

Puzzle Map — Africa

Activity Sheet

Base Sheet

The child works with the puzzle map of Africa, learning the continent's shape, major countries, and geographical features. This builds on earlier continent studies and develops spatial awareness and cultural knowledge.

What You Need:

- Montessori puzzle map of Africa
- Control map of Africa
- Globe or world map for context
- Work mat

Steps:

1. Show the Africa puzzle map. 'This is Africa — the second largest continent in the world!'
2. Remove all pieces. Point out the shape: 'Africa looks like a big question mark or a sideways head.'
3. 'Let's find some countries.' Start with large, recognizable ones: Egypt (top), South Africa (bottom), Democratic Republic of Congo (center), Madagascar (island).
4. Child places each piece back, matching shapes.
5. 'Africa has deserts (Sahara!), rainforests, savannas where lions live, and the longest river — the Nile!'
6. Point out the equator line crossing through Africa.
7. 'Many, many languages are spoken in Africa — over 2,000!'

Work Space:

