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This land is our land

Pre-reading question

Have you visited an interesting place in South Africa? Tell your friend about it.

New words

tourists – Tourists visit interesting places.

museum – Tourists go to museums to learn about history and art.

bungee jump – A bungee jump can be a scary and wonderful experience at the same time.

democracy – All people vote to choose a president in a democracy.

heritage – Our traditions, languages and cultures make our heritage special.

South Africa is a beautiful country. There are many interesting and exciting places to visit. Tourists come from all over the world to see them. We can also be tourists and visit our national treasures.



Qunu is Nelson Mandela's birthplace.

The Eastern Cape has many wonderful things to see. Hole in the Wall is one of many beautiful beaches on the coast. Our first president, Nelson Mandela, was born in Qunu. There is a museum at his birth place.



Map of South Africa

Table Mountain is in Cape Town in the Western Cape. It is famous all over the world. People go to the top of the mountain by cable car.

Cape Town is the oldest city in South Africa.



Table Mountain cable car



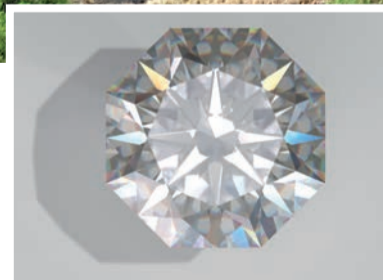
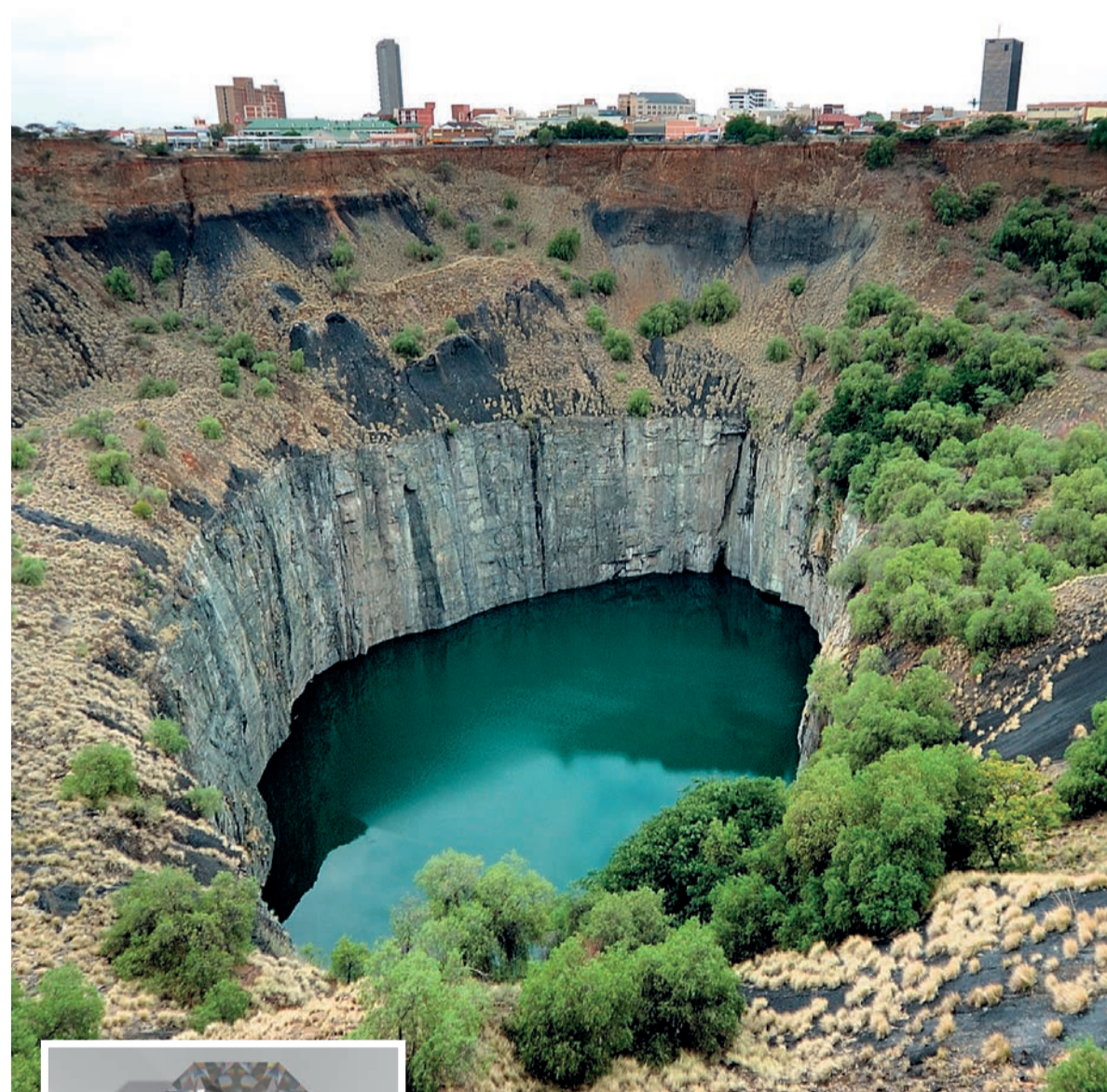
Bo-Kaap houses

You can visit the Big Hole in Kimberley. It is in the Northern Cape. It was a diamond mine. Now it is a museum. The Augrabies Falls are on the Orange River. Many people come to look at the waterfall.

Augrabies Falls



Big Hole Museum



A diamond

In Northwest Province you can learn about our history. Visit the Cradle of Humankind. Bones of some of the first people and animals have been found here. You can also go into the Sterkfontein Caves.



