

SOUTH AFRICA

The Republic of South Africa is located in the South of the African continent.

It has 11 official languages: the main languages are English and Afrikaans.

It has three capital cities: Pretoria (where the president Cyril Ramaphosa is), Cape Town and Bloemfontein. Other important cities are Johannesburg, Durban and Port Elizabeth.

The country's currency is the Rand.

The national symbol is the springbok.

Rugby, football and cricket are the most famous sports.

Some famous people from South Africa are: Nelson Mandela, Desmond Tutu, Charlize Theron, and J.R.R. Tolkien.

South Africa is bordered by the Indian and the Atlantic Oceans.

There are many amazing National Parks, Kruger National Park is the largest. You can see many animals in this country, like rhinos, elephants, hippos, leopards, lions, sharks, crocodiles, seals, penguins ... You can also go whale watching in Hermanus.

The country has a beautiful landscape, including waterfalls (in the Augrabies Falls National Park), deserts, rivers, lakes, mountains (Table Mountain is the most famous), valleys, canyons (like Blyde River Canyon), beaches, gold and diamond mines, capes, reserves...

The flag has six colours. Each colour represents a different thing:

black = black people

yellow = gold (natural resources)

green = fertile land

blue = oceans, sky

red = blood (because of the diamonds)

white = European settlers

and the "Y" symbolizes the unity of ethnic groups



Write T (true) or F (false):

The blue on the flag represents the oceans and the sky.

The capital city is Johannesburg.

The country has five official languages.

The national animal is the lion.

In South Africa you can see elephants, crocodiles and whales.

South Africans use dollars.

There aren't any deserts in South Africa.

Augrabies Falls is the largest National Park.

The president of the country is Nelson Mandela.

Chair Mountain is the most famous mountain in the country.