



# Comparative Study (South Africa) KS1 Knowledge Mat

## Sticky Knowledge about characteristics of the UK.

## Subject Specific Vocabulary

To describe the location of South Africa in relation to surrounding countries.

South Africa is located at the southernmost region of Africa.  
South Africa is bordered by Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

To know why Africa is a continent and what surrounds it.

Africa is made up of 54 countries.  
Africa is the world's second largest continent in size and population.  
On the west it is bounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the north by the Mediterranean sea and on the east by the Red sea and the Indian Ocean on the south Atlantic and Indian oceans.  
The Equator cuts Africa in half. It is both in the Northern and Southern hemisphere.

To know what the weather patterns are like in South Africa

There are little differences in temperature year round.  
South Africa does have 2 wet seasons, one in spring and one in autumn. In winter (June, July) the temperatures are most comfortable and it's very dry.  
In Cape Town the warmest months are February and March 21C

To know some of the human and physical features of Cape Town in South Africa

**Physical features-**  
Cape Town -Table Top mountain, Boulder's Bay,  
**Human Features-**  
Cape Town- V and A waterfront including Two Oceans Aquarium, City Hall and Castle of Good Hope.

To compare the human and physical features of London and Cape Town.

**Similarities**  
The V and A Waterfront has a wheel called the Cape Wheel just like the London Eye in London.  
The City Hall bells are modelled on the bells in Big Ben.  
Castle of Good Hope, lots of people visit it to look at the History of South Africa and when you visit it you discover lots of History just like at the Tower of London.  
**Differences**  
The only physical feature in London is the River Thames whereas Cape Town has Table Mountain and Boulder Bay.

To know why different plants grow in South Africa compared to the UK.

Plants that traditionally grow in England- Sunflowers, Roses, Daffodils.  
 Plants that traditionally grow In South Africa- Elephant grass, Calla Lillies, Protea.

**Continent**

A continent is a large solid area of land. Earth has seven continents, each made up of many countries.

**Africa**

Africa is a continent.

**Cape Town**

is the capital city of South Africa.

**Equator**

Is an imaginary line around the centre of the Earth. It is very hot at the Equator. It divides the Earth into the north and south hemispheres.

**Climate\***

Climate refers to aspects of weather over a long time, not just one day or week for example.

**Wet Season**

(is sometimes called the rainy season) is the time of year when most of a region's average annual rainfall occurs.

**Human feature**

A man-made landmark, building or anything that is built by humans.

**Physical feature**

A Physical feature is a place or thing that occurs naturally due to the power of the planet.

**Protea**

Is a flower that can be found in South Africa. Proteas are the flowers that appear on South African birth certificate, passports and the 5-Rand coin.