

Grange Park Primary School Year 2 Spring 1 and 2 Geography

Mad for Madagascar: A comparison of Winchmore Hill and Talata

Physical Features	
weather	The climate of Madagascar is tropical, with a hot and rainy season between November and the end of March (summer), and a cooler dry season from May to October (winter). In general the climate of the United Kingdom is cool and often cloudy and rainy. High temperatures are not usual.
rainforest	Madagascar has vast areas of rainforest. Over half of the islands animals that live in these rainforests, live nowhere else in the world.

Human Features	
transport	The main mode of transport on Madagascar is walking. Public transport exists in some places in the form of bush taxis. The railroad is underdeveloped and used mostly to transport goods. There are very few airports.
housing	In rural areas of Madagascar, most houses are made of either mud and wattle or woven matting supported by poles. In the eastern forest, they are built of interlaced split bamboo and are thatched with palm.
market places	In Tanata and many rural places in Madagascar, most buying and selling of goods happens in a market place.
schools	Education is supposed to be compulsory for 6-11 year olds but there are some places in Madagascar that do not have schools and children are not educated but work instead.
places of worship	Madagascar has many places of worship. One of which does exist in the village of Tanata.
paddy fields	Madagasy people eat a lot of rice, on average 120kg per year. It is eaten for all three meals of the day.

Key Places	
Madagascar	Madagascar, officially the Republic of Madagascar, and previously known as the Malagasy Republic, is an island country in the Indian Ocean, approximately 400 kilometres off the coast of East Africa across the Mozambique Channel.
Talata	Talata is a village just north of Antananarivo in Madagascar.
Antananarivo	The capital and largest city of Madagascar.
Winchmore Hill	A suburb in the borough of Enfield, North London. The N21 postal district.
Africa	The world's second largest continent. Madagascar belongs to this continent
Europe	Europe is a continent that is entirely in the Northern Hemisphere. The United Kingdom belongs to this continent.

Key Vocabulary	
village	A small settlement that is usually found in rural places.
pollution	Gases, smoke and chemicals are introduced into the environment. This is harmful for humans, animals and plants.
tourism	People who are travelling for fun. This includes activities such as sightseeing.
poverty	Extremely poor.
deforestation	The cutting down of forests or groups of trees from land which is then turned into non-forest use.
native	A person who was born in, or comes from a particular place.
tropical	Near the equator. A tropical climate is warm to hot and moist all year round.
rural	Areas that are not towns or cities. They are often farming areas.

