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African continent splitting into two parts

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THE ARTICLE

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There are signs that a huge part of East Africa is starting to break away from the African continent. Geologists (people who study the Earth and its land and rocks) studied a deep crack that runs along a large part of Zambia. The crack is called a rift. It is a major fault in the rock that covers Earth's surface. Geologist Mike Daly of the University of Oxford is studying Zambia's Kafue Rift. He believes there is activity in the rift that suggests a giant piece of land is breaking away. He wrote: "There is evidence that the fault boundary of the Kafue Rift is active and therefore the Southwest African Rift Zone is too." He warned that this "may be an early indication of the break-up of sub-Saharan Africa".

The land on Earth is constantly moving. Three hundred million years ago, there was just one huge supercontinent. It was called Pangea. Over millions of years, Pangea broke up. Giant areas of land slowly moved across the oceans to form the continents we know today. This movement is called continental drift. Rifts are one reason why land masses split apart. The Kafue Rift in Zambia is part of a 2,500-kilometre-long rift zone stretching from Tanzania to Namibia. The rift is moving at a rate of about 4.7 mm per year. At this rate, it will take millions of years for Africa to split in two. Scientists believe that in 200 million years from now, there could be just one supercontinent again.

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WARM-UPS

1. AFRICA: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Africa. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

signs / East Africa / continent / geologists / rift / Earth / fault / sub-Saharan Africa / land / three hundred million years ago / supercontinent / oceans / split / scientists

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. BEST CONTINENT: Students A **strongly** believe Africa is the greatest continent; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CONTINENTS: What do you know about these continents? What do you like about them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Like
Africa		
Asia		
North America		
South America		
Europe		
Australasia (Oceania)		

5. EARTH: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "Earth". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. ~ISTS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best ~ists jobs at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Geologist
- Artist
- Zoologist
- Receptionist
- Guitarist
- Pharmacist
- Psychologist
- Dentist

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. huge | a. A sign that something may happen or be true. |
| 2. continent | b. Very big. |
| 3. crack | c. The top or outside part of something. |
| 4. fault | d. One of the seven large areas of land on Earth. |
| 5. surface | e. A break in rock inside the Earth. |
| 6. evidence | f. A narrow space or line where something is broken. |
| 7. indication | g. Facts or signs that show something is true. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. constantly | h. All the time. |
| 9. broke up | i. The speed of something over time. |
| 10. form | j. Separated into smaller parts. |
| 11. drift | k. To break into parts or move apart. |
| 12. land mass | l. To make or create something. |
| 13. split | m. Slow movement from one place to another. |
| 14. rate | n. A large area, like a big island, country or continent. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260514-african-continent.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. A huge part of Africa has broken off from the continent. **T / F**
2. There is a long, deep crack in the ground in Zambia. **T / F**
3. A rift is a crack that is a major fault in underground rock. **T / F**
4. A geologist said the rift in Zambia was inactive. **T / F**
5. The land on Earth stopped moving three hundred million years ago. **T / F**
6. There was once just one huge continent on Earth called Pangea. **T / F**
7. Rifts are one reason why continents move across oceans. **T / F**
8. All of the continents could join and become one in the future. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 1. huge | a. defect |
| 2. runs | b. break |
| 3. fault | c. sign |
| 4. boundary | d. shift |
| 5. indication | e. think |
| 6. constantly | f. very big |
| 7. movement | g. border |
| 8. rate | h. goes |
| 9. split | i. always |
| 10. believe | j. speed |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. a huge part of East Africa is starting | a. breaking away |
| 2. a deep crack that runs along | b. moving |
| 3. a major fault in the rock that | c. to break away |
| 4. a giant piece of land is | d. about 4.7 mm per year |
| 5. the break-up of sub- | e. from now |
| 6. The land on Earth is constantly | f. Saharan Africa |
| 7. form the continents we | g. a large part of Zambia |
| 8. This movement is called | h. know today |
| 9. The rift is moving at a rate of | i. covers Earth's surface |
| 10. in 200 million years | j. continental drift |

