

What can we learn from stamps?



Stamp collecting is a wonderful hobby. While we have a lot of fun with our collections, they also help us to improve our general knowledge. The stamps shown below illustrate only some of the things we can learn from stamps.

History

Countries' name changes

When South West Africa became independent in 1990, its name changed to Namibia.

States that have ceased to exist

Transkei, Bophuthatswana, Venda and Ciskei are former 'homelands' which were situated within South Africa's borders. They no longer exist as states and have been incorporated into South Africa.



Wildlife

The Coastal Birds of South Africa are a part of a series of Bird stamps that started in 2007

Creating public awareness

This 30th anniversary of the Alma Ata Conference was issued in order to promote the value of good health and primary health care.



Events and People in History

Nelson Mandela, world icon and first democratically elected President of South Africa was honoured on his 90th birthday.

Geography and the beauty of the land

The uKhahlamba - Drakensberg Park is one of South Africa's seven UNESCO World Heritage Sites.



Plants and Wildlife

Plants

The Namaqualand Flowers were the first stamps of South Africa

shaped according to flower outlines. In addition the stamps are scented, also a first for South Africa.



Sports

Sport features prominently on South African stamps and in order to commemorate 2010 FIFA World Cup South Africa, we have been issuing a series of Soccer stamps since 2006.

Science and Technology

Various aspects of science and technology have been featured on our stamps.



The Arts

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