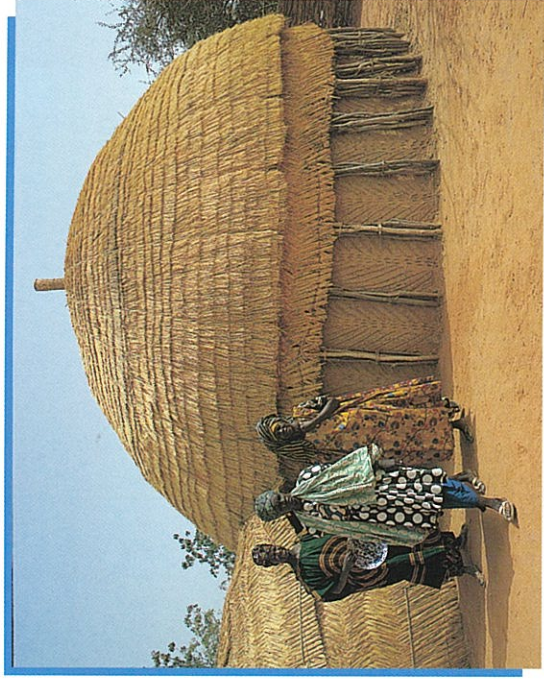


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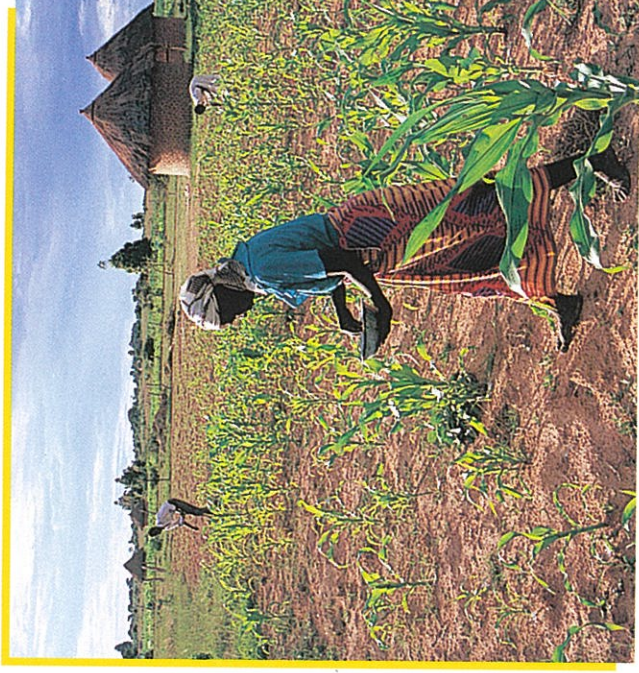
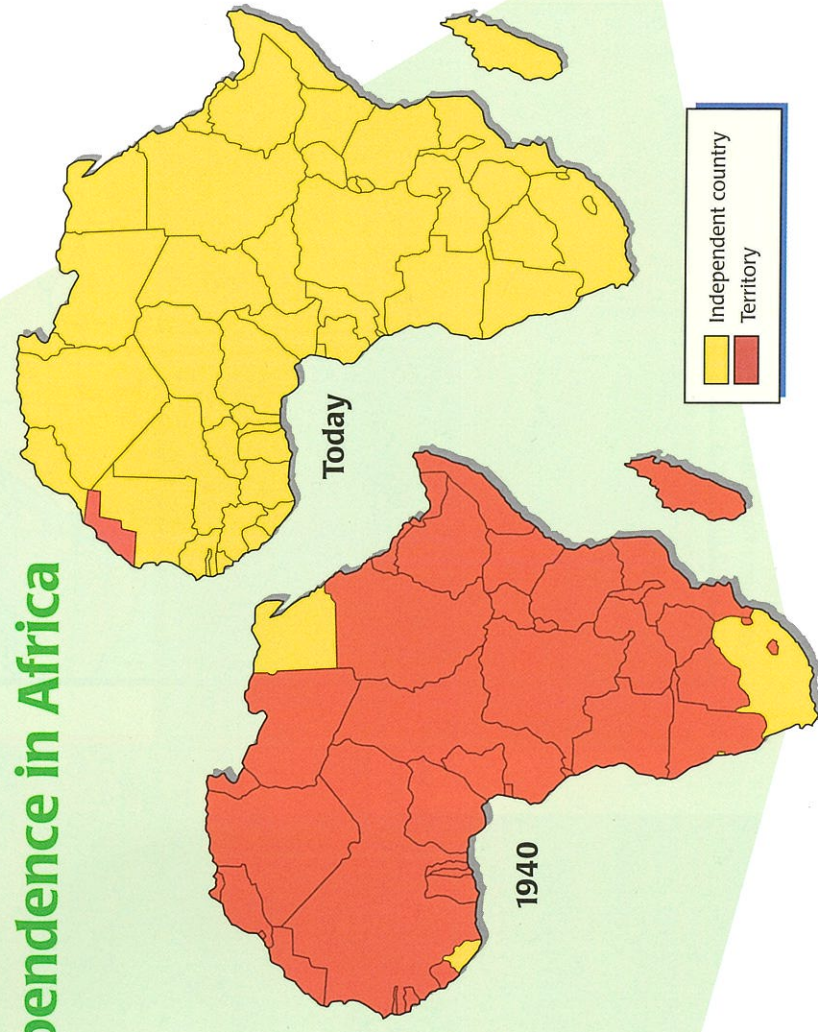
More than 800 languages are spoken in Africa's 53 countries. Communication can be difficult, not just between countries, but within them as well. In many places, the only common language is that of the last colonial power.



