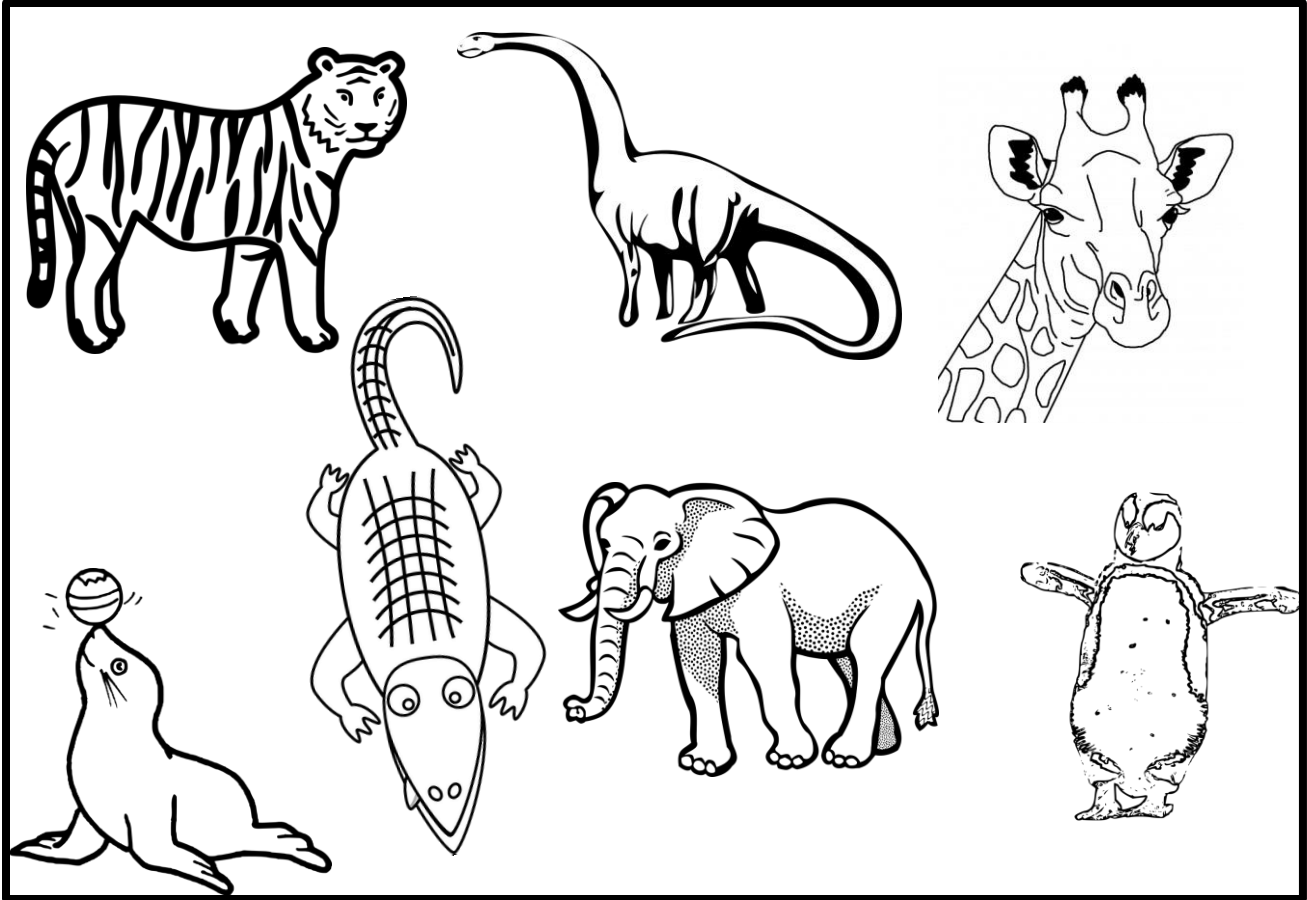
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Kenya is one of the larger countries in Africa. Most of those people live in the major cities, Nairobi.

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Name: _____

Circle the animals you would find in Kenya. Color the animals.



Draw a picture of how you would dress in Kenya's weather:

Color in the country of Kenya.





