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Level 0 – 14th May 2026

African continent splitting into two parts

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

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THE READING

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A big part of East Africa is breaking away from the African continent. There is a long, deep crack in Zambia. The crack is called a rift. Scientists said there was evidence that the rift is active and that other rifts are too. This may be a sign of the break-up of sub-Saharan Africa.

Land on Earth is always moving. Three hundred million years ago, there was one supercontinent. Over millions of years, it broke up to become today's continents. Rifts are one reason why continents split apart. The rift in Zambia is moving very slowly. It will take millions of years for Africa to split in two.

Sources: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2526136-a-new-tectonic-plate-boundary-could-be-forming-in-southern-africa/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. A big part | a. is active |
| 2. breaking away from the | b. crack |
| 3. a long, deep | c. evidence |
| 4. The crack | d. of East Africa |
| 5. scientists said there was | e. be a sign |
| 6. the rift | f. African continent |
| 7. this may | g. sub-Saharan Africa |
| 8. the break-up of | h. is called a rift |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. land on Earth is always | a. of years |
| 2. three hundred million | b. very slowly |
| 3. there was one | c. today's continents |
| 4. over millions | d. supercontinent |
| 5. it broke up to become | e. moving |
| 6. rifts are one reason | f. two |
| 7. The rift in Zambia is moving | g. why |
| 8. Africa to split in | h. years ago |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) _____ East Africa is breaking
(2) _____ African continent. There is a long,
(3) _____ Zambia. The crack is
(4) _____. Scientists said there was
evidence that the rift (5) _____ that other
rifts are too. This may be a sign of the
(6) _____ sub-Saharan Africa.

Land on Earth (7) _____. Three hundred
(8) _____, there was one supercontinent.

Over millions of years, (9) _____ to become
today's continents. Rifts are (10) _____
continents split apart. The rift in Zambia is
(11) _____. It will take millions of years for
Africa to (12) _____.

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) _____

