

Key

## Vega's Adventure in South Africa

### Reading comprehension

1. Because the world's largest waterfall is very noisy/very loud.  
The helicopters in the sky are also loud.
2. It's a pool right on the edge/at the top of Victoria Falls.
3. She wants to make sure there are no hippos or crocodiles nearby.
4. It's what the locals call Victoria Falls.
5. They look like wooden logs
6. She says a crocodile bit off her finger.
7. *Student's own answers.*
8. a) True  
b) True  
c) False
9. Because the train leaves without them.
10. He is small and happy, and he has a lot of curly silver hair. On top of his hair/head, he has a small hat that keeps falling off. He doesn't have any front teeth. He has a beautiful smile.
11. He checked the tickets very slowly, so everyone probably thought that he wasn't very strong.
12. That you cannot judge someone based on the way they look.
13. a) No  
b) Yes  
c) No  
d) No  
e) Yes  
f) No  
g) Yes

14. South Africa has three capital cities. Pretoria is one of the capitals.
15. They are very beautiful and have purple flowers.
16. They're staying at the Sunnyside Up Guesthouse
17. Because the purple jacaranda petals blow off the trees in the storm and the petals look like purple rain.
18. Because they believe this will bring good luck and they will pass their exams
19. Because she doesn't realize Diego is right next to her and he scares her when he speaks.
20. *Student's own answers.*
21. Because it doesn't have any walls.
22. Vega thinks it's cool that the bathroom doesn't have any walls. Leo is not sure he likes the bathroom because he's scared someone might see him peeing.
23. They have long legs and big ears. Their teeth are sharp and their fur is black and brown.
24. She hears the noises of wild animals and insects.
25. He's a safari guide.
26. Because she wants to be a safari guide too when she gets older.
27. He's a giraffe that likes sandwiches.
28. The lion scratches the hyena, but it manages to escape.
29. He got rid of his old skin.
30. He hears the chickens and then one of them runs away.
31. Because Vega and Lesedi ran away from them.
32. There is a dance challenge going on very near Lesedi's house. The doctors and nurses in the dance group get the children to join them.
- 33 a) No  
b) Yes  
c) No
34. She and her family have a lovely picnic on Penguin Beach. It is hot. Some hungry penguins chase Vega because they want to eat her sandwich.