Commands for Africa
Countries

- **Four levels of commands**
- Level 1 – Pin the countries
- Level 2 – Use directional skills with the Africa countries labeled map
- Level 3 – Use the Countries labeled map, the Africa Land & Water Forms labeled map and Independent research
- Level 4 – Labeled maps and independent research
- Use recording sheet on page 2 for levels 2-4. Check answers using answer keys.

There are fifty-two countries in Africa on the pin map. These are listed alphabetically at the beginning of the teaching commands. The countries are then divided into five geographical areas used by the United Nations. They are: **Eastern Africa**, 16 countries, **Middle Africa**, 9 countries, **Northern Africa**, 7 countries, **Southern Africa**, 5 countries, and **West Africa**, 15 countries.
Recording Sheet for Africa (The number of commands vary.)

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**Alphabetical List of African Countries**

1. Algeria  
2. Angola  
3. Benin  
4. Botswana  
5. Burkina Faso  
6. Burundi  
7. Cameroon  
8. Central African Republic  
9. Chad  
10. Comoros  
11. Congo, Republic of the  
12. Congo, Democratic Republic of the  
13. Côte d'Ivoire  
14. Djibouti  
15. Egypt  
16. Equatorial Guinea  
17. Eritrea  
18. Ethiopia  
19. Gabon  
20. Gambia  
21. Ghana  
22. Guinea  
23. Guinea-Bissau  
24. Kenya  
25. Lesotho  
26. Liberia  
27. Libya  
28. Madagascar  
29. Malawi  
30. Mali  
31. Mauritania  
32. Morocco  
33. Mozambique  
34. Namibia  
35. Niger  
36. Nigeria  
37. Rwanda  
38. Sao Tome and Principe  
39. Senegal  
40. Sierra Leone  
41. Somalia  
42. South Africa  
43. South Sudan  
44. Sudan  
45. Swaziland  
46. Tanzania  
47. Togo  
48. Tunisia  
49. Uganda  
50. Western Sahara  
51. Zambia  
52. Zimbabwe
Eastern African Countries
1. Tanzania.
2. Kenya
3. Uganda
4. Rwanda
5. Burundi
6. Djibouti
7. Eritrea
8. Ethiopia
9. Somalia
10. Comoros
11. Mozambique
12. Madagascar
13. Malawi
14. Zambia
15. Zimbabwe
16. South Sudan

Commands for Eastern Africa Level I
1. Pin Eritrea.
2. Pin Zambia.
4. Pin Rwanda.
5. Pin Zimbabwe.
7. Pin Djibouti.
8. Pin South Sudan.
11. Pin Madagascar.
13. Pin Malawi.
15. Pin Burundi.
Commands for Eastern Africa Level II (Use the control for African countries.)
1. Pin the small country between Eritrea and Somalia.
2. Pin the country north of Ethiopia.
3. Pin the country west of Mozambique and south of Zambia.
4. Pin the country west of Kenya and south of South Sudan.
5. Pin the country south of Ethiopia and west of Somalia.
6. Pin the country west of Madagascar and south of Tanzania.
7. Pin the country south of Sudan.
8. Pin the small country south of Rwanda.
9. Pin the large island nation east of Mozambique.
10. Pin the small country north of Burundi.
12. Pin the country with its southern half in Mozambique.
13. Pin the country between South Sudan and Somalia.
15. Pin the country east and south of Ethiopia.
16. Pin the country with its southern border on Zimbabwe and Mozambique and its western border on Angola.