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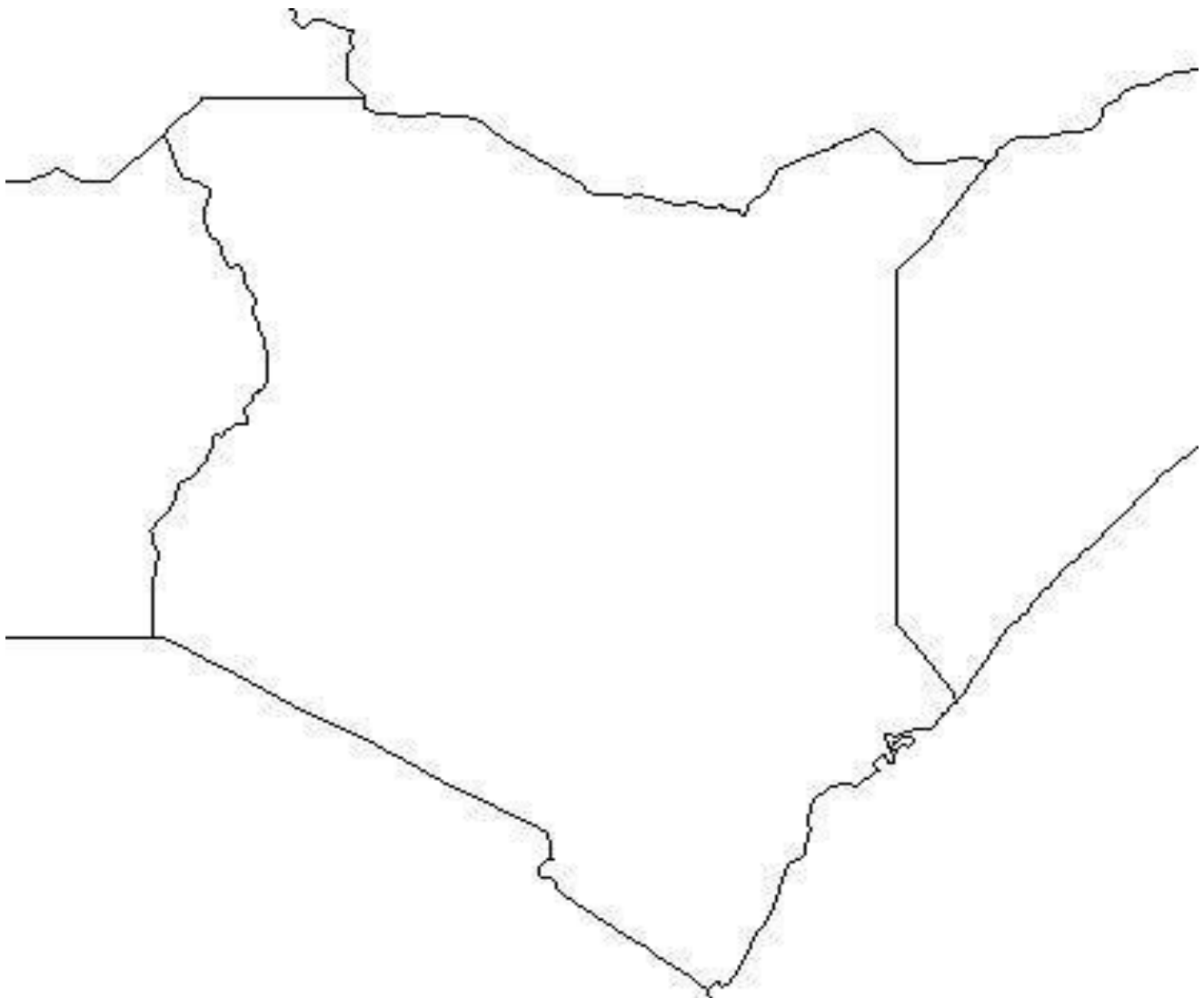
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Use a computer to help you identify these on the map below:

- Color Kenya yellow.
- Color Ethiopia green.
- Color South Sudan purple.
- Color Somalia orange.
- Color Tanzania red.
- Color Uganda pink.
- Color Lake Victoria blue.
- Color the Indian Ocean with a different shade of blue.
- Color Lake Turkana with another shade of blue.
- Draw trees where the Aberdare Forest is (at least three).
- Mark Nairobi with a star.
- Mark Mount Kenya with a Δ .



More about Kenya:

Name three animals found in Kenya.

