

1 ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN YOUR OWN WORDS!

Which countries are South Africa's neighbours to the north? _____

Which country lies completely within South Africa? _____

Which two oceans surround South Africa? _____

Which is the biggest river in South Africa? _____

Name two famous deserts of South Africa: _____

Which mountains in South Africa are the highest? Which height do they reach? _____

What kind of climate does South Africa have? _____

Name the four ethnic groups in South Africa and their proportion of the population:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

What are the descendants of the Dutch settlers called? _____

Which part of the country do most of the people live in? _____

Name at least three big cities in South Africa! _____

South Africa has three capitals. Parliament meets in _____, the government gets together in _____ and the court is in _____

Which raw materials does the country produce? _____

Who were the first Europeans to sail around Africa? _____

What was the Great Trek? _____

What was Apartheid about? _____

Who became South Africa's first black president? _____

What are South Africa's problems today? _____

2 MULTIPLE CHOICE EXERCISE—CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER**1** In 2010 South Africa will be host to the

- a. football World Cup
- b. African Games
- c. Africa Cup
- d. Commonwealth Games

2 Many educated and skilled workers

- a. go to neighbouring countries
- b. stay in South Africa
- c. leave the country and go abroad
- d. move to northern African countries

3 At the end of the 19th century

- a. the Bantu were driven out of the country
- b. the Boers won a war against the British
- c. Germans started coming to South Africa
- d. gold and diamonds were discovered

4 Afrikaans

- a. is the language of the Dutch settlers
- b. was spoken by early English settlers
- c. was the language of the black people
- d. is the capital of South Africa

5 The African National Congress was founded in

- a. 1912
- b. 1812
- c. 1862
- d. 1962

6 Nelson Mandela

- a. was the first Dutch president of South Africa
- b. was kept in prison for many years
- c. was a famous tribal leader
- d. was the last white president

7 Many countries around the world

- a. founded companies in South Africa because they liked apartheid
- b. criticized the apartheid system
- c. increased trading with South Africa during the apartheid years
- d. didn't let tourists travel to South Africa

8 Great wines are produced in South Africa

- a. because of the Mediterranean climate
- b. because many of the wine-growers are Italians
- c. because South Africa got know-how from other countries
- d. because of the rainy weather around the coast

9 Durban

- a. is the centre of government
- b. is the biggest industrial city of South Africa
- c. is the country's tourist centre
- d. is the country's biggest harbour

10 The Great Escarpment

- a. is a big desert in the north
- b. separates the inner plateaus from the coastal lowlands
- c. separates the deserts in the north from the grasslands in the inner parts
- d. is the border between South Africa and Botswana

11 Blacks make up

- a. 20% of the population
- b. 40 % of the population
- c. 60% of the population
- d. 80% of the population

12 Because the crime rate is so high

- a. many South Africans move to tall buildings
- b. South Africans hire security companies to protect them
- c. more blacks are put into prison
- d. the selling of guns has been forbidden

3 MATCH THE WORDS WITH THE DEFINITIONS

A	announce		hard metal that you make steel out of
B	copper		something made of wood or metal that is around a house
C	deposit		to take a person to a police station because they have done something wrong
D	drought		deep hole in the ground where people dig out important
E	government		someone who gets paid to help work in a household
F	iron		group of people who have the same skin colour
G	majority		to say officially
H	retire		to stretch, expand
I	servant		layer of rock in the earth with minerals in it
J	settler		a person of someone's family who lived a long time ago
K	wheat		a soft reddish brown metal used in wires and pipes
L	spread		a person who goes to live in a place where not many people have gone to before
M	release		cows and bulls on a farm
N	race		the largest group of people in a country
O	fence		people who rule a country
P	mine		topic, subject
Q	issue		plant that you make white bread from
R	arrest		to stop working because you are too old
S	cattle		to set free
T	descendant		long period of very dry weather

