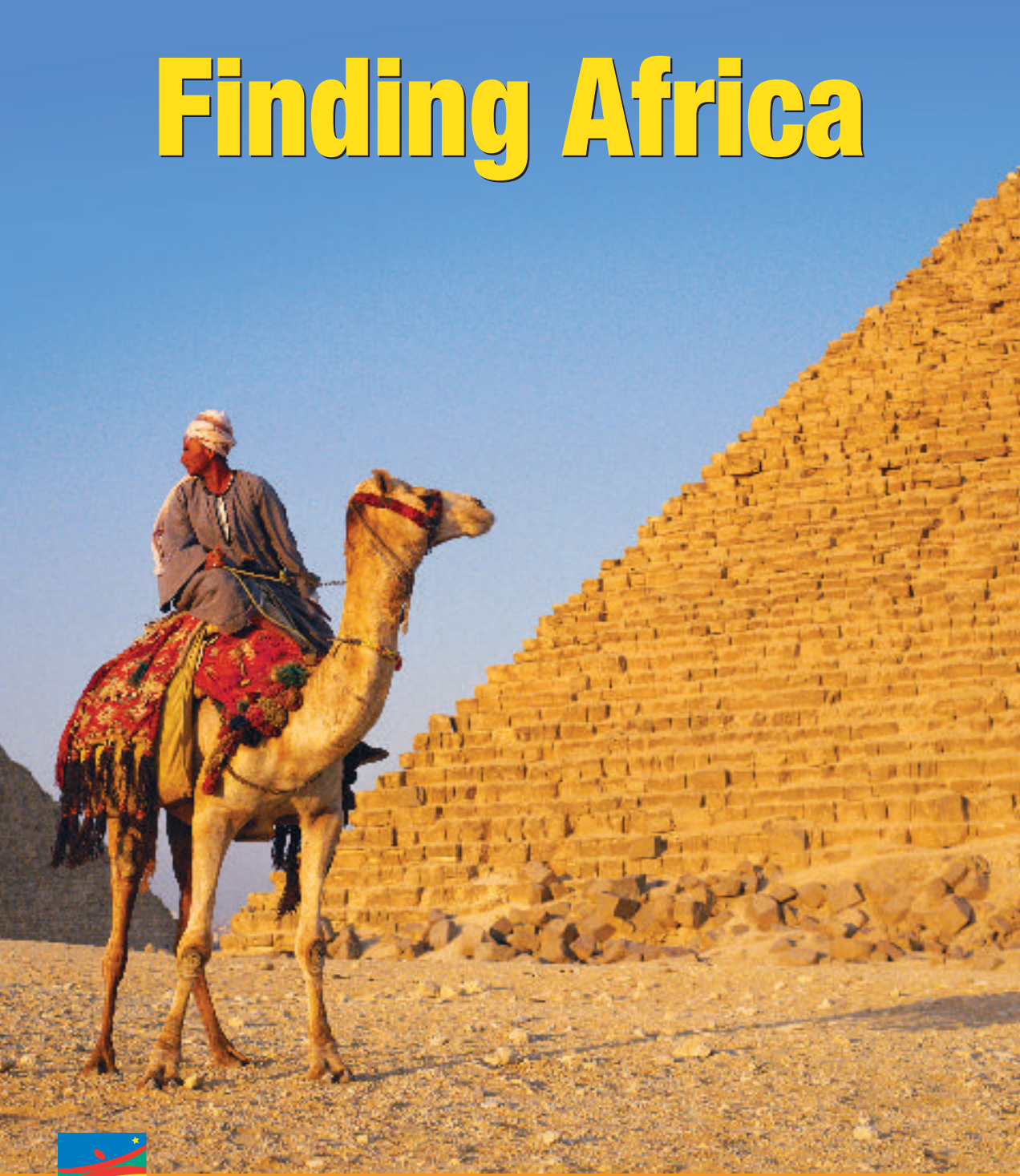
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The Big Idea

This book tells about geography and how to use symbols on maps.

Skills at a Glance

Monitor-Reading:
- Visualize

Comprehension:
- Summarize information

Phonics:
- Vowel diphthong /ou/ (mountain, route, south, surround)

Fluency:
- Read with phrases

Tier Two Vocabulary:
- locate

Tier Three Vocabulary:
- continent, desert, key, lake, landform, locate, map, mapmaker, river, symbol

Grammar, Word Study, and Language Development:
- Use comparatives (bigger, hotter, hottest, largest, tallest)
- Use compound words (grasslands, landforms, mapmakers)

Sentence Pattern:
- A ___ can ___.

