My Secret Land 9
Naledi

Script and Word list

Signature

Hi, my name is Naledi. I’m 11 years old. I live in a country in Africa. My country is a big country.

Music: Shosholoza 2010
(from The Official 2010 FIFA World Cup Album)

It’s between two oceans: the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic Ocean.

Sound: Noise, street performers

Something funny about my country are the mimes that perform in the streets and people have to throw money at them.

Something sad is that there are many many people living on the streets, even children as old as me. And smaller. Maybe they have lost their families because their parents have died from HIV/AIDS, or maybe they have ran away from home because they were abused.

Music: Shosholoza 2010

I live with my dad and my step-mom, and my little brother and my baby sister. My favourite food is beans and steam bread which is called “ujeqe” in my language, Zulu.

Music: DJ Cleo – Nisho Njalo

I speak Zulu at home, but when I’m at school we speak lots of English.

Our money is called Rand. With one Rand I can buy a packet of chips and a stick-sweet in the tuck shop next to our house.
Naledi: “Can I please buy chips and stick-sweets. Thank you!”

Music: Miriam Makeba – Click Song

Stick-sweets is our name for lollipop. A small shop is called a tuck shop.

Maybe now you’ve already guessed which country I live in?

Our house is next to a shebeen and it makes a lot of noise. A shebeen is like a bar where some people go to drink and dance and listen to music. Many people love to dance in my country. And we call it “jiva”. My favourite game is the dancing game which goes like this:

“I went to Suzy, Suzy wasn’t there
I met Cinderella with the curly hair
I saw shake it to the bottom, shake it to the top
I turn around, and turn around
And turn my finger, STOP
Stop, stop, stop”

We stand in a circle and one goes in to dance and at the end you turn around and point your finger. The one that you point at with your finger has to go in next.

I live in the biggest city. And the real name is Johannesburg but people say “The City of Gold” because there are lots of gold mines underneath the city.

Music: Shakira and Freshlyground – Waka Waka (This Time for Africa)

When I grow up I want to be a singer and an engineer. I like Beyonce and Alicia Keys and Shakira. When there was the soccer world cup in my country, Shakira’s song was playing the whole time:

“Tsamina mina eh eh
Waka Waka eh eh
Tsamina mina zangalewa
This time for Africa”

My name is Naledi and I live in…

Drumroll

SOUTH AFRICA!

Sound: Vuvuzela

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