Eastern Africa Answer Key Level II
1. Djibouti
2. Eritrea
3. Zimbabwe
4. Uganda
5. Kenya
6. Mozambique
7. South Sudan
8. Burundi
9. Madagascar
10. Rwanda
11. Tanzania
12. Malawi
13. Ethiopia
14. Comoros
15. Somalia
16. Zambia
Commands for Eastern Africa Level III (Use the countries control, the land and water control and research)
1. Pin the large island nation off the east coast of Africa in the Indian Ocean.
2. Pin the small country just south of the equator and south of Uganda.
3. Pin the country with Mount Kilimanjaro.
4. Pin the country which was part of Sudan until 2011.
5. Pin the country named for the Zambezi River.
6. Pin the country with its eastern border on the Red Sea and its western border on Sudan.
7. Pin the country with the Victoria Falls on its northern border.
8. Pin the country with the equator running through the middle and its east coast on the Indian Ocean.
10. Pin the very small country separated on its southwestern side from the Democratic Republic of the Congo by Lake Tanganyika.
11. Pin the tiny island nation in the Indian Ocean off the east coast of Africa.
12. Pin the country with Lake Malawi.
13. Pin the small country that controls the entrance to the Red Sea from the Indian Ocean.
14. Pin the country where the Great Rift Valley looks like it is pulling the highlands apart in the middle of the country.
15. Pin the country with its eastern shore on the Mozambique Channel.
16. Pin the country with Lake Victoria on its southern border.

Eastern Africa Answer Key Level III

2. Rwanda 10. Burundi
3. Tanzania 11. Comoros
4. South Sudan 12. Malawi
7. Zimbabwe 15. Mozambique
**Eastern Africa Level IV** (Use the controls and research. The names of all sixteen countries will be used in thirteen commands.)

1. Pin the country covered with rainforest, swamps and grassland south of Sudan.
2. Pin the country with the Serengeti Plains.
3. Pin the small country with a huge lake with the same name as the country.
4. Pin the country which has a province called the Copper Belt province and is one of the biggest producers of copper in the world.
5. Pin the landlocked country south of the Zambezi River and north of the Limpopo River.
6. Pin the country where the Maasai tribe lives in the southern part of the country.
7. Pin the tiny archipelago nation at the north end of the Mozambique Channel.
8. Pin the country with Bwindi Impenetrable National Park where many of the remaining mountain gorillas live.
9. Pin one of the poorest countries of Africa which is a very small country south of Rwanda.
10. Pin the four countries located in the Horn of Africa.
11. Pin the country called the "The Great Red Island" because of its red soil.
12. Pin the Eastern African country which was a Portuguese colony and still speaks the Portuguese language.
13. Pin the small landlocked country known as “The Land of a Thousand Hills”.

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**Eastern Africa Answer Key Level IV**

1. South Sudan
2. Tanzania
3. Malawi
4. Zambia
5. Zimbabwe
6. Kenya
7. Comoros
8. Uganda
9. Burundi
10. Ethiopia, Somalia, Eritrea, Djibouti
11. Madagascar
12. Mozambique
13. Rwanda
Middle Africa

1. Angola
2. Cameroon
3. Central African Republic
4. Chad
5. Congo
6. Democratic Republic of the Congo
7. Equatorial Guinea
8. Gabon
9. São Tomé and Príncipe

Commands for Middle Africa Level I

1. Pin Democratic Republic of the Congo.
2. Pin Gabon.
3. Pin Congo.
4. Pin São Tomé and Príncipe.
5. Pin Angola.
6. Pin Cameroon.
7. Pin Equatorial Guinea.
8. Pin Chad.
9. Pin Central African Congo
Commands for Middle Africa Level II (Use the Africa Countries control)

1. Pin the very large country in the middle of Africa west of Rwanda and Burundi.
2. Pin the country between Gabon and Democratic Republic of Congo.
3. Pin the country between Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo.
4. Pin the country made up of two tiny islands.
5. Pin the country west of Sudan and east of Niger.
6. Pin the small country on the western coast of Africa which also has islands as part of the country.
7. Pin the large country on the western coast of Africa west of Zambia.
8. Pin the country with Congo on one side and the Atlantic Ocean on the other side.
9. Pin the country west of Central Africa Republic.