What is Kenya's most famous lake called?

Name three plants that Kenya grows.

What is the population of Kenya?

Is Kenya warm or cold?

What is the second tallest mountain in Africa?

What is the capital city of Kenya?



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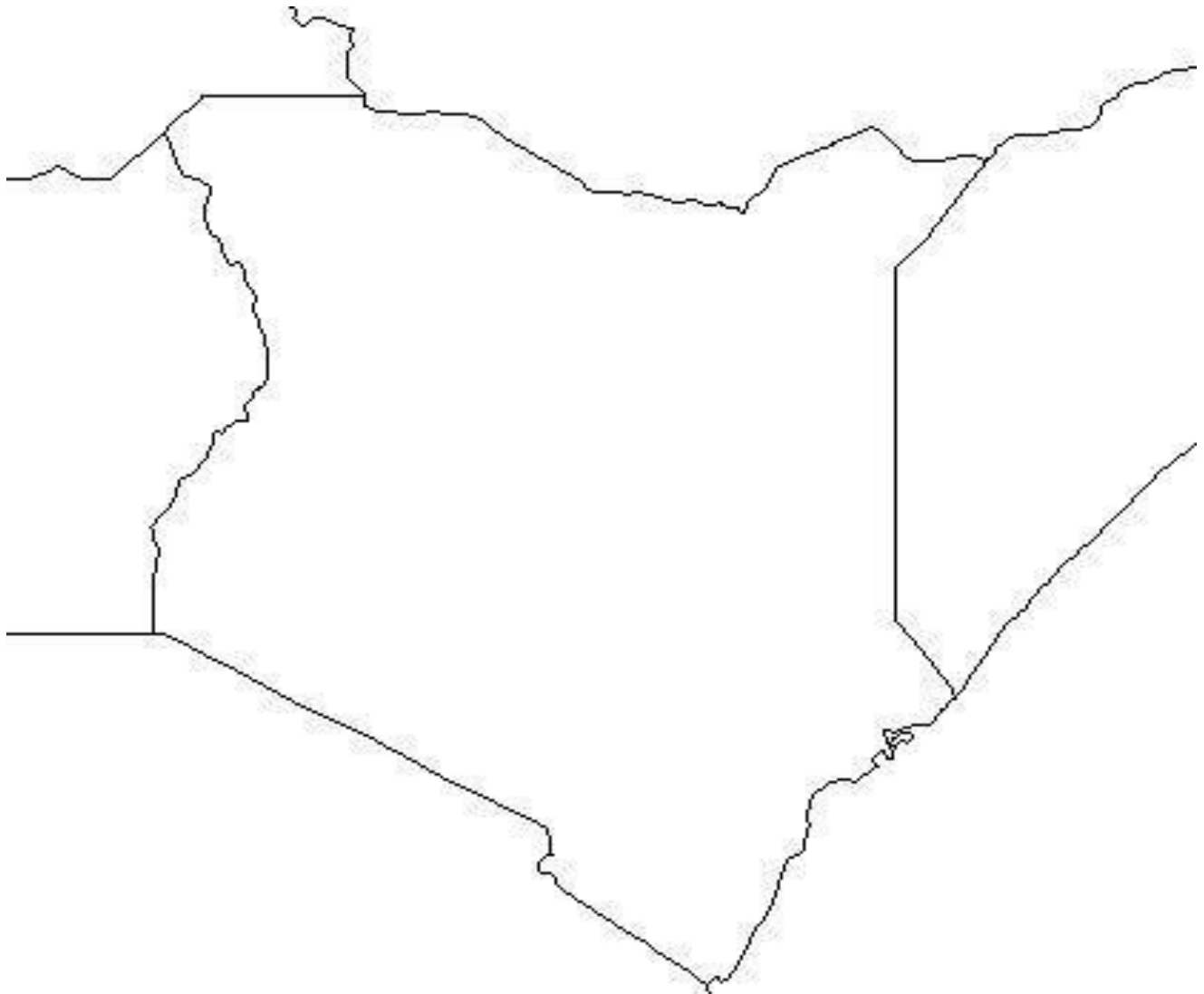
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What is Kenya's most famous lake called?

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What is the population of Kenya?

Describe Kenya's climate.

What is the second tallest mountain in Africa?

What is the capital city of Kenya?

How does the country of Kenya compare to the United States in size?