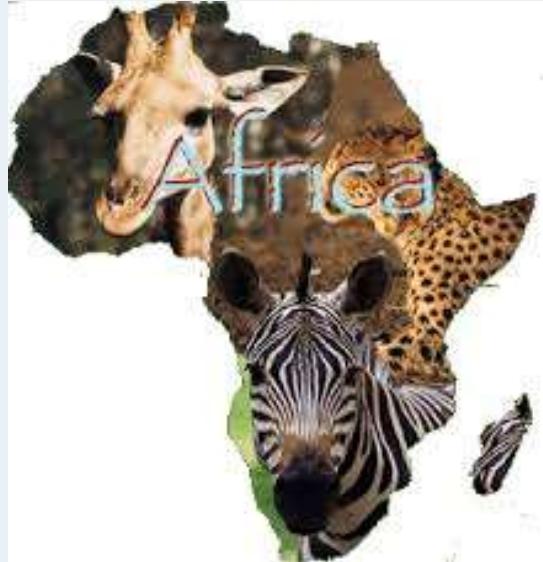


## READING

### Africa



There are 53 countries in Africa and about 900 million people. In the north, there are deserts and in the middle, where the equator is, it is tropical. In the south, there are big plains and a desert called the Kalahari.

Africa is very famous for wild animals. There are very big herbivores such as giraffes, elephants and hippos and big carnivores like lions and crocodiles. There are many national parks which are very popular with tourist.

There are a lot of natural resources in Africa including oil and minerals. Unfortunately, Africa is also very poor. Today, 380 million Africans are poor. Why?

There are one thousand languages or more in Africa so African culture is very rich. African music is very varied. One famous musician is Ali Farke Touré from Mali. African dancing is wonderful and the clothes are beautiful and colourful.

Education and health care is very important for the future of Africa.

*Text taken from: <http://www.autoenglish.org/listening/africa.htm>*

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