4 IN THE FOLLOWING TEXT THERE ARE 6 SENTENCES THAT DO NOT BELONG THERE! UNDERLINE THEM !

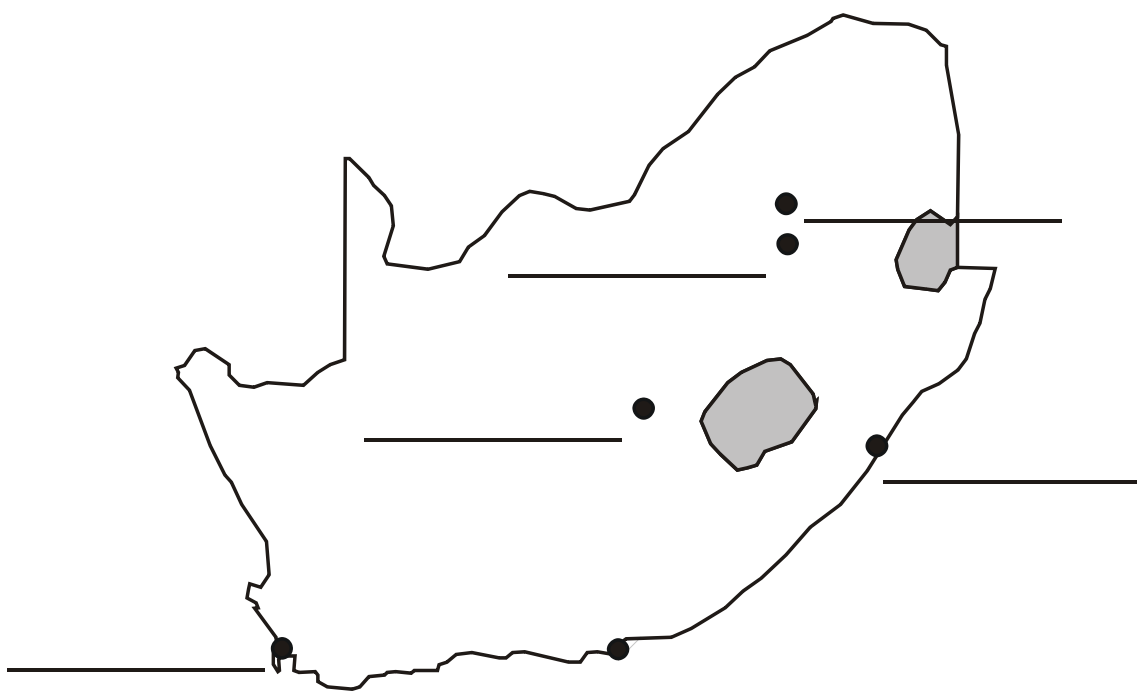
Most of South Africa lies on a high plateau called the Highveld . The Great Escarpment separates these regions from the lower regions of the coast. There are separate beaches for the black and white population. The northern part of the country is dry and deserts like the Kalahari and the Namib reach into South Africa. The Drakenberg Mountains are the highest parts of South Africa and the Orange is the major River. It got its name because it has orange water after it rains a lot.

There are four large ethnic groups. Blacks make up almost 80 % of the population. Their huts are made up of leaves. Most of them still work for white businesses, but unemployment is very high among them. The Whites make up about 10% of the population. Some of them speak English and some are Afrikaners, the descendants of Dutch settlers. The Dutch queen also visited South Africa. 9% are people of mixed race and Asians make up 2 % of the population.

