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Chapters 2 and 3

Make vocabulary cards for each vocabulary word below. Use the context of the sentences below to figure out the meaning of each underlined vocabulary word. **Write down your guess** and then check your definition with the dictionary definition. **Write down the dictionary definition.**

1. Once at the big tar road, they turned in the direction of the early morning sun, for that was the way to Johannesburg. The steel railway line glinted alongside the road.

your guess _____

dictionary _____

2. "Come!" He beckoned, and began to lead the way through the rows and rows of orange trees.

your guess _____

dictionary _____

Answer the following questions in **complete sentences**.

1. Naledi and Tiro walk through a small white town. What could legally happen to them while doing this? Why could this happen?

2. The boy at the orange farm helps Naledi and Tiro. He does this because he is also a black person living under the laws of apartheid. What evidence would support his decision to help them?

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Chapters 4 and 5

Make vocabulary cards for each vocabulary word below. Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary word from the box.

horrid	mutter
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1. Naledi and Tiro were surprised by the _____ odor of gasoline fumes in the city.
2. Naledi urged Tiro not to _____ when addressing an adult.

Answer the following questions in **complete sentences**.

1. Why aren't Naledi and Tiro able to live with their mother in Johannesburg?

2. Jo'burg is called "the city of gold" because there are gold mines just outside of the city. Why is this not a good thing for the black population that works in these mines?

3. What comparison is being made in the following metaphor?

The truck raced toward tall shapes that speared up into the sky.

What does this comparison mean?

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Chapters 6 and 7

Make vocabulary cards for each vocabulary word below. Use the context of the following sentences taken from the story to help you choose the best meaning of each underlined vocabulary word.

1. As the bus trundled along, stopping and starting with traffic, there was a chance to stare out the windows.

- a. raced b. swayed c. moved slowly d. slid smoothly

2. Trying to control herself, Mma stifled her sobs.

- a. changed b. held back c. searched d. enjoyed

3. On the big iron bed was a white cover which Mma had neatly embroidered.

- a. torn apart b. colored c. shrunk d. designed with needlework

Answer the following questions in **complete sentences**.

1. Madam reacts negatively about Joyce's children showing up at her house because she does not want her evening plans disrupted. What does this tell you about Madam and the class of white people that she represents?

2. Character Traits:

What do you learn about Grace from these words to the children?

It's not you who should be sorry! They should be sorry, those stupid people! Why shouldn't we use any bus? When our buses are full, their buses are half empty. Don't you be sorry!

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Chapters 8, 9 and 10

Make vocabulary cards for each vocabulary word below. Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary word from the box.

enquired	rubbish
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1. Grace felt that what the children were taught in school was _____.
2. Naledi _____ about the boy shown in the picture.

Answer the following questions in **complete sentences**.

1. Naledi and Tiro are pushed off of the train platform because of a pass raid. Why are people running away from this raid? In your answer be sure to include how this pass raid reflects the setting of the story.

2. Grace is angry about her family not having indoor plumbing and having to get her water outside at a tap. (p. 43) What text evidence supports this statement?

3. **A flashback is when an author goes back in time to help explain something in the present.**

What flashback does the author use in chapters 8 through 10?

What events is the author trying to explain in the present using this flashback?

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Chapters 11, 12 and 13

Make vocabulary cards for each vocabulary word below. Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary word from the box.

corridor	queue	verandah
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1. The _____ moved very slowly as people shuffled forward after every few minutes.
2. It led up to a _____, where a woman in white sat at a desk.
3. Mma went down a _____ and into a room filled with far more people than had been outside.

Answer the following questions in **complete sentences**.

1. On this trip Naledi has learned that her mother works hard and makes sacrifices for her family. What text evidence proves this statement?

2. Fill in the table with text evidence about how the laws of apartheid effect the way the hospital runs.

Text example	Effect from the laws of apartheid
There is only one doctor and he is very tired.	The government does not give much money to hospitals that treat black people.

3. **Irony of a situation** refers to a case where there is a great difference between the purpose of an action or statement and the result.

What is **ironic** about the doctor's advice to feed Dineo milk, fruit and vegetables to keep her body strong?

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Chapters 14 and 15

Make vocabulary cards for each vocabulary word below. Choose the best word to replace the underlined vocabulary word in the sentence below.

1. From time to time, Naledi would see the vague shape of a woman appear.

- a. clear b. huge c. invisible d. unclear

Answer the following questions in **complete sentences**.

1. Grace has a lasting influence on Naledi about the laws of apartheid and the schooling blacks receive in South Africa. What does Naledi realize about apartheid and her own schooling from meeting Grace?

2. What does the author suggest about Naledi's future? Use text evidence to support your answer.

3. What do you think Grace means when she said, "We're pushed all over the place, but it won't be like that forever?"

4. What can you infer about what Grace thinks about the future of South Africa?