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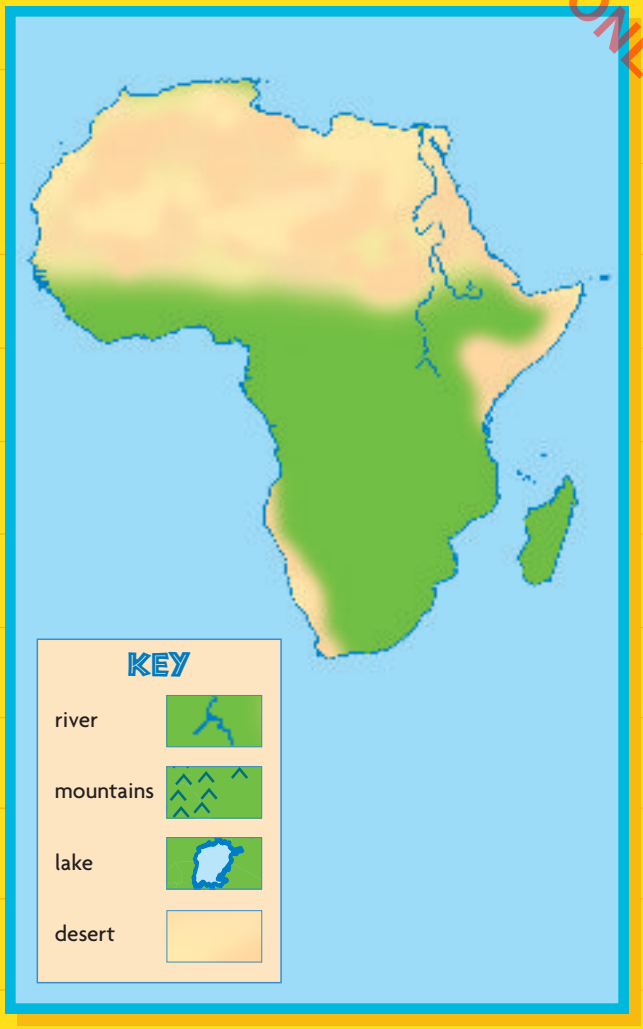
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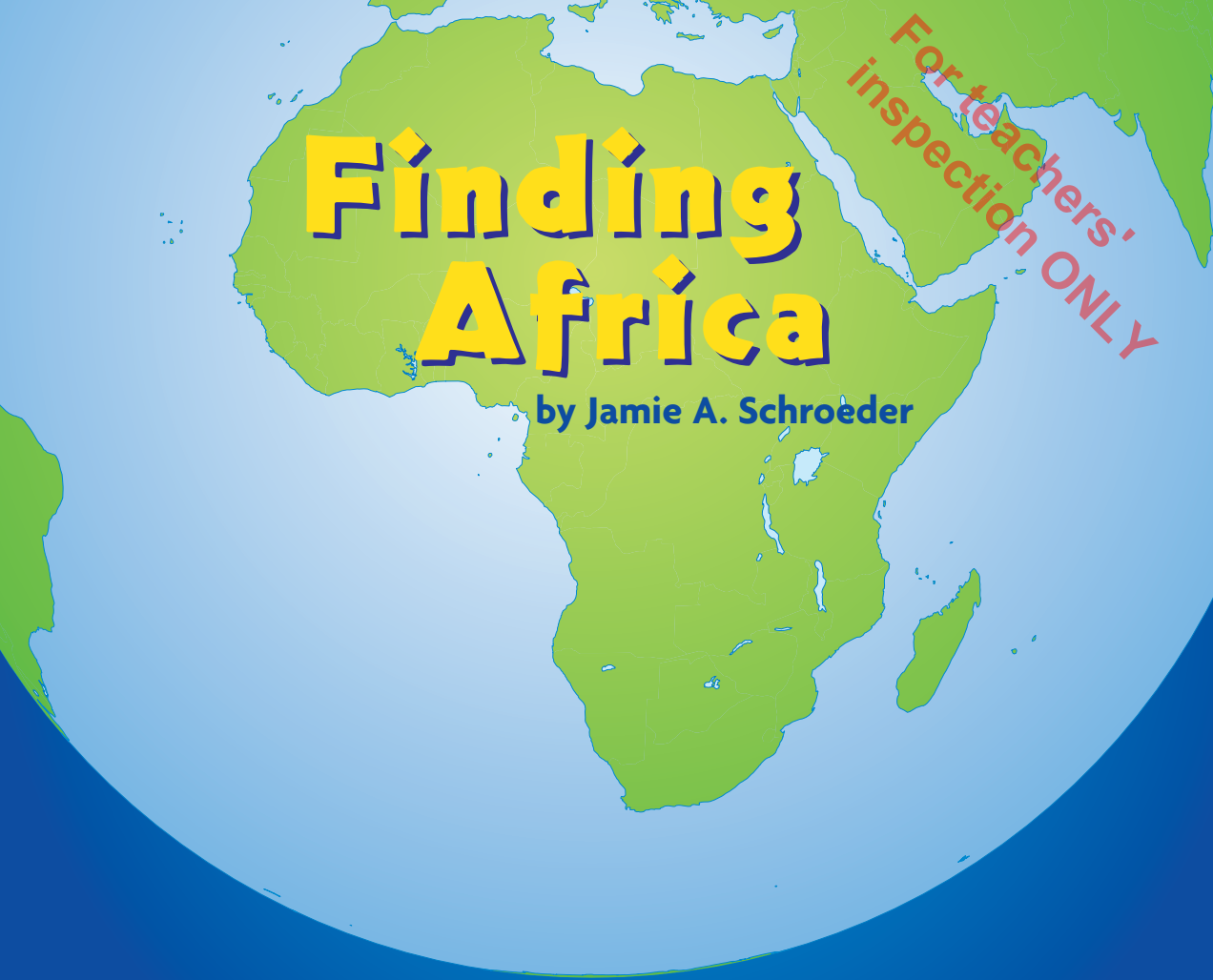
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I need to know these words.