GAP FILL

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There are signs that a (1) _____ part of East Africa is starting to break away from the African continent. Geologists (people who study the Earth and its land and (2) _____) studied a deep crack that runs along a large part of Zambia. The crack is called a (3) _____. It is a major fault in the rock that covers Earth's surface. Geologist Mike Daly of the University of Oxford is (4) _____ Zambia's Kafue Rift. He believes there is activity in the rift that suggests a giant (5) _____ of land is breaking away. He wrote: "There is evidence that the (6) _____ boundary of the Kafue Rift is active and therefore the Southwest African Rift Zone is too." He (7) _____ that this "may be an (8) _____ indication of the break-up of sub-Saharan Africa".

rift
warned
piece
huge
early
studying
rocks
fault

The land on Earth is (9) _____ moving. Three hundred million years ago, there was just one (10) _____ supercontinent. It was called Pangea. Over millions of years, Pangea broke up. Giant areas of land (11) _____ moved across the oceans to form the continents we know today. This movement is (12) _____ continental drift. Rifts are one reason why land masses split (13) _____. The Kafue Rift in Zambia is part of a 2,500-kilometre-long rift zone (14) _____ from Tanzania to Namibia. The rift is moving at a rate of about 4.7 mm per year. At (15) _____ rate, it will take millions of years for Africa to split in two. Scientists believe that in 200 million years from now, there could be just one supercontinent (16) _____.

called
huge
this
apart
again
constantly
slowly
stretching

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) There are signs that a huge part of East Africa is starting _____
 - a. to breaks away
 - b. to break a way
 - c. to break away
 - d. too break away
- 2) Geologists (people who study the Earth and its land and rocks) studied _____
 - a. a deepen crack
 - b. a deeps crack
 - c. a deep cracks
 - d. a deep crack
- 3) It is a major fault in the rock that _____
 - a. cover Earth's surface
 - b. covers Earth's surface
 - c. cover Earth's surfaced
 - d. covers Earth's surfaced
- 4) There is evidence that the fault boundary of the Kafue _____
 - a. Rift is active
 - b. Rift is activity
 - c. Rift is actively
 - d. Rift is act tiff
- 5) this "may be an early indication of the break-up _____"
 - a. of sob-Saharan Africa
 - b. of sub-Saharan Africa
 - c. of sup-Saharan Africa
 - d. of suds-Saharan Africa
- 6) Three hundred million years ago, there was just _____
 - a. one hugely supercontinent
 - b. one huge supercontinent
 - c. one whole supercontinent
 - d. one hole supercontinent
- 7) Giant areas of land slowly moved across the oceans to _____
 - a. frame the continents
 - b. firm the continents
 - c. farm the continents
 - d. form the continents
- 8) Rifts are one reason why land _____
 - a. mass is split apart
 - b. masses split tap art
 - c. masses split tar part
 - d. masses split apart
- 9) The rift is moving at a rate of about 4.7 _____
 - a. mm pour year
 - b. mm pear year
 - c. mm par year
 - d. mm per year
- 10) At this rate, it will take millions of years for Africa to _____
 - a. splitting two
 - b. split in two
 - c. split tin two
 - d. split into

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The land on Earth is constantly moving. Three hundred million years ago, there was (7) _____ supercontinent. It was called Pangea. Over millions of years, Pangea broke up. Giant areas of land slowly moved (8) _____ to form the continents we know today. This movement is called continental drift. Rifts are one reason why land (9) _____. The Kafue Rift in Zambia is part of a 2,500-kilometre-long rift (10) _____ Tanzania to Namibia. The rift is moving at (11) _____ about 4.7 mm per year. At this rate, it will take millions of years for Africa to (12) _____. Scientists believe that in 200 million years from now, there could be just one supercontinent again.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260514-african-continent.html>

1. What are geologists?
2. Where does Mike Daly work?
3. What is a rift?
4. What rift was mentioned besides the Kafue Rift?
5. What part of Africa might break up?
6. What does the article say is constantly moving?
7. What was the supercontinent of 300 million years ago called?
8. What is the movement of land masses called?
9. At what speed is a part of Africa breaking away?
10. What might there be in 200 million years from now?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260514-african-continent.html>

