

Complete the text on the film "*Invictus*". Fill in the blanks from the word list on the right.

Invictus is a story about the South African national rugby team and their (1) _____ to win the rugby World Cup.

In 1990, after being held in (2) _____ for 26 years Nelson Mandela, head of the ANC, is finally (3) _____. The event marks the end of apartheid in South Africa. After winning a national (4) _____, Nelson Mandela becomes the first black president of South Africa, pledging to (5) _____ the country and its people. Since European settlers came to the southern part of Africa, Afrikaners (white South Africans) and black natives have been living in different worlds. While the black population celebrates, the Afrikaners feel (6) _____ and are afraid of losing the country they have built.

In his first days in office (7) _____ between blacks and whites in Mandela's (8) _____ become obvious. White government officials are afraid of being (9) _____ by blacks. Mandela however tries to (10) _____ his former opponents by saying that nobody will be fired and that he will work hard to (11) _____ racial equality in South Africa.

Sports show racial differences in a dramatic way. While black children run around in their (12) _____ playing soccer, the favourite sport of whites is rugby. The South African national team, the Springboks, are made up of white players, only one is black. As the World Cup is to be (13) _____ in South Africa in 1995 Mandela sees this as a way of uniting the races in the Rainbow Nation and leaving the Apartheid past behind. He (14) _____ rugby captain Francois Pienaar to his office and persuades him to keep up the spirit in the team, even if the captain thinks that the Springboks do not stand a (15) _____ in the World Cup. He also convinces François that (16) _____ is important, not only in politics but also in sport.

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advance
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chance
conveys
election
excitement
extraordinary
leadership
prison
quest
reinsure
released
replaced
shame
staff
staged
summons
support
tensions
townships
underdogs
underway
unite

As the preparation period moves on Pienaar tries to unite his team and **(17)** _____ Mandela's message to them. The team pays visits to townships in an **(18)** _____ to teach black children rugby.

When the tournament gets **(19)** _____ the Springboks surprise rugby experts by beating Australia in the first game. As they continue to **(20)** _____ in the tournament an increasing number of black South Africans **(21)** _____ them. The Springboks make it to the final where they face the undefeated New Zealand team. In an **(22)** _____ match the African **(23)** _____ beat their opponents by three points.

After this tournament victory celebrations and **(24)** _____ break out on the streets of South African cities as blacks and whites cheer the Springbok team.