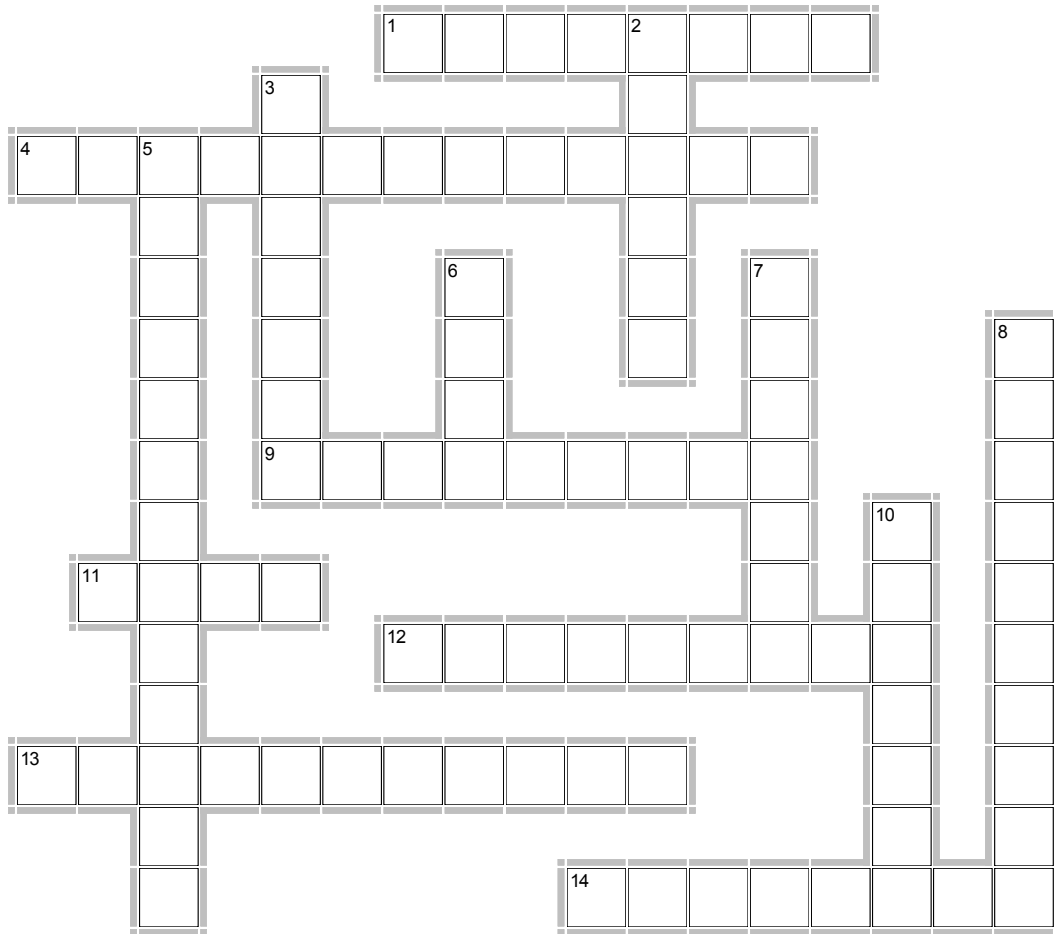
South Africa is the richest country in Africa. It produces about a quarter of all the goods and services of the African continent. Factories give Whites more money than Blacks. Although the whites are still controlling most of the economy, the situation is getting better for Blacks.

South Africa is the largest gold producer in the world. Most of it comes from the Witwatersrand area near Johannesburg. Many Bantu tribes live in homelands near the city. It also has other valuable resources like copper, diamonds and coal. Big farms produce wheat, sugar cane and corn. Wine is grown in the winter rain areas of the south.

5 PUT THE MOST IMPORTANT SOUTH AFRICAN CITIES INTO THE MAP BELOW. LOOK THEM UP IN AN ATLAS IF YOU ARE NOT SURE!



6 CROSSWORD



Across

- 1. one of South Africa's capital cities
- 4. centre of gold production near Johannesburg
- 9. political and social system that kept races apart
- 11. one of the largest tribes in South Africa
- 12. language that is spoken by white South Africans
- 13. highest mountain range in South Africa
- 14. oldest city in South Africa

