

Year 2 Term 1.1 It's a Wild World: Africa! In the Sahara and the Kalahari Desert **Knowledge Organiser**

Our Environment - **Key Words**

Environment - everything around us; the ground, buildings, plants and animals is our **local environment**

Natural environment - an area that has not been changed by people. Forests, deserts, mountains and oceans are natural environments

Built environment - an area that contains buildings, roads and other things built by people.

Small, natural environments can be found in built environments.

Plants and animals can be found in both natural and built environments.

Each environment has its own set of **conditions** - some are hot, some are cold, some are dry.

Meerkats are Awesome!

Meerkats **adapt** to life in the desert by:

- living in sandy **burrows**
- protecting their **pups** and each other in their **mob**
- being **fast diggers** with sharp **claws**
- having striped fur which matches the dry soil and hides them from **predators**
- having dark rings around their eyes to **protect** them from the bright sunshine
- not needing a lot of water to drink - they get their water from the **insects** they eat



Who and What lives in the Sahara Desert?

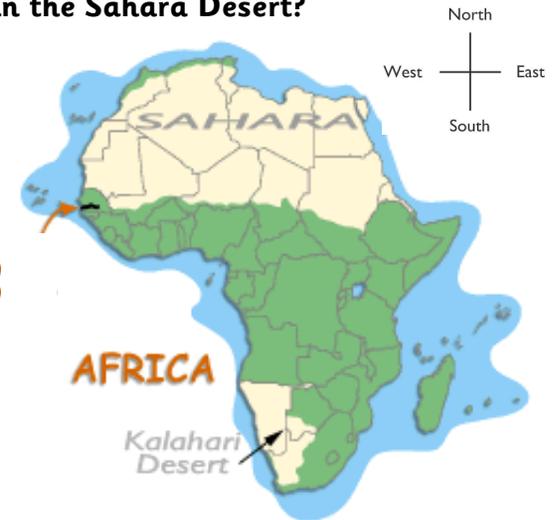
Africa is one of the 7 **continents** of the world

Africa has famous deserts: **The Sahara and the Kalahari**

Africa has famous countries: Egypt, Kenya, South Africa.

Egypt is in Northern Africa

The Sahara Desert stretches across Northern Africa, including Egypt. The Kalahari Desert is in Southern Africa and is the home of the **Meerkat**.



Living Things and their Habitats: Key Words and Terms

*A **habitat** is the home of an animal or a plant. Almost every place on Earth—from the hottest desert to the coldest ice pack—is a **habitat** for some kinds of animals and plants.*

Animals in different habitats:

An animal can only survive if its habitat provides what it **needs**.

A **suitable habitat** provides an animal with its needs: food, water, shelter

An **unsuitable habitat** does not meet an animal's needs