

# South Africa - 'the Rainbow Nation'

## 1 How much do you know about South Africa? Try this quiz!

**1 Why is South Africa called 'the Rainbow Nation'?**

- a Because there are always rainbows.
- b Because it has so many different races, cultures and languages.
- c Because the flag has a picture of a rainbow on it.

**2 How many official languages are there in South Africa?**

- a 2    b 11    c 26

**3 Which big event will be held in South Africa in 2010?**

- a The Tour de France
- b Winter Olympics
- c FIFA (Football) World Cup

**4 Which of these is South Africa's national symbol?**

- a the lion



- b the rhino



- c the springbok



**5 What should you do when you see a 'red robot' in the street in South Africa?**

- a Stop!    b Get away fast.    c Call the police.

## 2 Read about places in South Africa. Find the places on the map and write the numbers of the paragraphs.

**1** 'The Mother city', Cape Town, has beautiful beaches, mountains and forests ... take the cable car to the top of Table Mountain and look at the views.

**2** Visit the Indian market in Durban for wonderful curries, spices and silk. Or swim in the warm Indian ocean. But be careful of sharks\*!

**3** Nelson Mandela, former president of South Africa, spent 18 years in a prison\* on Robben island near Cape Town.

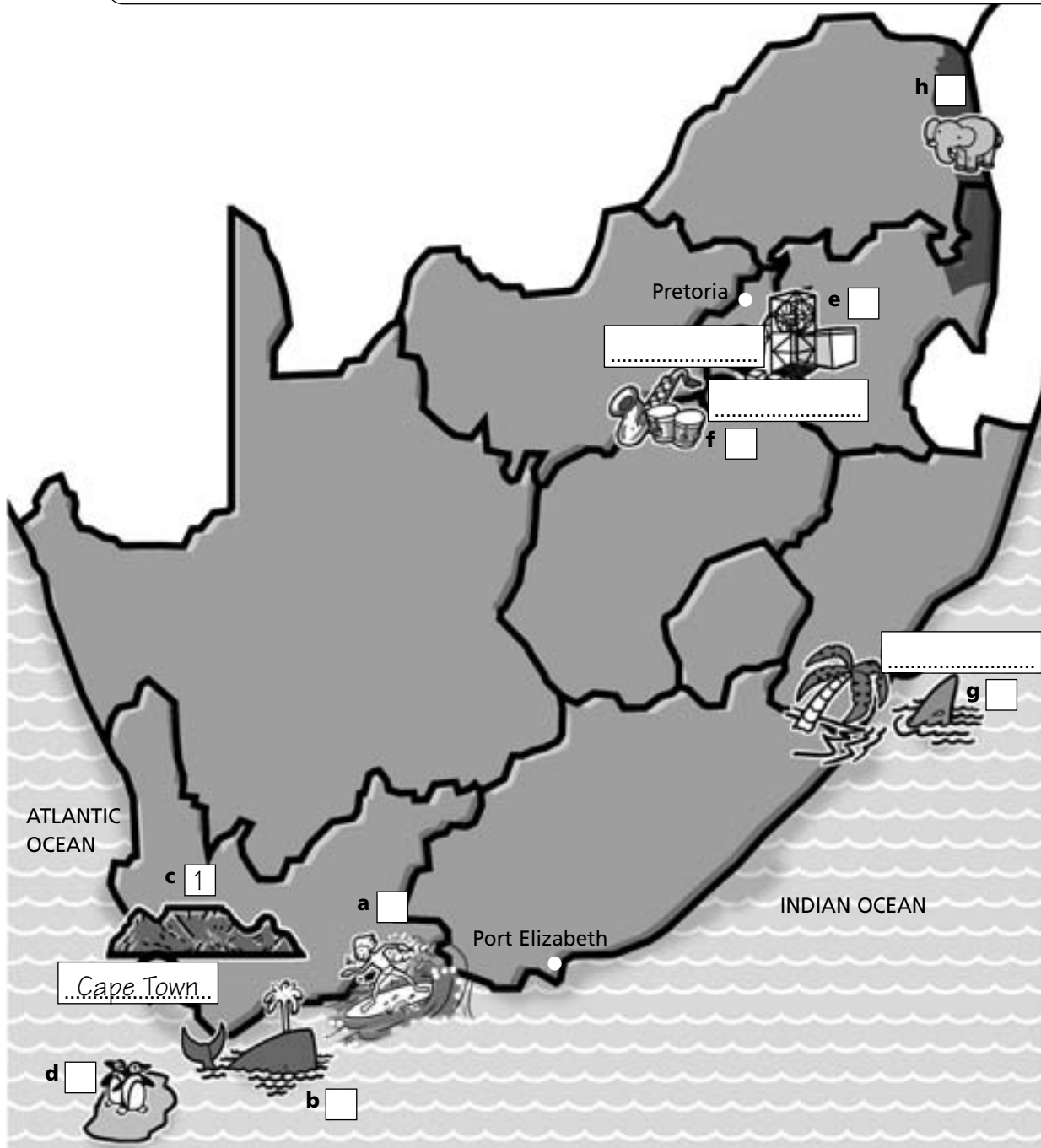
**4** The city of Johannesburg is called Egoli in Zulu - 'city of gold'. Here, 226m under the ground in one of the old gold mines, you can visit the deepest pub in the world!

**5** Soweto may sound like an African name, but the name actually means "South Western Townships". 20 km to the south-west of Jo'burg, over 2 million people live here, in the heart of African jazz and kwaito music.

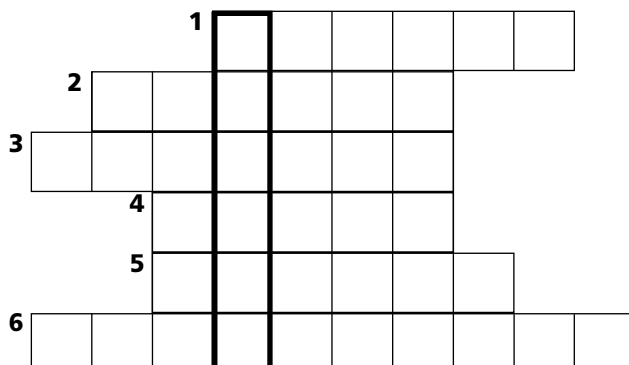
**6** The best place for surfing\*! International surfers come to Jeffrey's Bay, looking for the perfect wave.

**7** Fancy a safari\*? Kruger National Park is home to the 'big five' - elephant, rhino, lion, leopard and buffalo.

**8** Here, in September and October every year, you can watch whales as they come close to the beach at Hermanus.



3 Write the words for these definitions in the word square. Look at the black squares to find something South Africa is famous for. All the words are on these pages.



- 1 These creatures make swimming in some parts of the sea a bit scary\*!
- 2 Watching these huge animals has become a very popular activity.
- 3 The giant waves around the coast make this one of South Africa's best sports.
- 4 This famous mountain got its name because of its wide, flat top.
- 5 This building, on Robben Island, is now a museum.
- 6 The national rugby team is named after these fast, athletic\* animals!

### Personal project

Write short descriptions of some of the famous places in your country.

\*What is it in your language? Find out!