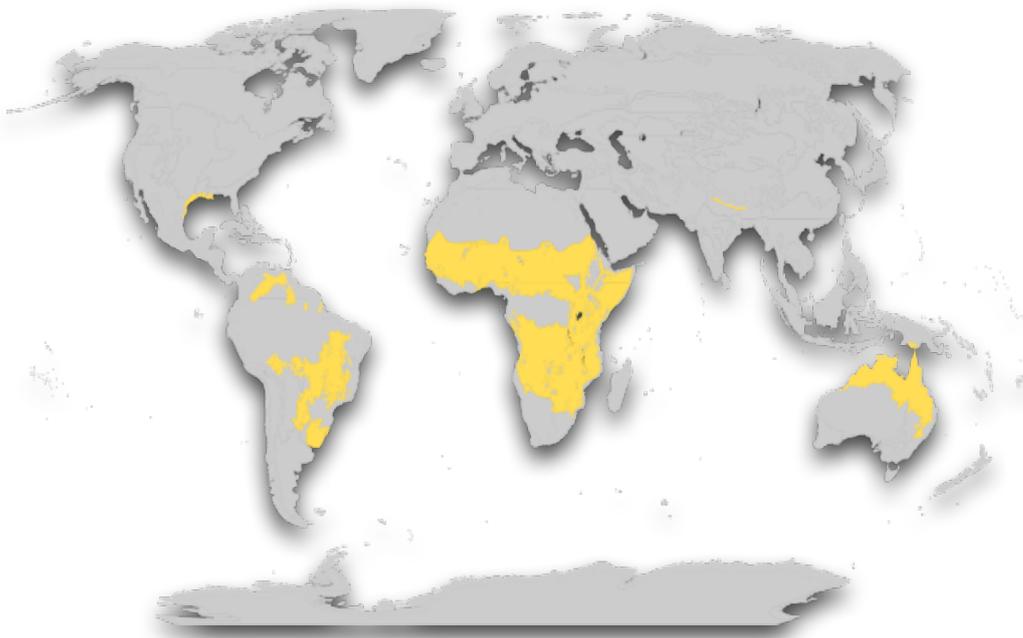


# Savanna Safari

Welcome to the African Savanna!

Savannas are large stretches of grassland found between the world's tropical rainforests and deserts. Being near the equator, they are warm all year round, with two main seasons – wet and dry.

The African savanna covers nearly half of the continent. Across this vast region, we can find some very well-known wildlife including the largest and the tallest animals in the world. Do you know what they are?



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*The African elephant is the largest land animal, weighing up to 6000kg.  
The giraffe is the tallest with an average height of 5m*

## Create your own savanna nature art

### What you will need:

- Sheet of paper or a surface to create your work on
- Paints or other colouring materials (optional)

### Take a walk outside wherever you can and see what you can find that could look like:

- The savanna ground (e.g. sand or soil)
- A scattering of trees (e.g. small sticks and twigs)
- Grass and other vegetation (e.g. different types of grasses and leaves from your area)
- Rocks and boulders (small stones or pebbles)



First lay a scattering of soil or sand (or both) to create the ground of your artwork. Decide if it's the dry season or the wet season depending on how green or how brown the grasses and leaves are that you've collected. Arrange your grass, leaves, twigs and stones to make your scene.

You can add other details using your colouring materials. Why not draw or paint in some of your favourite animals?

Take a photo of your scene and you can now return your materials to the outdoors (as long as they're not covered in paint!).



### Hints:

Plants like trees and shrubs are well adapted to the long periods of hot, dry weather, storing water and energy in their roots, bulbs or trunks.

The soil in the savanna is often a red colour due to the high iron content.

The variety of rich grasses that cover the savanna provide food for the many large species of herbivore.