Middle Africa Answer Key Level II

1. Democratic Republic of Congo
2. Congo
3. Central African Republic
4. São Tome and Príncipe
5. Chad
6. Equatorial Guinea
7. Angola
8. Gabon
9. Cameroon
Commands for Middle Africa Level III (Use the African Countries control, the Land and Water control, and research.)

1. Pin the country in Middle Africa which has a lake with the same name as the country.
2. Pin the country with a long coast on the Atlantic Ocean and a tiny province which is not attached to the country.
3. Pin the country on the west coast of Africa which lies directly on the equator.
4. Pin the landlocked country with the Congo River on its southern border.
5. Pin the country with its western coast on the Atlantic Ocean and its northern tip on Lake Chad.
6. Pin the large country with Lake Tanganyika along its eastern side.
7. Pin the country located in the Gulf of Guinea.
8. Pin the country on the equator with its western border on the Atlantic Ocean.
9. Pin the very small country on the coast of the Gulf of Guinea with offshore islands part of the country.


Middle Africa Answer Key III

1. Chad
2. Angola
3. Gabon
4. Central Africa Republic
5. Cameroon
6. Democratic Republic of Congo
7. São Tomé and Príncipe
8. Republic of Congo
9. Equatorial Guinea
**Commands for Middle Africa Level IV** (Use the controls and research.)

1. Pin the country west of Central Africa Republic which exports oil, cocoa beans, lumber and bananas.
2. Pin the country east of Gabon which has undeveloped rainforest in the north.
3. Pin the country on the equator which is 85% rain forest and has an Atlantic coastline.
4. Pin the landlocked country where most of the people live in the southern half because the northern half is part of the Sahara Desert.
5. Pin the small country which has its capital city on an island.
6. Pin the poorest African country and where only one third of the children go to school.
7. Pin the landlocked country which ships freight on the Congo River to the Atlantic Coast through the Democratic Republic of Congo.
8. Pin the large country on the west coast of Africa where Portuguese is the official language.
9. Pin the smallest country in Africa. (It is an island.)

**Middle Africa Answer Key IV**

1. Cameroon
2. Republic of Congo
3. Gabon
4. Chad
5. Equatorial Guinea
6. Democratic Republic of Congo
7. Central Africa Republic
8. Angola
9. São Tome and Príncipe
Northern Africa

1. Algeria
2. Egypt
3. Libya
4. Morocco
5. Sudan
6. Tunisia
7. Western Sahara

Commands for Northern Africa Level I

1. Pin Egypt.
2. Pin Morocco.
3. Pin Libya.
4. Pin Western Sahara.
5. Pin Algeria.
6. Pin Tunisia.
7. Pin Sudan.
Commands for Northern Africa Level II Use the Africa Countries control.

1. Pin the country south of Egypt.
2. Pin the country east of Libya.
3. Pin the country north of Mauritania.
4. Pin the country between Algeria and Libya.
5. Pin the country east of Morocco.
6. Pin the country between Algeria and Egypt.
7. Pin the country west of Algeria and north of Western Sahara.

Northern Africa Answer Key II

1. Sudan
2. Egypt
3. Western Sahara
4. Tunisia
5. Algeria
6. Libya
7. Morocco
Commands for Northern Africa Level III (Use the African Countries control, the Land and Water control, and research.)

1. Pin the country with the Nile Delta.
2. Pin the country which is claimed by Morocco and has a coast on the Atlantic Ocean.
3. Pin the country with its eastern coast on the Red Sea and Chad on its western border.
4. Pin the largest country in Africa.
5. Pin the country with the same name as the desert east of the Sahara, which is so dry that no one can survive there.
6. Pin the country which had a revolution in 2010-2011 called the Jasmine Revolution that led to a democratic government.
7. Pin the country across the Strait of Gibraltar from Spain.

Northern Africa Answer Key III

1. Egypt
2. Western Sahara
3. Sudan
4. Algeria
5. Libya
6. Tunisia
7. Morocco
Commands for Northern Africa Level IV (Use controls and research.)

