



Comprehension: South Africa

Read the following paragraph, then answer the questions that follow:

The South African Flag

The South African Flag was designed by Mr Fred Bronwell. It was first used on the 27 April 1994. The flag of South Africa was designed to symbolise unity.

The red, white and blue colours were taken from the colours of the Boer Republics. The yellow, black and green were taken from the African National Congress (ANC) flag. Black symbolises the people, green the fertility of the land and gold the mineral wealth beneath the soil. Those colours were adopted by the ANC in 1925.

The South African flag is the only national flag to display six colours as part of its primary design. When our flag is displayed with flags of other countries, all of them should be equal size and flown at the same height.

<http://www.worldatlas.com/flags/countrys/africa/soafrica.htm>

1. Who designed the South African flag? (1)

2. List all the colours of the South African flag. (3)

3. Why was this specific design chosen for the flag? (2)

An **acronym** is an abbreviation of the name of a place or an organisation. In an **acronym**, each letter represents a word that makes up the name of the place or organisation.

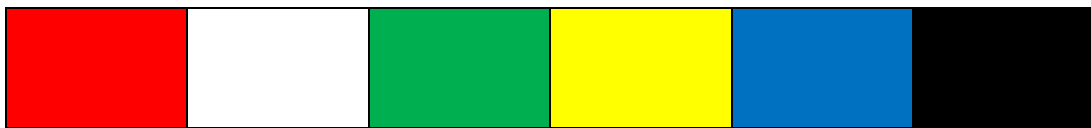
4. What does the acronym ANC stand for? (1)

5. Can you think what the acronym would be for the United States of America? (1)

6. When was the new South African flag used for the first time? (1)

7. What colours were taken from the old Boer Republics? (3)

8. Cross out the colours that were taken from the ANC flag: (3)



9. Explain what each colour of the ANC flag stands for (represents). (3)

10. Choose the right answer in brackets: (1)

There are (many/only one) national flag/s with six colours in the main design of the flag.

11. These flags are all displayed together. Can you see what is wrong with the display of flags?



Language in Context

1. Sort the following countries in alphabetical order: (4)

South Africa	Botswana	Mozambique	Zambia
Swaziland	Zimbabwe	Namibia	Lesotho

2. Make two sentences of your own, to show the two meanings for the word 'adopted'. (2)

3. Give the degrees of comparison for the following adjectives (describing words): (4)

Example:	small	smaller	smallest
a) big	_____		_____
b) tall	_____		_____
c) short	_____		_____
d) pretty	_____		_____

4. Draw and colour-in, the South African flag:

MEMO:

1. Who designed the South African flag? (1)

Mr Fred Bronwell designed the South African flag.

2. List all the colours of the South African flag. (3)

Red, yellow, green, black, blue and white

3. Why was this specific design chosen for the flag? (2)

It was designed to show unity. This design includes colours of the old Boer Republic and the colours of the ANC, the ruling party at present.

4. What does the acronym ANC stand for? (1)

African National Congress

5. Can you think what the acronym would be for the United States of America? (1)

USA

6. When was the new South African flag used for the first time? (1)

27 April 1994

7. What colours were taken from the old Boer Republics? (3)

Red, white and blue

8. Cross out the colours that were taken from the ANC flag: (3)

Yellow, black and green

9. Explain what each colour of the ANC flag stands for (represents). (3)

Yellow/gold – mineral wealth of South Africa, under the ground

Green – fertility of the land (ability to grow and reproduce)

Black – the people of the land

10. Choose the right answer in brackets: (1)

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When our flag is displayed with other flags, all of the flags should be of the same size and be flown at the same height. In this image, the South African flag is bigger than the rest.

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2. Make two sentences of your own, to show the two meanings for the word 'adopted'. (2)

**The man and his wife adopted a child as they couldn't have their own children.
The colours green, black and yellow were adopted by the ANC as their official colours.**

3. Give the degrees of comparison for the following adjectives (describing words): (4)

Example: small smaller smallest

e) big bigger biggest

f) tall taller tallest

g) short shorter shortest

h) pretty prettier prettiest (*remember y changes to ie*)

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