Growth Clues Africa

Trace the factors that help or limit economic growth.

SS7E3 "Describe factors that influence economic growth and examine their presence or absence in Nigeria, South Africa, and Kenya."

NAME ____________________ DATE __________

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each factor that influences economic growth. In the country paragraphs, write N, S, or K beside each detail showing that factor is present or limited in Nigeria, South Africa, or Kenya.

What Helps Economies Grow?

1. Economic growth occurs when a country can produce more goods and services over time. Workers need education and training to gain skills, and good health helps them work productively. Businesses also need capital, such as machines, buildings, and loans for starting or expanding. Reliable roads, ports, internet service, and electricity connect workers and markets. Natural resources can support growth, but they create lasting gains only when a country invests income wisely and builds other parts of its economy.

2. Nigeria earns major income from petroleum, a valuable natural resource. Oil has brought export earnings, yet reliance on oil makes growth vulnerable when world oil prices fall. Nigeria has a large, young population and many entrepreneurs. However, power shortages can interrupt factory and shop operations, and some businesses have difficulty obtaining loans. Improving electricity, transportation, education, and access to loans could help more Nigerians start businesses, use new equipment, and sell goods beyond local markets.

3. South Africa has a comparatively developed banking system, highways, ports, and industrial base. These resources can support investment and trade. Still, high unemployment, unequal access to quality education, and electricity supply problems limit how widely people can contribute to growth. Kenya has agriculture, tourism, services, and growing digital businesses. Mobile money helps many people make payments, but drought can damage farm output and some rural areas need better roads and reliable electricity. Each country has growth factors, yet gaps can slow progress.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How can petroleum both support and limit Nigeria's economic growth?

2. Name two conditions that limit economic growth in Nigeria. What effect does one of them have on businesses?

3. Identify one factor that supports growth in South Africa and one factor that supports growth in Kenya.

4. Which improvement would most directly reduce disruptions caused by power shortages in Nigerian factories and shops?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose Nigeria, South Africa, or Kenya. Write four or five sentences that identify one factor helping growth and one factor limiting growth, then explain one action that could reduce the limit and how it could help the economy.

Growth Clues Africa

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each factor that influences economic growth. In the country paragraphs, write N, S, or K beside each detail showing that factor is present or limited in Nigeria, South Africa, or Kenya. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How can petroleum both support and limit Nigeria's economic growth?	**Petroleum brings Nigeria export earnings, but relying on oil makes growth vulnerable when world oil prices fall.**
2	Name two conditions that limit economic growth in Nigeria. What effect does one of them have on businesses?	**Power shortages and difficulty obtaining loans limit growth. Power shortages can interrupt factory and shop operations.**
3	Identify one factor that supports growth in South Africa and one factor that supports growth in Kenya.	**South Africa has a developed banking system, highways, ports, and an industrial base. Kenya has agriculture, tourism, services, growing digital businesses, and mobile money.**
4	Which improvement would most directly reduce disruptions caused by power shortages in Nigerian factories and shops?	**More reliable electricity.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Kenya has growing digital businesses, which can help people sell services and make payments. Some rural areas still need better roads. Building and maintaining rural roads could help farmers move crops to markets before they spoil. This could raise farm income and connect more communities to the national economy.

Accept equivalent growth factors and effects that are supported by the passage. For the open prompt, accept a logical action and explanation that accurately connect a country condition to economic growth.