- 1) What are geologists?
 - a) people who write travel guides
 - b) people who study Africa
 - c) people who study the Earth
 - d) people who make maps
- 2) Where does Mike Daly work?
 - a) the University of Oxford
 - b) Africa
 - c) the World Geology Agency
 - d) in a restaurant
- 3) What is a rift?
 - a) a short tune on a guitar
 - b) a crack in the Earth
 - c) a new island
 - d) an expensive present
- 4) What rift was mentioned besides the Kafue Rift?
 - a) the Southeast African Rift
 - b) the Kenyan Rift
 - c) the Northwest African Rift
 - d) the Southwest African Rift
- 5) What part of Africa might break up?
 - a) South Africa
 - b) Madagascar
 - c) sub-Saharan Africa
 - d) the west coast
- 6) What does the article say is constantly moving?
 - a) the oceans
 - b) the land on Earth
 - c) rifts
 - d) rocks
- 7) What was the supercontinent of 300 million years ago called?
 - a) Jurassic
 - b) Bob
 - c) Earthiopia
 - d) Pangea
- 8) What is the movement of land masses called?
 - a) ocean drift
 - b) continental drift
 - c) country making
 - d) nature
- 9) At what speed is a part of Africa breaking away?
 - a) 4.7 mm per day
 - b) 4.7 mm per year
 - c) 4.7 mm per month
 - d) 4.7 mm per week
- 10) What might there be in 200 million years from now?
 - a) there could be one supercontinent
 - b) dinosaurs
 - c) no people
 - d) nothing but fire

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Geologist

You think being a geologist is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): artist, guitarist or dentist.

Role B – Artist

You think being an artist is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): geologist, guitarist or dentist.

Role C – Guitarist

You think being a guitarist is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): artist, geologist or dentist.

Role D – Dentist

You think being a dentist is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): artist, guitarist or geologist.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260514-african-continent.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'Africa' and 'continent'.

Africa	continent
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• signs• deep• major• activity• evidence• early	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• moving• huge• slowly• reason• take• now
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AFRICA SURVEY

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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.

AFRICA DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Africa'?
3. How great is Africa?
4. What do you know about East Africa?
5. What do you think a geologists' job is like?
6. What is the best continent?
7. How interested are you in geology?
8. What do you know about the geology of your country?
9. What would change if the African continent broke up?
10. What is the best country in Africa

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AFRICA DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'continent'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Pangea?
15. What do you think Earth was like hundreds of millions of years ago?
16. Are you worried that our continents are constantly moving?
17. How would Earth change if there was just one supercontinent?
18. What are the most interesting things about Africa?
19. What will Earth be like in 200 million years from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask the geologists?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) sign | (b) signs | (c) signal | (d) sings |
| 2. | (a) over | (b) away | (c) down | (d) for |
| 3. | (a) deepen | (b) depth | (c) deeply | (d) deep |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) top | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) gests | (b) ingests | (c) digests | (d) suggests |
| 6. | (a) on time | (b) late | (c) early | (d) present |
| 7. | (a) constantly | (b) content | (c) constructing | (d) can't |
| 8. | (a) by | (b) for | (c) to | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) partner | (b) parts | (c) part | (d) apart |
| 10. | (a) stretching | (b) stretch | (c) stretches | (d) stretcher |
| 11. | (a) per | (b) for | (c) far | (d) more |
| 12. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) out | (d) down |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. It is a major lftau
2. etooisglg Mike Daly
3. suggests a gntai piece of land is breaking
4. there is iedenvec
5. bouadryn of the Kafue Rift
6. this may be an early diicnnoita

Paragraph 2

7. The land on Earth is ntonstacyl moving
8. Over omiisnll of years
9. land slowly moved across the neosac
10. This enemtmov is called continental drift
11. why land masses tspil apart
12. nrtegcish from Tanzania to Namibia

