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**Level 0 – 21st August 2025**

## **Africa calls for map to show continent's true size**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250821-map-of-africa-0.html>

The African Union (AU) wants people to stop using a map that was made in 1569. It shows Africa as being small. It is the world's most widely used map. However, countries far from the Equator look larger than they are. Countries closer to the Equator look smaller. The AU wants a map that shows the correct size of Africa.

The AU said Africa is the world's second-largest continent, but the map did not show this. A non-profit organization agreed and called the map "misinformation". Another group wants people to use the Equal Earth map, which was made in 2018. On this map "Africa appears 14 times larger than Greenland, as it actually is".

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2025/aug/15/african-union-true-size-world-map-replace-mercator-version>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2025/08/15/africa/africa-real-size-world-map-campaign-intl>  
<https://correctthemap.org/>  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercator\\_projection](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercator_projection)  
<https://equal-earth.com/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The African Union (AU) wants | a. than they are    |
| 2. using a map that was         | b. used map         |
| 3. It shows Africa as           | c. made in 1569     |
| 4. the world's most widely      | d. wants a map      |
| 5. countries far                | e. people to stop   |
| 6. look larger                  | f. of Africa        |
| 7. The AU                       | g. being small      |
| 8. the correct size             | h. from the Equator |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Africa is the world's second- | a. group             |
| 2. the map did not               | b. Greenland         |
| 3. a non-profit                  | c. show this         |
| 4. Another                       | d. is                |
| 5. use the Equal Earth           | e. 2018              |
| 6. made in                       | f. largest continent |
| 7. larger than                   | g. map               |
| 8. it actually                   | h. organization      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2508/250821-map-of-africa-0.html>

The African Union (AU) (1) \_\_\_\_\_ stop using a map that (2) \_\_\_\_\_ 1569. It shows Africa (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It is the world's most widely used map. However, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Equator look larger (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Countries closer to the Equator look smaller. The AU wants a map that shows (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of Africa.

The AU said Africa (7) \_\_\_\_\_ second-largest continent, but the map did (8) \_\_\_\_\_. A non-profit organization (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the map "misinformation". Another group (10) \_\_\_\_\_ use the Equal Earth map, which (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 2018. On this map "Africa appears 14 times larger than Greenland, (12) \_\_\_\_\_ is".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# AFRICA

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Write five GOOD questions about Africa in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

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Write about **Africa** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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