

THE RIVER NILE



> The Nile is the world's longest river. The Nile starts as two rivers called the 'White Nile' and the 'Blue Nile'. The two rivers meet near Sudan's capital city, Khartoum.

The Nile passes through 10 African countries in total. Lots of animals live in or by the river, including turtles, hippos and even the Nile crocodile.



"I like having picnics by the river, but I don't think I'd like to share my marmalade sandwiches with a crocodile."

CHEETAH

> The cheetah is the national animal of Sudan. They are very fast runners.



In fact, cheetahs are the fastest land animals on the planet. A cheetah can go from 0 to 60 miles per hour in just three seconds. That's as fast as a sports car!

"I enjoy running. Mrs Bird is always surprised at how fast I can run to the table at meal times."

FORGOTTEN PYRAMIDS

> The Pyramids of Meroe in Sudan are the ancient tombs of the kings and queens of Kush.

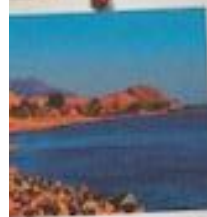


They're called the 'Forgotten Pyramids' because they aren't as famous as their neighbours in Egypt. Sudan has over 200 pyramids, many of which have been raided by treasure hunters.

"I think it would be quite an adventure to discover these pyramids for myself."



THE RED SEA



> The Red Sea is actually blue-green most of the time. It gets its name from plant-like algae that lives in the sea. When it dies, the algae turns the water reddish-brown.

Over 300 species of coral and 1,200 species of fish live in the Red Sea. Many of these creatures can't be found anywhere else in the world.



"I should like to go snorkelling in the Red Sea and see all the colourful tropical fish."