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continents

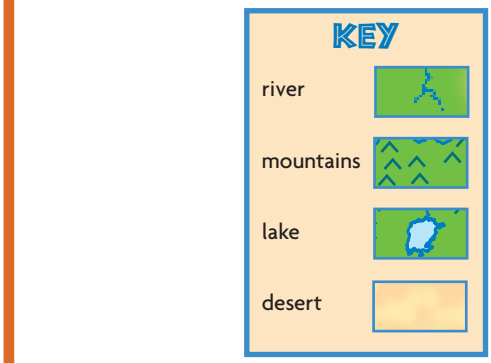


desert



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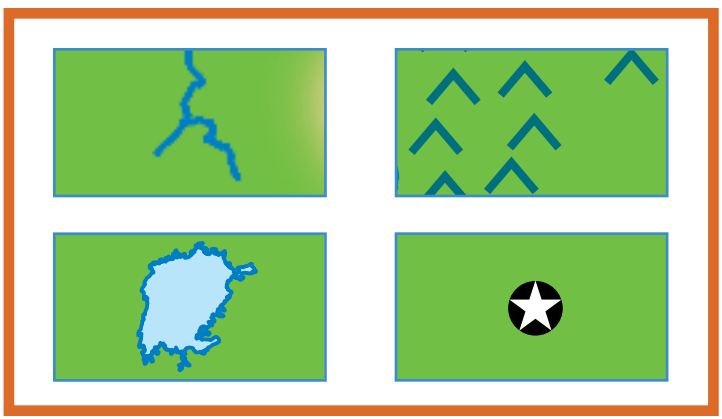
map key



