

## Resource 8: Misconceptions Game Statements - Africa

Present each statement to the students one at a time. Students must decide whether the statement is a fact or misconception.

**Statement 1:** Africa is a country

*Misconception - Africa is a continent with over 50 countries.*

Suggested: project a copy of the image below as you reveal that this is a misconception.



**Statement 2:** Africa is a little bigger than the United States

*Misconception* - Africa is more than 3 times the size of the United States

Suggested: project a copy of the image below as you reveal that this is a misconception.



**Statement 3:** The climate in Africa is hot, dry, and sunny

*Misconception* - Africa is a diverse continent with a huge variety of landscapes and temperatures. There are even places where it snows in Africa.

Suggested: project a copy of the image below as you reveal that this is a misconception.



**Statement 4:** People who live in Africa are poor

*Misconception* - Africa has at least 18 billionaires, some of whose names appear on the list below.

Suggested: project a copy of the list below (or a current website) as you reveal that this is a misconception.

#1	Aliko Dangote	\$13.9 B
#2	Johann Rupert	\$11 B
#3	Nicky Oppenheimer	\$8.7 B
#4	Nassef Sawiris	\$8.6 B
#5	Abdulsamad Rabiu	\$7 B
#6	Mike Adenuga	\$6.7 B
#7	Issad Rebrab	\$5.1 B
#8	Naguib Sawiris	\$3.4 B
#9	Patrice Motsepe	\$3.1 B
#10	Koos Bekker	\$2.7 B



**Statement 5:** Africans live in huts

*Misconception:* nearly half of the people in Africa live in urban areas like the places shown below.



Lagos Nigeria (21 million)



Cairo, Egypt (20.5 million)



Luanda, Angola (8.4 million)

**Statement 6:** All Africans are dark skinned

*Misconception* - see images of Africans shown below (source [here](#))

Suggested: project a copy of the image below as you reveal that this is a misconception.



**Statement 7:** Africans share the same culture

*Misconception* - there are over 50 countries in Africa and, within each country there is no single culture

Suggested: project a copy of the image below as you reveal that this is a misconception.





**Statement 8:** Africans do not have modern technology

*Misconception* - 67% of the people on the continent have mobile phones

Suggested: project a copy of the image below as you reveal that this is a misconception.



**Statement 9:** People in Africa speak African

*Misconception* - there is no such language as "African."

"It is estimated that there are over 2,000 languages spoken in Africa, with some countries like Nigeria having over 200 languages spoken by different ethnic groups. However, it is important to note that there are some languages that are spoken across many countries; for instance, Swahili in East Africa, Zulu in Southern Africa, among others, but this does not translate to 'African' language." Source [here](#)



**Statement 10:** All People in Africa live among wild animals

*Misconception* - while some people live in areas where wild animals roam (just like in the United States), many Africans live in cities where wild animals do not roam.

Suggested: project a copy of the image below as you reveal that this is a misconception.



Cape Town, South Africa

Sources of Images appearing on Resource 8:

- <https://www.africa.com/10-common-misconceptions-and-stereotypes-about-africa/>
- <https://www.aperianglobal.com/debunking-common-myths-stereotypes-africa/>
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