



# Year 7: Africa – Shanty Towns

VOCABULARY LIST	
<b>Countries</b>	a nation with its own government, occupying a particular area
<b>Continents</b>	any of the world's main continuous expanses of land
<b>Shanty Towns</b>	a deprived area on the outskirts of a town consisting of large numbers of shanty dwellings.
<b>Megacity</b>	A city with a population of over 10 Million people
<b>Biome</b>	A biome is a large ecosystem. It is an area on the earth's surface that has similar climate, plants and animals.
<b>Ecosystem</b>	An ecosystem is a geographic area where plants, animals, and other organisms, as well as weather and landscape, work together to form a bubble of life.
<b>Climate</b>	The weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period. (30 years)
<b>Rural</b>	The countryside
<b>Urban</b>	The cities or towns
<b>Rural to Urban Migration</b>	People moving from the countryside to the city
<b>Push Factors</b>	Reasons to leave the original place (bad things!)
<b>Pull Factors</b>	Reasons which attract people to the new place (good things!)
<b>Weather</b>	The state of the atmosphere on any given day
<b>Dwellings</b>	Homes where people live
<b>Deprived</b>	suffering a severe and damaging lack of basic resources
<b>Infrastructure</b>	The items required for a city to work



Africa – Key Facts	
Africa is a continent of 54 countries plus 2 disputed nations	
The newest country in Africa is South Sudan which split from Sudan in 2012	
Africa is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> largest continent in the World with an area of 30,370,000km <sup>2</sup>	
Africa is the 2 <sup>nd</sup> most populated country with 1,225,080,510 people (1.2 Billion)	
Estimate range from 1250-3000 different languages are spoken across Africa	
Lagos in Nigeria is the biggest city on the continent and to date is the only megacity on the continent	
Africa stretches across 4 different time zones.	

Biomes of Africa	
Biomes	Climate
<b>Tropical Rainforest</b>	Very hot Very wet Rains every day
<b>Savanna</b>	Wet for half the year Dry for half the year
<b>Mediterranean</b>	Warm wet winters Hot dry Summers
<b>Temperate (Deciduous) forest</b>	Warm in summer Cool in winter Quite wet Large seasonal changes
<b>Hot Deserts</b>	Very hot in the day Very cold at night Very dry

Push or Pull Factors to leave the rural communities	
Push	Pull
Poor transport links	Family links
Natural disasters	Hope for a better life
Food shortages	Access to services
Few Services	Improved living conditions
Lack of jobs	Better transport links
Unhappiness	Better job options