

Complete the text on the film "*Invictus*". Fill in the blanks from the word list on the right.

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In his first days in office **(7)** \_\_\_\_\_ between blacks and whites in Mandela's **(8)** \_\_\_\_\_ become obvious. White government officials are afraid of being **(9)** \_\_\_\_\_ by blacks. Mandela however tries to **(10)** \_\_\_\_\_ his former opponents by saying that nobody will be fired and that he will work hard to **(11)** \_\_\_\_\_ racial equality in South Africa.

Sports show racial differences in a dramatic way. While black children run around in their **(12)** \_\_\_\_\_ playing soccer, the favourite sport of whites is rugby. The South African national team, the Springboks, are made up of white players, only one is black. As the World Cup is to be **(13)** \_\_\_\_\_ in South Africa in 1995 Mandela sees this as a way of uniting the races in the Rainbow Nation and leaving the Apartheid past behind. He **(14)** \_\_\_\_\_ rugby captain Francois Pienaar to his office and persuades him to keep up the spirit in the team, even if the captain thinks that the Springboks do not stand a **(15)** \_\_\_\_\_ in the World Cup. He also convinces François that **(16)** \_\_\_\_\_ is important, not only in politics but also in sport.

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conveys  
election  
excitement  
extraordinary  
leadership  
prison  
quest  
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shame  
staff  
staged  
summons  
support  
tensions  
townships  
underdogs  
underway  
unite

As the preparation period moves on Pienaar tries to unite his team and **(17)** \_\_\_\_\_ Mandela's message to them. The team pays visits to townships in an **(18)** \_\_\_\_\_ to teach black children rugby.

When the tournament gets **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_ the Springboks surprise rugby experts by beating Australia in the first game. As they continue to **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_ in the tournament an increasing number of black South Africans **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_ them. The Springboks make it to the final where they face the undefeated New Zealand team. In an **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_ match the African **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_ beat their opponents by three points.

After this tournament victory celebrations and **(24)** \_\_\_\_\_ break out on the streets of South African cities as blacks and whites cheer the Springbok team.

## KEY

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