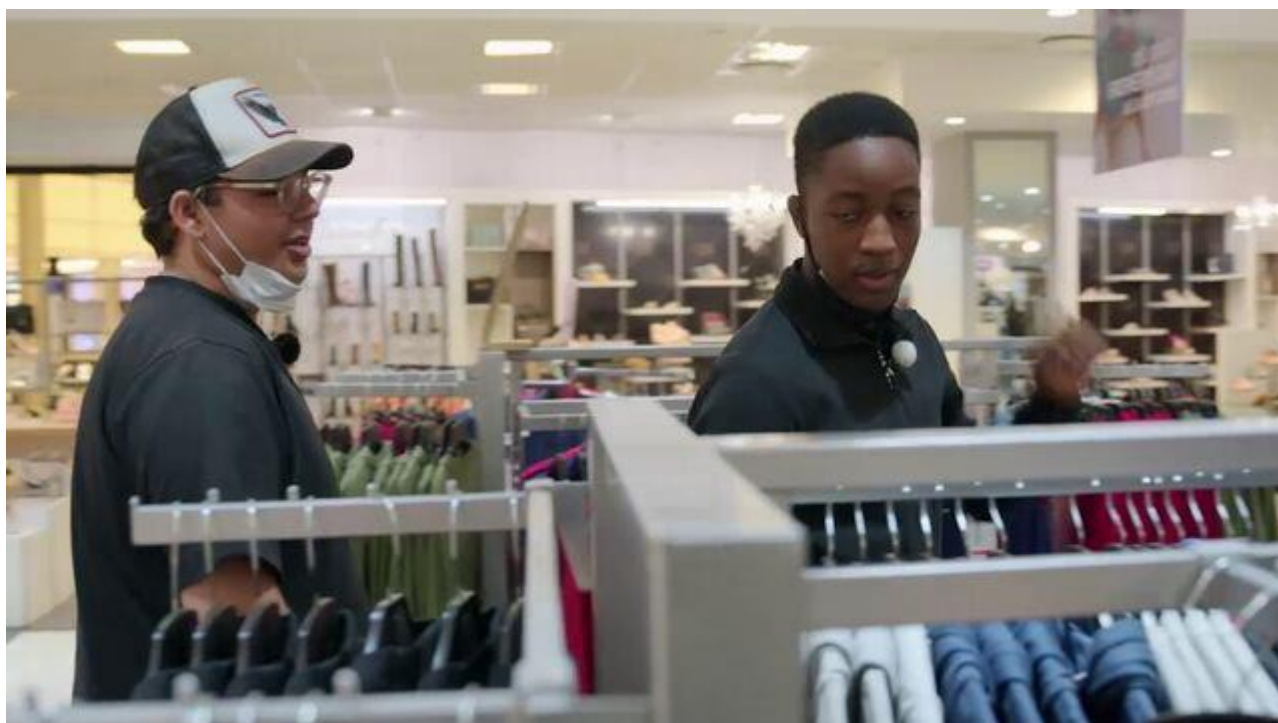


BEST FRIENDS FOR A DAY MEETING MACHAKGA



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Vocabulary

1. Read these words and phrases before you watch the episode. Keep them close at hand as you watch the episode so you can look up words if needed.
2. Based on these words, what do you think will happen in the episode? Discuss with a friend.
3. After watching, talk about what differs between what you thought would happen, and what actually happened in the episode.

outfit	kläder, utstyrel
closed off	stängd
talkative	pratsam
cattle farming	boskapsuppfödning
income gaps	inkomstklyftor
countryside	landsbygd
basic things	grundläggande saker
license	körkort
disappoint	göra besviken
caring	omtänksam, som bryr sig om
similarities	likheter
open minded	öppensinnad
thoughtful	omtänksam
competitive	tävlingsinriktad
avoiding	undvikande

Answer the questions

You can look through the questions before you watch the show or answer them while watching.

You can also use them to help you to summarise the episode afterwards.

- 1. What does Machakga like to do in his spare time?**
 - a. golf
 - b. exercise
 - c. art
 - d. all of the above

- 2. What was discovered in Botswana in 1967?**
 - a. gold
 - b. cattle
 - c. diamonds

- 3. Which instrument does Machakga play?**
 - a. guitar
 - b. piano
 - c. flute

- 4. According to Machakga, what should a good friend be like?**
 - a. caring
 - b. judgemental
 - c. talkative

- 5. Machakga goes to Maru-a-pula School. What does the name mean?**
 - a. The School of Flowers
 - b. Clouds of Rain
 - c. Sweet Valley School

- 6. Why is rain a big thing in Botswana?**
 - a. Because it doesn't rain much.
 - b. Because it is wet in Botswana.
 - c. Because everyone has a pool.

7. Which class do they attend first?

- a. PE (Physical education)
- b. English
- c. Drama class

8. What are they having for lunch?

- a. chips
- b. braai
- c. omelette

Summary

Work in pairs or in small groups. Tell each other what happened in the episode. Summarise the episode in a few key phrases. Let the vocabulary list and the questions help you remember.

Quotes from the episode

a nice view
first impression
bottle things up
you can't tell just by looking
it's a big thing
making eye contact
you're wasting our time

Work in pairs.

1. Explain these expressions in English.
2. Write a dialogue in which you use most of the expressions.
3. Perform the dialogue in front of your teacher.

Discussion: Friendship

In the episode they talk about friendship and what a good friend should be like. As an example they mention that a good friend is caring and should be able to talk about anything.