1. Pin the country which was the first to recognize the new country of the United States in 1777.
2. Pin the country where the White Nile and the Blue Nile meet and form the Nile River.
3. Pin the country where the southern part is claimed by Mauritania.
4. Pin the African country which is the largest producer of natural gas.
5. Pin the country separated from Italy by the Sicilian Strait in the Mediterranean Sea. (Sicilian Strait is not on the pin map.)
6. Pin the country which owns the Suez Canal.
7. Pin the country with the Great Man-Made River, the world's largest irrigation project.

Northern Africa Answer Key IV

1. Morocco
2. Sudan
3. Western Sahara
4. Algeria
5. Tunisia
6. Egypt
7. Libya
Southern Africa

1. Botswana
2. Lesotho
3. Namibia
4. South Africa
5. Swaziland

Commands for Southern Africa Level I

1. Pin Lesotho.
2. Pin South Africa.
3. Pin Botswana.
4. Pin Swaziland.
5. Pin Namibia.
**Commands for Southern Africa Level II** (Use the Africa Countries control.)

1. Pin the country north of South Africa and east of Namibia.
2. Pin the small country south of Mozambique and surrounded by South Africa on three sides.
3. Pin the country at the southern tip of Africa.
4. Pin the small country completely surrounded by South Africa.
5. Pin the country with a long coast on the Atlantic Ocean which borders Angola on the north.

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**Southern Africa Answer Key Level II**

1. Botswana
2. Swaziland
3. South Africa
4. Lesotho
5. Namibia
Commands for Southern Africa Level III (Use the African Countries control, the Land and Water control, and research.)

1. Pin the country with the Atlantic Ocean on one coast and the Pacific Ocean on the other coast.
2. Pin the landlocked country which is 70% Kalahari Desert.
3. Pin the tiny country completely in the Drakensburg Mountains and inside another country.
4. Pin the small country with the last absolute monarchy in Africa.
5. Pin the country in Southern Africa with its coast on the Atlantic Ocean.

Southern Africa Answer Key Level III

1. South Africa
2. Botswana
3. Lesotho
4. Swaziland
5. Namibia
Commands for Southern Africa Level IV (Use controls and research.)

1. Pin the tiny mountainous country with the highest low point in the world.
2. Pin the landlocked country in the Kalahari Desert which has a huge variety of wildlife.
3. Pin the country with the Namib Desert along its coast which may be the oldest desert on earth.
4. Pin the country with the Cape of Good Hope.
5. Pin the tiny country in Southern Africa where the king has all the power.

Southern Africa Answer Key IV

1. Lesotho
2. Botswana
3. Namibia
4. South Africa
5. Swaziland
West Africa

1. Benin
2. Burkina Faso
3. Gambia
4. Ghana
5. Guinea
6. Guinea-Bissau
7. Cote d’Ivoire
8. Liberia
9. Mali
10. Mauritania
11. Niger
12. Nigeria
13. Senegal
14. Sierra Leone
15. Togo

Commands for West Africa Level I

1. Pin Gambia.
2. Pin Guinea-Bissau.
3. Pin Mali.
4. Pin Nigeria.
5. Pin Togo.
6. Pin Benin.
7. Pin Ghana.
8. Pin Liberia.
10. Pin Sierra Leone.
12. Pin Burkina Faso.
13. Pin Mauritania.
15. Pin Guinea.
Commands for West Africa Level II (Use the Africa Countries control.)

1. Pin the country on the Atlantic coast between Liberia and Guinea.
2. Pin the country west of Ghana and south of Mali and Burkina-Faso.
3. Pin the country between Mali and Chad.
4. Pin the small country between Togo and Nigeria.
5. Pin the country with Mali and Senegal on its northern border.
6. Pin the country between Togo and Côte d'Ivoire.
7. Pin the country between Sierra Leone and Côte d'Ivoire.
8. Pin the country west of Mali and south of Western Sahara.
9. Pin the country south of Mauritania and west of Mali.
10. Pin the tiny country inside Senegal except for the coast.
12. Pin the large country south of Niger and east of Benin.
13. Pin the small country between Ghana and Benin.
14. Pin the small country between Senegal and Guinea.
15. Pin the country with borders on Mauritania, Algeria, and Niger.

