

SOUTH AFRICA - VOCABULARY

- **according to** = as said or reported by someone
- **achieve** = get
- **adequate** = enough or of good quality
- **Afrikaans** = language spoken by Dutch settlers in South Africa
- **Afrikaner** = a white South African who is related to the Dutch people who came to the country in the 1600s
- **aim** = goal, wish
- **although** = while
- **ancestor** = a person from your family who lived a long time ago
- **announce** = to officially tell people about something
- **Apartheid** = the political and social system in South Africa, in which only white people had rights: other races had to live separately
- **arrest** = to take to a person to a police station because they may have done something wrong
- **as a result** = something happens because of something else
- **battle** = fight
- **Boer** = a white South African with Dutch roots
- **branch** = part
- **Cape of Good Hope** = at the southwestern end of South Africa; where the Atlantic Oceans meets the Indian Ocean
- **capital city** = an important city where the main government of a country is
- **cattle** = cows on a farm
- **century** = a period of a hundred years
- **chromium** = a hard blue-white metal that is used to cover metal objects with a shiny silver surface
- **citrus fruits** = a fruit with a thick skin, like oranges or lemons
- **coast, coastal** = where land meets the sea
- **corruption** = bad behavior from someone who has power
- **court** = place where a trial is held ; a judge and a jury decide if someone is guilty or not
- **decade** = ten years
- **decide** = choose to do something
- **defeat** = to win against in a war
- **deposit** = a layer of a mineral, metal that is in rocks
- **descendant** = a person of someone's family who lived a long time ago
- **discover** = to find for the first time
- **dominate** = overlook, stand out
- **drought** = a long phase of dry weather, when plants and animals do not get enough water
- **Dutch** = a person from the Netherlands
- **economically** = about business and the financial system of a country
- **economy** = financial system of a country; how goods are bought and sold
- **educate** = to go to school and learn things
- **election** = when people vote to choose someone for an official position
- **electricity** = the power that is carried by wires, cables etc, and is used to give light make machines work
- **enjoy** = the pleasure of having ...
- **equality** = being the same
- **escarpment** = a steep slope between two levels on a hill or mountain
- **ethnic, ethnic group** = people that belong to a certain tribe, race or country and have their own traditions and language
- **even though** = while
- **extend** = to reach from one place to another
- **factory** = building where products are made with machines
- **fence** = something made of wood or metal that is around a house
- **fertile** = very good farming area
- **flow** = runs into
- **found-founded** = create ; to start something new
- **freezing** = here: 0° C
- **gap** = here: difference
- **goods** = products
- **government** = the people who rule a country
- **height** = how high something is
- **heyday** = here : the time when with the highest production
- **hire** = to pay someone to work for you
- **HIV** = a type of virus that enters the body through blood or sexual activity, and can grow into AIDS
- **host** = here : to have as their home; where they meet
- **housing** = the houses that people live in
- **however** = but
- **huge** = very big
- **humid** = very wet
- **improve** = to make better
- **increase** = grow

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- **infected** = harmful bacteria that enters your body so that it cannot get better
- **interior** = inner, away from the coast
- **investment** = here: to put money into projects
- **iron ore** = rock that has iron in it
- **isolate** = here: to separate the country from the whole world
- **issue** = topic , subject
- **landmark** = famous sight
- law = the system of rules that a country has
- **legal** = to be officially allowed
- **major** = most important; main
- **majority** = the largest group of people in a country, opposite of minority
- **Mediterranean** = area between Europe and Africa
- **mining** = the work or industry of digging holes and getting minerals and metals out of the earth
- **mound** = pile of earth
- **mountain range** = a group of mountains usually in one line
- **natural resources** = minerals and other valuable things that exist in nature
- **navigator** = a person on a ship who tells you which way to go
- **originate** = here: starts
- **pass a law** = when parliament makes a law
- **plantation** = large area of land, where crops like sugar, wheat or cotton are grown
- **plateau** = a large area of flat land that is higher than the land around it
- **platinum** = a silver-grey metal that does not change colour and is used in making expensive jewellery and in industry
- **poorly paid** = to get little money for the work you do
- **port** = harbour ; where ships load and unload products
- **poverty line** = the income below which a person or a family is officially considered to be very poor and in need of help
- **prison** = a building or room where people are kept if they have done something wrong
- **prosperity** = when people have money and everything that is needed for a good life
- **protect** = defend, guard
- **race** = group of people who have the same skin colour
- **raise** = feed
- **rapidly** = very quickly
- **release** = to set free
- **retire** = to stop working because you are old
- **sea level** = the average height of the sea; it is used to measure other things, like the height of mountains etc..
- **security company** = a company that you pay to install machines in your house that protect you or keep you safe
- **separate** = divide, keep apart
- **serious** = important
- **services** = work that you do for someone else and get paid for it
- **settlement** = new town or village
- **settler** = a person who goes to and lives in a place where not very many people have gone to before
- **single** = only one
- **situated** = located; can be found
- **skilled** = someone who has the training to do something well
- **slave** = someone who is owned by another person and works for them for no money
- **southwards** = to move south
- **sparsely populated** = not many people live on an area of land
- **spread** = stretch, expand; or to move from one place to another
- **sugar cane** = a tall tropical plant from which you can make sugar
- **surrounded** = to be around something
- **take over** = take control of
- **throughout** = in all of
- **towards** = here: just before
- **township** = poor areas or suburbs of South African cities;
- **trade** = to buy and sell things
- **trading station** = place where people got together to buy and sell things
- **tribe** = a group of people belonging to the same race, with the same customs and language
- **unemployment** = being without a job
- **wealth** = being rich
- **wheat** = a plant that you make white bread from
- **youth** = young people