

Brush-up your language skills

Page 120, exercise 1:

Lösungsvorschlag:

- In 2012 a monument was constructed for Mandela.
- Apartheid was abolished in 1994.
- In 1990 Mandela was released from prison.
- In the 1980s economic sanctions were introduced against the apartheid government.
- South Africa's population is made up of many different ethnic and linguistic groups.

Page 120, exercise 2:

Lösungsvorschlag:

In 1964 Nelson Mandela and other leading ANC members were sentenced to life imprisonment. The court charged him with founding a military wing of the ANC and violent conspiracy. Mandela was incarcerated as a political prisoner for more than 35 years, 18 of which he spent in the maximum-security prison on Robben Island. In 1990 President de Klerk released Mandela from prison and negotiations between the white apartheid government and the ANC started. In 1994 the first presidential elections with universal suffrage were held and Nelson Mandela was elected as South Africa's first black president. He served as South Africa's president until 1997. In 1996 the prison on Robben Island was closed and turned into a museum. Today, thousands of tourists visit Robben Island every year.

Page 120, exercise 3:

Lösungsvorschlag:

- c) If Nelson Mandela hadn't supported the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, racial conflicts would have increased.
Rule: Conditional clause type III: the condition refers to the past, it can no longer be fulfilled.
- a) If you visited Robben Island, you would understand the fear of the people.
Rule: Conditional clause type II: even though this type has a verb in the simple past, it refers to the future; we imagine the consequences if the condition was fulfilled.
- b) If tourists stay in Cape Town, they will probably visit Robben Island.
Rule: Conditional clause type I: here we have an open or real condition that can be fulfilled.

Page 120, exercise 4:

Lösungsvorschlag:

1. Would you mind if the government introduced new anti-racism laws?
2. If the politicians had asked the voters they wouldn't have said no.
3. If the ANC gets off to a good start, the South African people will vote for the party again.
4. The anti-apartheid legislation would not have been criticised if Parliament had voted for it with a larger majority.

Page 120, exercise 5:

Lösungsvorschlag:

- GIRL: If I return to South Africa when I'm grown up, I will no longer have to sit in blacks-only train carriages.
- MOTHER: But you will only be able to do that if there is no more apartheid.
- GIRL: If I didn't have a Rhodesian passport right now, I could sit and go where I wanted to.
- MOTHER: You would only be treated as an "honorary white" if you had a British passport.
- GIRL: Once I have that I will do as I please in South Africa.
- MOTHER: Even if you had such a passport you could not do as you please.

Page 121, exercise 6:

Lösungsvorschlag:

1. As a young lawyer, Nelson Mandela worked **hard** to get justice for black people. Unfortunately, he was **hardly** successful. (A = hard, B = hardly)
2. Life for black people under the apartheid regime was not **fair**. The Apartheid Museum illustrates this **fairly** well. (A = fair, B = fairly)
3. The tourists returned from their tour of Table Mountain very **late**. **Lately** a lot more tourists have visited Table Mountain than Robben Island. (A = late, B = lately)
4. Your idea of going hiking on Table Mountain sounds **good**. Our travel guide describes the hiking routes very **well**. (A = good, B = well)

Page 121, exercise 7:

Lösungsvorschlag:

- BARBARA: South Africans are **surely** glad that apartheid ended about three decades ago. I can't imagine how one could live happily under such a regime.
- KEVIN: I experienced life under apartheid and **personally** I felt safer then than I feel now.
- BARBARA: **Obviously**, you only saw the advantages you had as a white South African.
- KEVIN: Well, you are right. **Presumably** I did enjoy many privileges then, but now I honestly worry about the future.
- BARBARA: Well, **fortunately** the apartheid era is over.
- KEVIN: Yes, now we can **hopefully** move forward without losing sight of the past.

Page 121, exercise 8:

Lösungsvorschlag:

1. I highly recommend visiting Robben Island.
2. I strongly suggest we take the ferry to Robben Island early in the morning.
3. I honestly feel proud of my mother.
4. I truly believe he can do the job.
5. I strongly agree with you.
6. I sincerely hope racism will be overcome.

Page 121, exercise 9:*Lösungsvorschlag:*

PARTNER A: How about studying in South Africa?

PARTNER B: Obviously, that's an interesting idea but, unfortunately, I cannot afford that.

PARTNER A: Would you like to explore the South African hinterland?

PARTNER B: Seriously, it can be done.

PARTNER A: How about volunteering in a wildlife sanctuary then?

PARTNER B: Presumably, that will suit you better. Yes, I could easily do that.

PARTNER A: Would you like to book a guided tour through a township?

PARTNER B: Can you really do that? Honestly, those tours are very good.