West Africa Answer Key Level II

1. Sierra Leone
2. Côte d'Ivoire
3. Niger
4. Benin
5. Guinea
6. Ghana
7. Liberia
8. Mauritania
9. Senegal
10. Gambia
11. Burkina-Faso
12. Nigeria
13. Togo
14. Guinea-Bissau
15. Mali
Commands for West Africa Level III (Use the African Countries control, the Land and Water control, and research.)

1. Pin the country with its northern border on the Niger River and its southern border on the Gulf of Guinea.
2. Pin the country with Lake Volta, the world's largest man-made lake. (Lake Volta is not on the pin map.)
3. Pin the country where the Niger River turns and begins to flow south.
4. Pin the country with one of the largest river deltas in the world, the Niger Delta.
5. Pin the country which has the longest natural harbor on the African continent
6. Pin the very small, narrow country surrounded on three sides by a larger country and which has a coast on the Atlantic Ocean.
7. Pin the country which was called the "Pearl of West Africa".
8. Pin the country whose French name means Ivory Coast.
9. Pin the country which used to be called Upper Volta because it has the Black Volta, White Volta and Red Volta Rivers. (River names not on the pin map.)
10. Pin the landlocked country which is mostly desert and where most of the people live in about one fifth of the country along the Niger River.
11. Pin the small country with the name of its capital city as the last part of its name.
12. Pin the country with an Atlantic seacoast and 90% of land in the Sahara Desert. (Not Western Sahara)
13. Pin the country which is the source of the Niger River.
14. Pin the country with a smaller country dividing its Atlantic coastline.
15. Pin the country whose name means "Land of the Free".

West Africa Answer Key III

1. Benin
2. Ghana
3. Mali
4. Nigeria
5. Sierra Leone
6. Gambia
7. Togo
8. Côte d'Ivoire
9. Burkina Faso
10. Niger
11. Guinea-Bissau
12. Mauritania
13. Guinea
14. Senegal
15. Liberia
Commands for West Africa Level IV (Use controls and research)

1. Pin the country on the Bight of Benin which means a curved coastline.
2. Pin the country on the Atlantic coast with a river along its northern border with the same name as the country. (River name not on the pin map.)
3. Pin the country with the Bissagos Archipelago just off its Atlantic coast.
4. Pin the narrow country with the same name as the river that flows along its center to the Atlantic Ocean.
5. Pin the country second after Panama with the most United States ships registered for shipping.
6. Pin the country where the Niger River and the Benue River flow together to form a large delta in the Gulf of Guiana. (Benue River not named on the pin map.)
7. Pin the landlocked country named after the river that flows through its southwest section.
8. Pin the country with the Senegal River as part of its southern border.
9. Pin the country which was known as the British Gold Coast in the early 1900's.
10. Pin the country where you could float down the Niger River into the country of Niger.
11. Pin the country which is the world's leading exporter of cocoa beans.
12. Pin the country which is just as far north as Ghana but narrower than Benin.
13. Pin the country in Africa with the largest deposits of the mineral rutile.
14. Pin the country with highlands and mountain peaks where the Niger River begins.
15. Pin the country which is the source of the Black Volta River that flows into Volta Lake in Ghana. (Black Volta River not named on the pin map.)

West Africa Answer Key IV

1. Benin
2. Senegal
3. Guinea-Bissau
4. Gambia
5. Liberia
6. Nigeria
7. Niger
8. Mauritania
9. Ghana
10. Mali
11. Côte d'Ivoire
12. Togo
13. Sierra Leone
14. Guinea
15. Burkina Faso

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