river



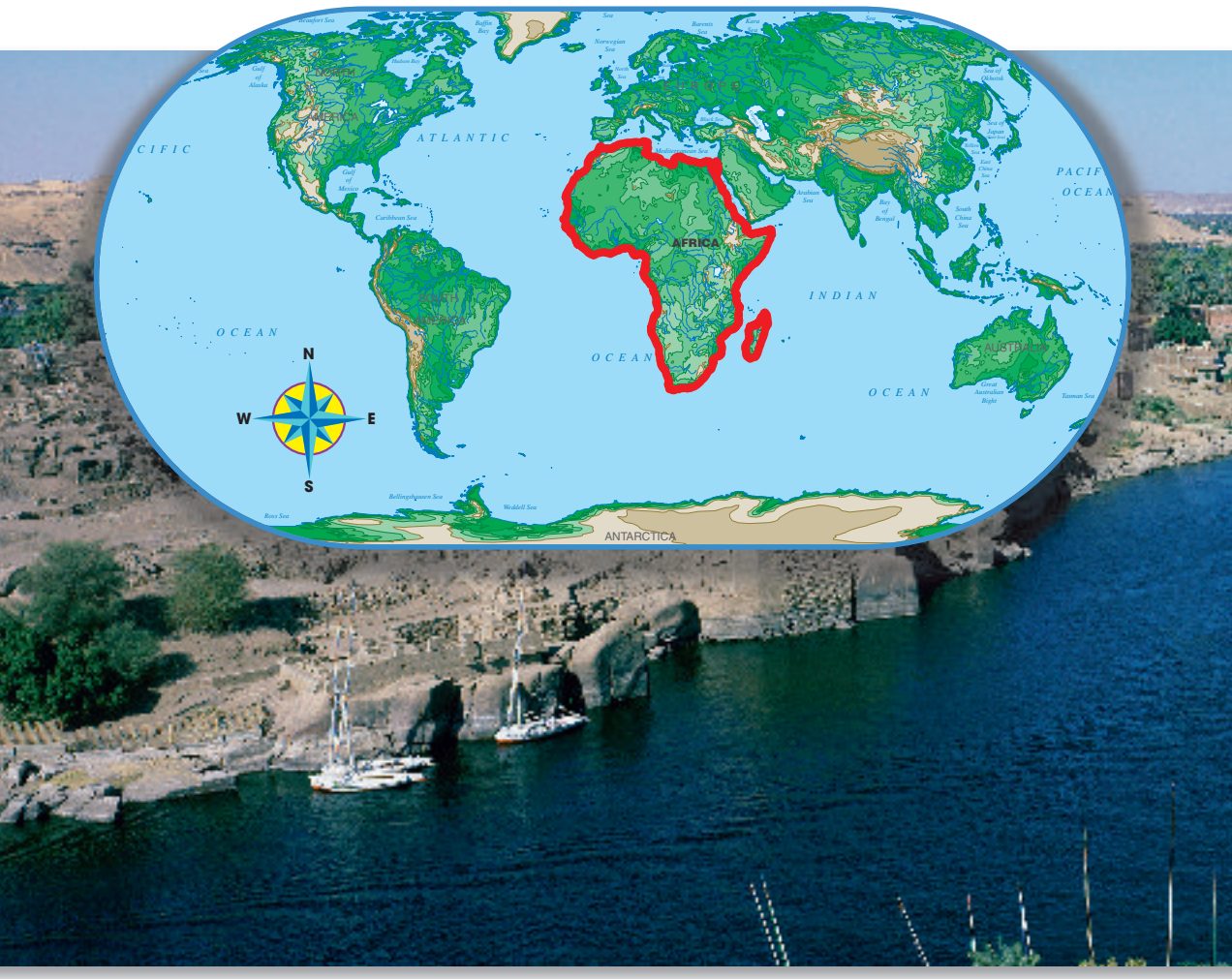
symbols



Where Is Africa?

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Look at the map. Can you find Africa on the map? Africa is a large **continent**.



A map can help you find Africa. A map can help you find places in Africa. A map can help you find the Nile River in Africa.

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▲ The Nile River is about 4,000 miles long.

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What Is a Map Key?

Most maps have a **map key**. A map key has **symbols** and words. The words tell you what the symbols mean. Use the map key to find the Nile River.



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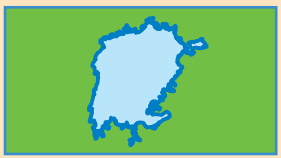
What Is a Symbol?

A mapmaker draws small pictures on maps. These pictures are symbols. A symbol is a drawing that means a word.

KEY

river 

mountains 

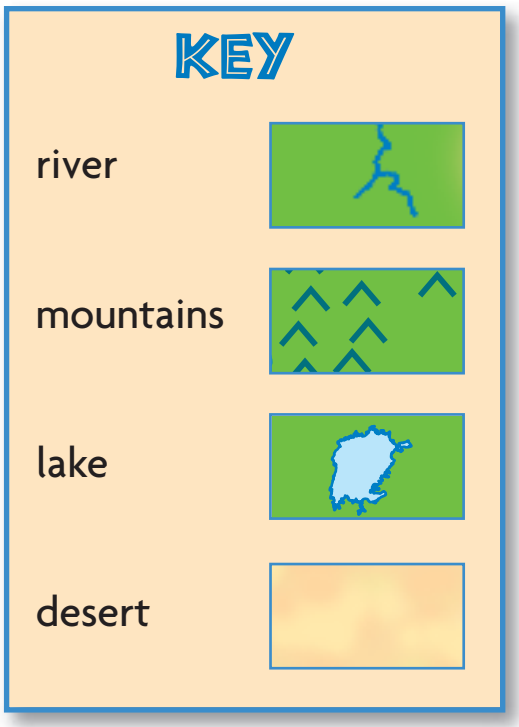
lake 

desert 

What Symbols Are on Maps?