A fossil

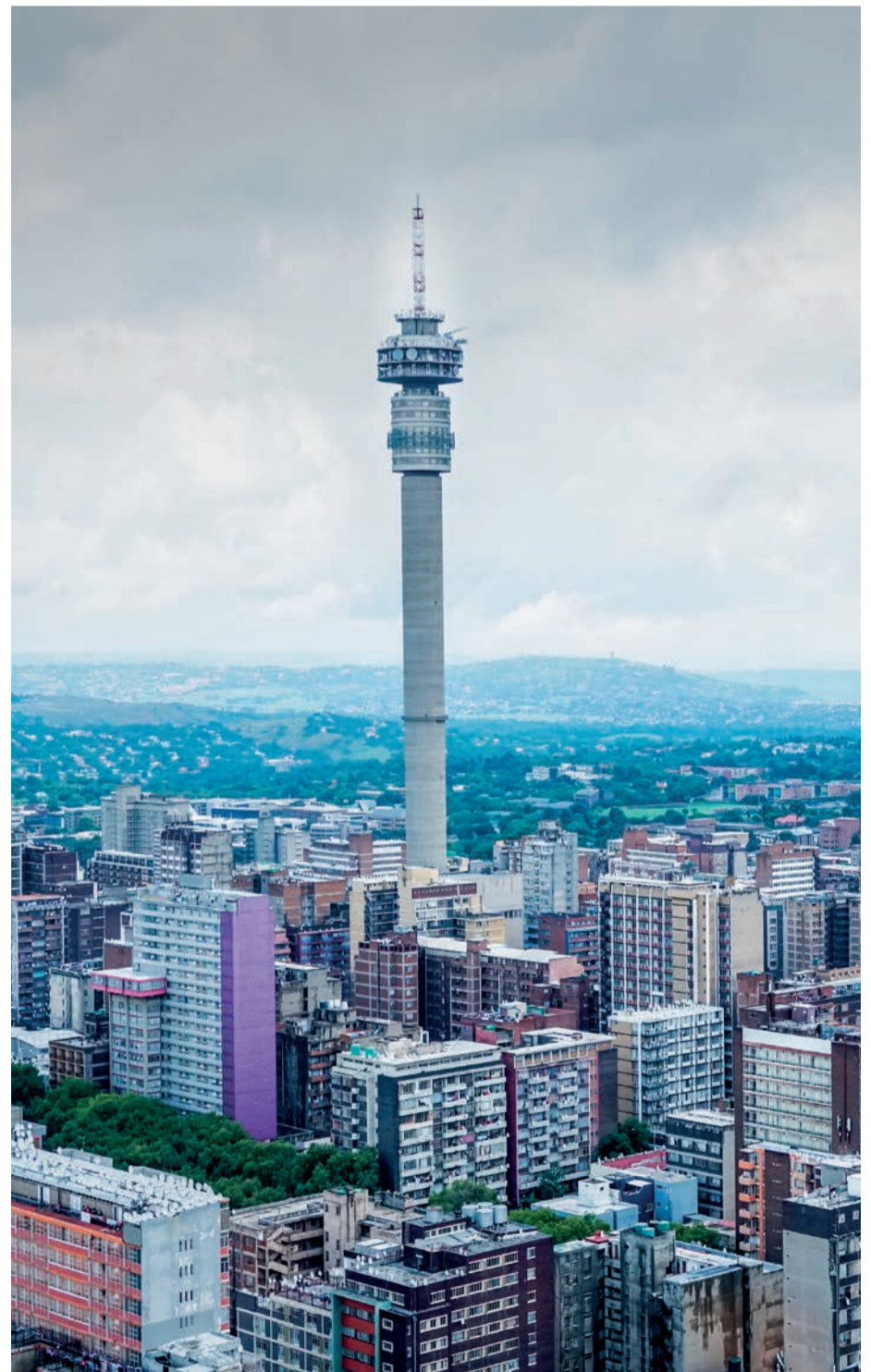


Sterkfontein Caves

In Gauteng the Orlando Towers in Soweto used to be a power station. Now, the towers are brightly painted. You can bungee jump or swing from the top of them. Until 2021 the Hillbrow Tower was the highest tower in Africa.



Orlando Towers



Hillbrow Tower

The Golden Gate National Park is in the Free State. The mountains shine like gold in the sun. People enjoy camping, spotting birds and animals, fishing and finding rock art there. In winter, snow falls in the area.



Golden Gate National Park

The Madiba statue is in KwaZulu-Natal. It is made from rods of metal. You can see Madiba's face when you get close to it.

The beautiful Drakensberg Mountains are nearby. Enjoy them as you walk, horse ride or cycle.



Drakensberg Mountains

Madiba statue at Tweedie, KwaZulu-Natal Midlands



In Limpopo, people found a golden rhino made a thousand years ago. It is made of wood and covered in gold. It comes from Mapungubwe.

You can see giant baobab trees in Limpopo. The biggest one is 1 700 years old.



Mapungubwe Hills



Golden rhino



Giant baobab in Limpopo

Mpumalanga is a beautiful province. It is famous for the Kruger National Park. It is the biggest game park in South Africa.

Tourists come to see the Big Five wild animals.

Rare animals, such as wild dogs, live there.



The Big Five



Mpumalanga scenery

We live in a beautiful and interesting country. We are proud of our democracy. We welcome visitors and greet them in a friendly way. We are proud to show them our heritage. We are lucky that this land is our land!



Penguins, Boulders Beach, Simons Town



Karoo flowers, Calvinia



Cango Caves, Oudtshoorn

Post-reading questions

1. List the interesting places in your province that you read about in the text. Remember to look at the pictures.
2. Which province would you like to visit? Say why.
3. Why are you proud of living in South Africa?