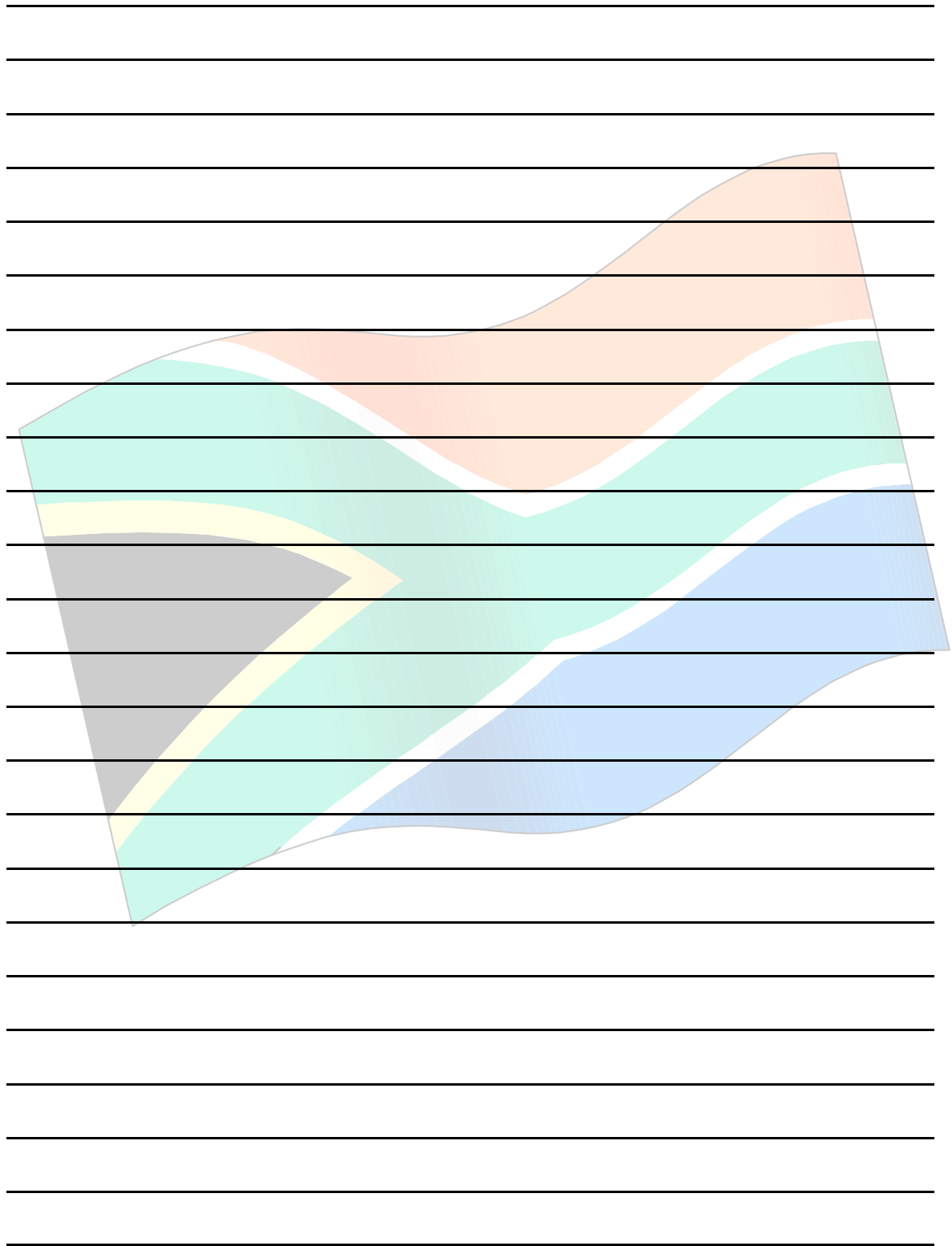
Down

- 2. biggest river in South Africa
- 3. one of South Africa's neighbours to the north
- 5. famous landmark that looks down on Cape Town
- 6. a white South African with Dutch roots
- 7. first black president of South Africa
- 8. one of South Africa's big problems
- 10. country that is completely surrounded by South Africa

7 TRUE OR FALSE?

	T	F
Most of South Africa lies on a plateau.		
The biggest river is the Orange		
Durban is the city where the government meets		
Johannesburg became famous as a gold mining town in the 19th century.		
The northern part of the country gets a lot of rain .		
Many blacks still work for white people in gold mines.		
Whites make up the majority of the population.		
During apartheid the whites had to leave South Africa and go back to Europe.		
The Boers won the war against the British colonists.		
During the Great Trek many Boers moved to the northern parts.		
Most of the country's Asian population live on the eastern coast		
Wines are produced in regions with a Mediterranean climate		
Table Mountain overlooks Cape Town		
It was the aim of the African National Congress to put white people in charge of South Africa.		
Nelson Mandela was the first black president of South Africa.		
In 1902 the British and Dutch colonies united to form a single South African state		
Gold was discovered near Cape Town and Durban in the last years of the 19th century.		
During the apartheid years many countries increased trading with South Africa.		
South Africa has more HIV infected than any other country in the world.		
The country will be host to the 2010 Olympic Games		
Many educated and skilled South Africans leave the country and go to Europe or the USA.		

8 AS A BLACK SOUTH AFRICAN WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR GOVERNMENT IN WHICH YOU ASK FOR THE BETTER TREATMENT OF BLACKS IN SOCIETY.



A large, stylized graphic of the South African flag is overlaid on a background of horizontal lines for writing. The flag features horizontal bands of orange, green, and blue, with a yellow and black triangle on the left side. The graphic is semi-transparent, allowing the lines to be seen through it.