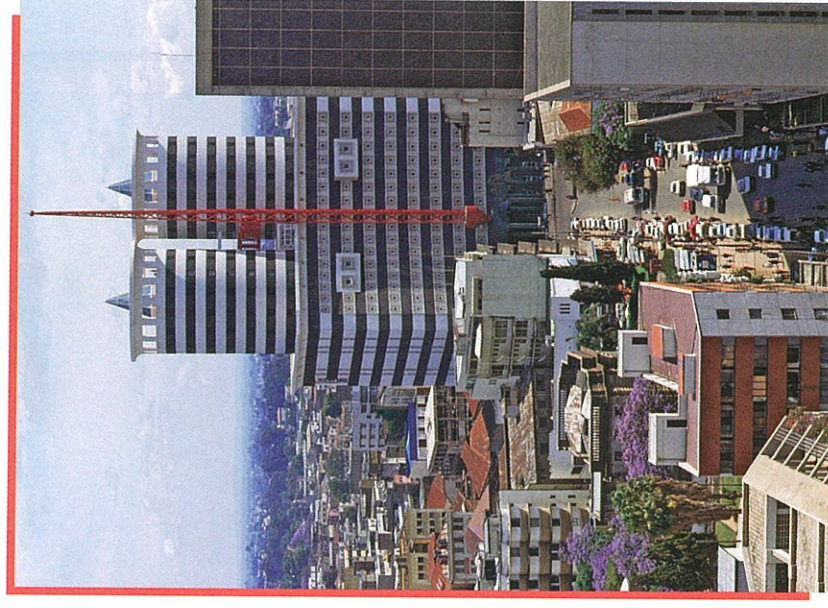
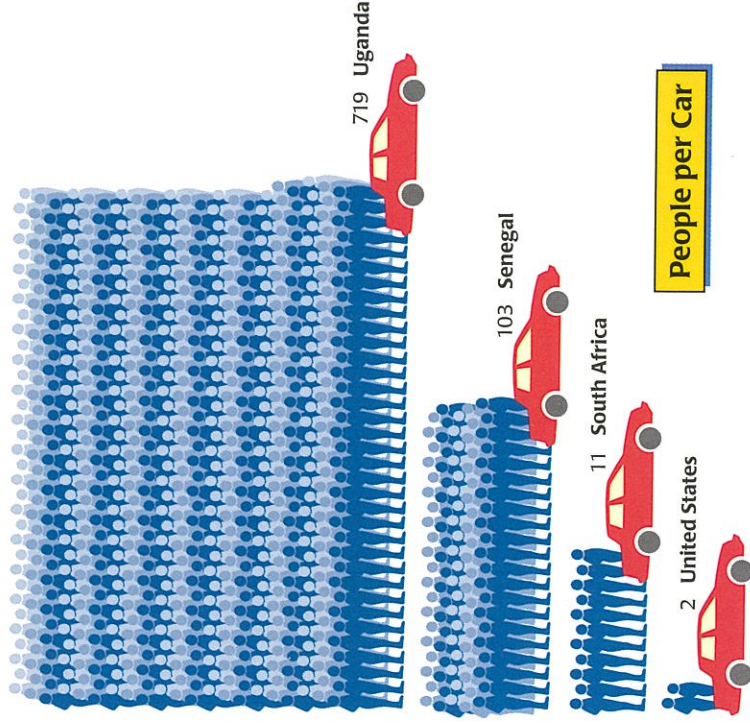
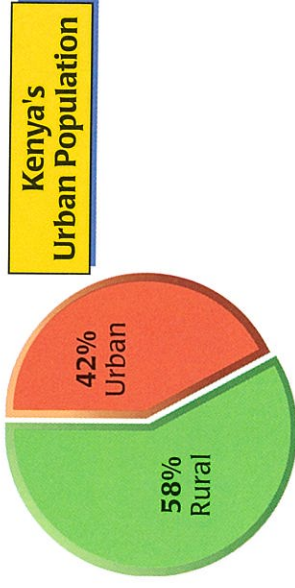
Villagers in Niger wear traditional dresses. Most Africans live in small villages.

Focus on Independence in Africa

- Between 1884 and 1940, most of Africa was ruled by European countries.
- From 1941 to 1968, 39 African countries won independence.
- Eleven more African countries gained their independence between 1973 and 1993.



In Zimbabwe, a farmer tends her corn crop. Her house stands nearby.



Nairobi is the capital of Kenya and a major business center for East Africa.

