

Core Lesson 4

VOCABULARY

ambassador
treaty



READING SKILL

Problem and Solution

Keep track of problems that nations have and the ways in which they solve those problems.

Problem Solution

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WORLD CONNECTION

Nations Work Together

Build on What You Know Think of a time when a friend or family member helped you do a hard job. Just like friends and family, countries can help each other.

Governments Team Up

You know that some American leaders work in Washington, D.C. So do ambassadors from other countries. An **ambassador** is a person who represents his or her government in another country. Ambassadors from India, South Africa, and many other countries work in our nation's capital. Ambassadors from the United States work in the capital cities of these and other countries.

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President George W. Bush stands with ambassadors from around the world.



The United Nations Completed in 1953, U.N. headquarters are located in New York City.

Skill **Reading Visuals** What do you think the parts of the U.N. symbol (lower right) stand for?



Reasons to Work Together

Nations work together for many reasons. The United States works with Canada and Mexico to make trade easier in North America. Nations around the world work to keep the oceans safe for travel and trade.



Skill (above):
They represent
the countries
in the U.N.

The United Nations

A group called the United Nations helps countries work together. The United Nations is a team of leaders from most of the world's nations. One of its main jobs is to help countries live in peace. When nations disagree, the United Nations tries to bring them together to solve their disputes. It encourages countries to make a treaty. A **treaty** is an agreement made between nations. Some treaties end wars between countries and lead to peace.

Freedom in South Africa

Members of the United Nations work in countries across the world. They work to make sure all nations respect human rights. For instance, the United Nations played a part in helping people gain rights in South Africa.

South Africa is a country located at the southern tip of Africa. For many years, black and other non-white South Africans were denied their rights. They were not allowed to vote. They were not free to live or work where they wanted.

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Many people in South Africa and across the world helped South Africans gain their rights. **Nelson Mandela** (man DEHL uh) spent much of his life working for equal rights for black South Africans. The United Nations supported Mandela and others who worked for equality. Finally, in 1994, all South Africans won their right to vote.



Freedom Day Each year, South Africans celebrate the first democratic election held in South Africa. It took place on April 27, 1994.



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South Africa and the United States

Leaders in South Africa and the United States have created programs to help their nations work together. Scientists from both countries share their research. They study the earth's environment. Doctors seek the best ways to keep people healthy. South African and American teachers have developed programs to help their students learn about life in other parts of the world.

Review What did South Africans do to gain equal rights?

Scientists work to help wildlife, such as penguins.



***After Reading the lesson copy the vocabulary and write its definition. Answer the questions.**

1. Ambassador:

2. Treaty:

Answer.

1. Why do countries send ambassadors to other countries?
 - a) To communicate with leaders there and to work together with other countries.
 - b) To communicate with leaders about wars and fight together with other countries.
2. What did South Africans do to gain equal rights?
 - a) They fought against the United Nations and made a war for equal rights.
 - b) Stood up for equal rights and worked with the United Nations.