- Discuss in small groups of three to four people: What should a good friend be like? Write a list of different personality traits for a good friend.
- Discuss the same question in class, present your list and listen to what the other groups have to say.

Talk about this

Machakga has a lot of different spare time activities, such as golf, poetry, art and Greek mythology. Discuss the following questions in pairs or in small groups:

1. Do you share any of the interests of Machakga?
2. What spare time activities do you have? (It doesn't have to be sports or art. It can also be to hang out with friends or use social media.)
3. What spare time activities haven't you tried, but would like to try?
4. Are there any spare time activities that you would never try?
5. Do you think it is important to have spare time activities? If so, why?

Sport words

In golf, just as in other sports, there are some words and phrases that mean something on the golf course that would sound like gibberish anywhere else. In golf there are words like *caddie*, *birdie*, *putt* and *green*.

Do you know of any vocabulary used in other sports? Work in pairs and make a list of words used in a sport, either a sport you play yourselves, or one that you would like to know more about. Perhaps you can find special words for football, basketball or baseball. Go online and search if necessary.



Assignment: Poetry

Read poetry

In the episode they read *Those Winter Sundays* by Robert Hayden. Find the poem online. Read it and look up the words you don't understand. Discuss the following questions with a friend:

- What feelings do you get when you read the poem?
- Who are the characters in the poem?
- What is the setting of the poem? Where are they? What is it like? What time of the day is it?
- What do you think is the meaning of the poem?

Write poetry

A rhyme scheme is the pattern of rhymes at the end of each line of a poem or song. It is usually referred to by using letters to indicate which lines rhyme; lines designated with the same letter all rhyme with each other.¹

There are many different kinds of rhyme schemes. Take a look at these:

Rhyme scheme: ABAB	Rhyme scheme: AABBCC	Rhyme scheme: ABBA
My friend is very kind (A) I love her with all my heart (B) We share the same mind (A) I hope we'll never part (B)	My friend is very kind (A) We share the same mind (A) I love her with all my heart (B) I hope we'll never part (B) I call her every day (C) To ask if she's okay (C)	My friend has always been awfully kind (A) And I love her with all my heart (B) I do hope we'll never ever be apart (B) It's like we share the very same mind (A)

- Pick one of the rhyme schemes and write your own poem. Let the title be "My adventure" or "My home" and then let your thoughts flow.
- Read your poem to a friend or your teacher.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rhyme_scheme

Fact: HIV

HIV is a big problem in many countries.

- What do they say about HIV in Botswana in the episode?
- Go online and search for more facts.
 - What is HIV? What kind of disease is it? Can it be cured?
 - In which countries is it more common? How come?
 - Is HIV a big problem in your country?
- Discuss: Why do you think there might be negative attitudes in some places towards people infected with HIV??

Optional assignment: Economy of Botswana

Use the words and phrases below to explain about the economy in Botswana. Work in pairs or in small groups. Go online and find information. Create a fact box about Botswanas economy, where you also include a short conclusion about Botswana.

- Poverty
- Production and export
- Cattle and farming
- Natural resources
- Tourism
- GDP per capita (Gross Domestic Product divided by total population)
- Income gaps

Written assignment

Choose one of the following assignments.

- **Write a longer summary of the episode.** Try to write at least 150 words about what happened in the episode. Use the past tense.
- **Write a diary entry pretending to be either Machakga or Noel.** What happened during the day? What was it like? What did they think of their new friend?
- **Rewrite the episode into a short story.** Use the hints in the fact box.
- **Write an essay – compare mythology**
 - Go online and find out more about Tokoloshe. Effective search words might be “Tokoloshe origin”, or “Tokoloshe mythology”.
 - Are there any scary creatures in Scandinavian mythology? Go online and search for information about the mysterious mythological creatures in Scandinavia.
 - When you have found a creature in Scandinavian mythology, you can write a short comparison between Tokoloshe and your mythological creature of choice. First explain what the creatures are, and where they come from, and then present the similarities and differences. Wrap it up with a summary and conclusion, and there you have your comparative essay.

A short story

Every short story has a beginning, middle and an end. In the beginning there are presentations of the characters and the conflict. The conflict usually deepens in the middle and in the end, there is a solution. Here are some questions to guide you:

- Who are the characters (people in the story) and what are they like?
- What is the setting (the time and the place)?
- Is there a conflict or problem that needs to be solved?
- What important events are there in the episode? Which ones do you want in your story?
- How does the story end? Does the conflict get solved? How?

Mythology

Mythical creatures appear in stories from all over the world. People seem to have been interested in the eerie and the mystical for a very long time. Sometimes people have told stories to try to explain something in the world that they did not understand. These stories become myths over time. One of these myths is Tokoloshe. In southern Africa, Tokoloshe is believed to be an evil spirit that can kill you in your sleep.

KEY

Answer the questions

1. D
2. C
3. B
4. A
5. B
6. A
7. C
8. A

Quotes from the episode

- *a nice view: when you find something attractive or pleasant*
- *first impression: when you meet someone for the first time and form an opinion*
- *bottle things up: to keep feelings inside instead of saying them*
- *you can't tell just by looking: you can't say that a person or thing is a certain way just by having seen it*
- *it's a big thing: it is important*
- *making eye contact: two people are looking into each other's eyes.*
- *you're wasting our time: your are causing us to spend time on unnecessary things*

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