

Grade 5
Social Sciences – Geography
Term 2 - Week 1

Unit 1 – Read pages 26 and 27

South Africa from above (Physical map)

- A **plateau** is the high, flat inland part of the country. Much of the Free State is high plateau.
- The **coast** is the land next to the sea. The low coastal plains are found mainly in KwaZulu-Natal.
- The **escarpment** is a steep, mountainous slope that divides the lower area (coast) from the higher area (escarpment).

Activity 1

Look at the map on page 26 and answer the questions.

1. What colour is the coast on the map?
2. What colour is the escarpment on the map?
3. What colour is the plateau on the map?
4. How high above sea level is the Highveld plateau?
5. Which province has the biggest coastal plain?
6. Find the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg mountains on the map. Is this physical feature a plateau, coastal plain or escarpment?
7. Into which ocean does the Great Fish River flow?
8. Into which ocean does the Olifants River flow?

Unit 2 – Read pages 28 to 32

Physical features

- Physical features are things in the natural environment, such as rivers and mountains.

Activity 2 (Page 28)

1. Write down the following words and their meaning.
 - a) Bay
 - b) Cape
 - c) Mountain range
 - d) Mountain peak
 - e) Hill
 - f) Valley
2. Match each of these six words to the physical feature shown in the photographs. Write the number and then the word next to it.

Activity 3

Look at the map found on page 26 to complete the activity.

1. Draw four columns in your book and write the following headings:

Rivers	Mountains	Coastline features	Areas
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Sort the following physical features of South Africa into the four columns.

Olifants	Limpopo	Great Karoo	Cape Point	Namaqualand
Soutpansberg	Tugela	Asbesberge	Lowveld	Little Karoo
Algoa Bay	Waterberg	Highveld	Vaal	Mzimkulu
uKhahlamba-Drakensberg		Gariiep-Orange		



Activity 4

Read the passages found on page 31 and 32 and answer the following questions.

1. What are many place names named after?
2. What is the name of the sharp, pointed rock in the uKhahlamba-Drakensberg mountains called?
3. What is the name of the most famous mountain in Cape Town? Why has the mountain got this name?
4. What is the meaning of the word uKhahlamba? What does the name describe?

5. What was the name given to this mountain range by the Early Dutch explorers?
6. Where is the 'Hole in the Wall' found?
7. How was the hole formed?
8. What do the Xhosa-speaking people call this place and what does it mean?