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260514-african-continent.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "There is evidence that the fault boundary of the Kafue Rift is active and therefore the Southwest African Rift Zone
- () 4.7 mm per year. At this rate, it will take millions of years for Africa to split
- () across the oceans to form the continents we know today. This movement is called
- () activity in the rift that suggests a giant piece of land is breaking away. He wrote:
- () continent. Geologists (people who study the Earth and its land and rocks) studied a deep
- () continental drift. Rifts are one reason why land masses split apart. The Kafue Rift in Zambia is part
- () crack that runs along a large part of Zambia. The crack is called a rift. It is a major fault in the rock that covers
- () Earth's surface. Geologist Mike Daly of the University of Oxford is studying Zambia's Kafue Rift. He believes there is
- () in two. Scientists believe that in 200 million years from now, there could be just one supercontinent again.
- () is too." He warned that this "may be an early indication of the break-up of sub-Saharan Africa".
- () of a 2,500-kilometre-long rift zone stretching from Tanzania to Namibia. The rift is moving at a rate of about
- () supercontinent. It was called Pangea. Over millions of years, Pangea broke up. Giant areas of land slowly moved
- () The land on Earth is constantly moving. Three hundred million years ago, there was just one huge
- (**1**) There are signs that a huge part of East Africa is starting to break away from the African

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. Africa East Part break is of starting to .
2. Earth Geologists are people study the who .
3. It a fault in is major rock the .
4. A away breaking giant is land of piece .
5. He an be early indication may said this .
6. Earth The constantly is land moving on .
7. Areas across land moved oceans of slowly the .
8. Rifts are land masses one reason split why .
9. 4.7 mm a at Moving of per rate year .
10. There again be could just one supercontinent .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260514-african-continent.html>

There are signs that a *huge / hugely* part of East Africa is starting to break away from the African *continental / continent*. Geologists (people who study the Earth and its land and rocks) studied a deep crack that *walks / runs* along a large part of Zambia. The crack is *called / calling* a rift. It is a major fault in the rock that *covers / covering* Earth's surface. Geologist Mike Daly of the University of Oxford is *studied / studying* Zambia's Kafue Rift. He believes there is *active / activity* in the rift that suggests a giant piece *of / by* land is breaking away. He wrote: "There is evidence *that / what* the fault boundary of the Kafue Rift is active and therefore the Southwest African Rift Zone is too." He warned that this "may be an early indication of the break-up of *dub-Saharan / sub-Saharan* Africa".

The land on Earth is *constant / constantly* moving. Three hundred million years ago, there was just *one / once* huge supercontinent. It was called Pangea. *Under / Over* millions of years, Pangea broke *up / down*. Giant areas of land slowly moved across the oceans *to / for* form the continents we know today. This movement is called continental drift. Rifts are one reason why land masses split *part / apart*. The Kafue Rift in Zambia is part of a 2,500-kilometre-long rift zone *stretching / stretch* from Tanzania to Namibia. The rift is moving *for / at* a rate of about 4.7 mm per year. At this rate, it will take millions of years for Africa to *split in / splitting* two. Scientists believe that in 200 million years from now, there could *have / be* just one supercontinent again.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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t_ br__k _w_y fr_m th_ _fr_c_n c_nt_n_nt. G__l_g_sts
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_n_v_rs_ty _f _xf_rd _s st_dy_ng Z_mb__'s K_f__ R_ft. H_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2605/260514-african-continent.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AFRICA: Make a poster about Africa. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. NAMING COMPETITION: Write a magazine article about having a competition to name a breakaway part of Africa. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Africa. Ask him/her three questions about the continent. Tell him/her about three of your favourite African countries. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b 2. e 3. a 4. c 5. d 6. g 7. f
8. j 9. h 10. k 11. m 12. i 13. l 14. n

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. h	3. a	4. g	5. c
6. i	7. d	8. j	9. b	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. People who study the Earth
2. The University of Oxford
3. A crack in the Earth
4. The Southwest African Rift
5. Sub-Saharan Africa
6. The land on Earth
7. Pangea
8. Continental drift
9. 4.7 mm per year
10. There could be one supercontinent

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Part of East Africa is starting to break.
2. Geologists are people who study the Earth.
3. It is a major fault in the rock.
4. A giant piece of land is breaking away.
5. He said this may be an early indication.
6. The land on Earth is constantly moving.
7. Areas of land slowly moved across the oceans.
8. Rifts are one reason why land masses split.
9. Moving at a rate of 4.7 mm per year.
10. There could be just one supercontinent again.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c 2. a 3. b 4. d 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. b 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)