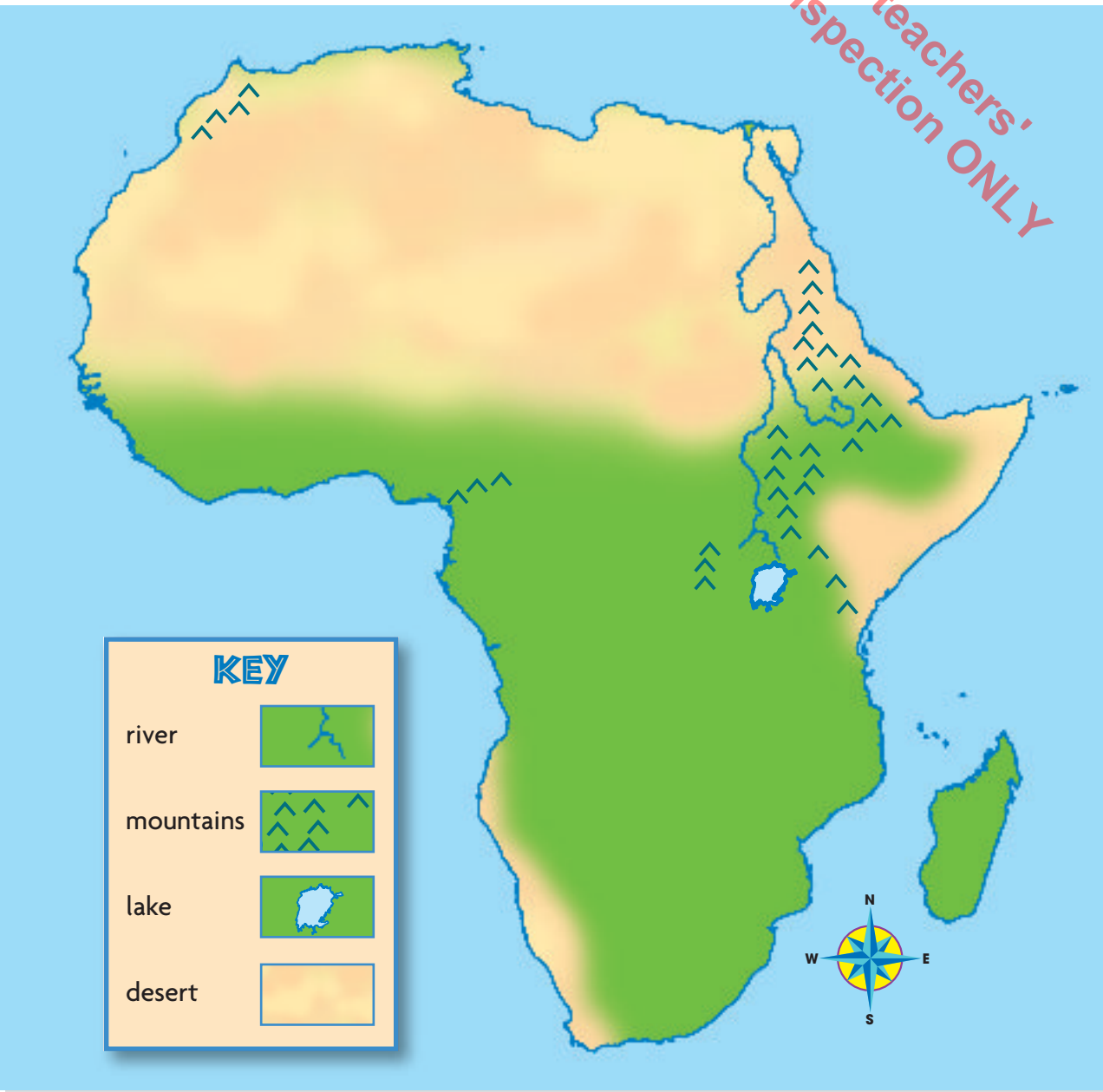
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A map key can show symbols of **landforms**. A map can show symbols of mountains. A map can show symbols of lakes and rivers, too.



◀ These symbols can be on a map key.

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▲ What landforms can you find on this map? Look for the symbols.