

Classroom activities

USPG Harvest cross-curricular classroom activities for primary schools

Activity 1: Facts about Tanzania (Comprehension)

Curriculum links: Geography, English, Science

Read the following information, then try the quiz that follows and create maps of Tanzania:

Bordering the Indian Ocean, Tanzania is a country on the East Coast of Africa between Kenya and Mozambique. Dar es Salam is the main city while Dodoma is the official capital city. The official language of Tanzania is Swahili.

Tanzania is home to Lake Victoria, the Serengeti National Park and the majestic snow-capped Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa. Zanzibar, off the coast of Tanzania, is known as the 'spice island' and is said to have some of the best beaches in the world. The climate of Tanzania is primarily tropical with hot and humid days and heavy rainfall. Wildebeest, monkey, antelope, lion, cheetah, crocodile, gazelle, flamingo and many other exotic wildlife live in Tanzania.

The currency is the Tanzania shilling (TZS). The most popular food is ugali, a porridge made by boiling cornmeal. Ugali is often eaten with stew, vegetables or meat. Many people in Tanzania are very poor and depend on farming for their income. They grow fruit such as citrus fruits, mangoes, peaches, passion fruits, pineapples, pears, bananas, as well as vegetables including cabbage, okra, spinach, tomatoes. Some crops, such as cotton, tobacco, tea, and coffee are exported to other countries.

Tanzania quiz:

1. What is the capital of Tanzania?
2. What is the currency of Tanzania?
3. What is the name of Tanzania's highest mountain (the highest in Africa)?
4. What is the most popular food in Tanzania?
5. What is the official language of Tanzania?
6. Name two countries that border Tanzania.
7. The island of Zanzibar is sometimes known as what?
8. Name 3 kinds of fruit and 3 kinds of vegetable that are grown in Tanzania.

Tanzania map:

Using the template of the map of Tanzania in this resources section. Stick pictures on the map (see template), then label it with the following names:

- Dar es Salaam
- Mount Kilimanjaro
- Zanzibar
- Indian Ocean

Finally, carefully colour in the map.