



HERITAGE DAY ACTIVITIES

FILL IN THE MISSING WORD: Use the words at the bottom of the page to complete the sentences.

1. iSimangaliso _____ Park in KwaZulu-Natal is one of eight World Heritage Sites in South Africa. The Park has coral reefs, long sandy beaches, coastal dunes, lake systems, and swamps.
2. The South African national anthem has _____ from the most widely spoken languages—isiXhosa, isiZulu, Sesotho, Afrikaans and English.
3. Heritage Day was _____ for the first time on 24 September 1995. In KwaZulu-Natal, the 24 September was formerly known as Shaka Day, in commemoration of the Zulu leader, King Shaka.
4. South Africa is a country of many _____ and traditions.
5. The _____ of South Africa is one of the most complex and diverse in the world.
6. Heritage Day celebrations provide an opportunity to celebrate the values of the _____, including human rights, democracy and non-racism.
7. Heritage is about the _____ of our natural heritage.
8. South Africa has 11 official _____: IsiNdebele, IsiXhosa, IsiZulu, Sesotho sa Leboa, Sesotho, Setswana, siSwati, Tshivenda, Xitsonga, English and Afrikaans.
9. Heritage also includes the _____ and buildings where we live and the remains of communities that no longer exist.
10. We celebrate our _____ with songs, poetry, food and clothing.

Source for sentences: Commemoration of Significant Historical Anniversaries, Department of Basic Education (2012)

Word	Part of speech	Definition
celebrated	verb	acknowledge (a significant or happy day or event) with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
constitution	noun	1. the group of laws or principles that state how a country is to be organised and governed 2. the nature of the body in regard to healthiness
culture	noun	1. customs and traditions 2. appreciation and understanding of literature, art, music, etc. 3. Improvement by care and training
heritage	noun	something that one believes, thinks, or does that comes from one's family or ethnic background; tradition. What is left behind from the past over time
landscape	noun	the scenery or a picture of the countryside
language	noun	1. the words and their use. 2. The words used in a particular country or by a particular group of people
lyrics	noun	the words of a song
population	noun	1. the people who live in an area, considered as a group 2. the total number of people living in a country, city, or other area
preservation	noun	protection from loss or damage; the act of preserving
wetland	noun	(often pl.) low-lying land saturated with moisture, such as a marsh or swamp



Find the hidden words and circle them. They are written from left to right, right to left, top to bottom, and bottom to top. Write each word you find in their box at the bottom of the page.

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constitution	lyrics
culture	population
heritage	preservation
landscape	wetland

Study Tip: After you complete the activity, write each word that you do not know **seven times**. It will help you remember how to spell them! Try and use as many words in your conversations.