



**Freedom Day** is a South African public holiday celebrated on 27 April. It celebrates freedom and commemorates the first post-apartheid elections held on that day in 1994. The elections were the first non-racial national elections where everyone of voting age of over 18 from any race group, including foreign citizens permanently resident in South Africa, were allowed to vote.

The ANC was then voted into power, and Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as the President of South Africa on 10 May.

Freedom Day therefore serves as a reminder to us that the guarantee of our freedom requires us to remain permanently vigilant against corruption and the erosion of the values of the Freedom Struggle and to build an active citizenry that will work towards wiping out the legacy of racism, inequality and the promotion of the rights embodied in our constitution.

### Questions

1. What do we celebrate on the 27th of April each year?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
2. How was the first South African President elected in 1994?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
3. At what age can you vote in South Africa during national elections?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
4. We need to work towards \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (3)
5. Which party came in power during the first democratic elections in 1994?  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
6. Freedom Day serves as a reminder for:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (1)
6. What do you think Freedom day is about. Write in your own words.  
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\_\_\_\_\_ (2)





Answers:

1. Freedom day
2. Nelson Mandela
3. 18
4. We need to work towards **wiping out the legacy of racism, inequality and the promotion of the rights embodied in our constitution.**
5. ANC
6. to us that the guarantee of our freedom requires us to remain permanently vigilant against corruption and the erosion of the values of the Freedom Struggle
7. Can be any answer, but should demonstrate the learner's ability to understand what freedom day is about.

