



## Cry, the beloved Country

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### Answers to Book activities

- Open answers
- (i) Mission, Reverend, St.  
(ii) a F, b F, c T, d F, e T
- Open answers
- a** Stephen Kumalo is a country priest. He is married. He is elderly with only one son, who has disappeared in Johannesburg. He has a brother and a much younger sister, both of whom have also gone to Johannesburg.  
**b** Gertrude Kumalo is Stephen's sister; she is 25 years younger than him. She was married but her husband went to work in Johannesburg, and when she went to look for him, she could not find him. She has a young son. In Johannesburg she has become involved with men and alcohol.  
**c** Absalom Kumalo is Stephen's son. He went to Johannesburg to look for Gertrude and did not return.  
**d** Theophilus Msimangu is a priest in a mission in Johannesburg. He wrote to Stephen about his sister and he is very kind to him.  
**e** John Kumalo is Stephen's younger brother. He went to Johannesburg for work, and became a politician, speaking for black people. He has moved away from his religion in Johannesburg.
- Suggested answers:  
**a** He feels anxious because no one normally writes from Johannesburg and he fears bad news.  
**b** He feels nervous because everything he sees is so new and he doesn't know what awaits him in Johannesburg.  
**c** He probably feels disappointed that someone would cheat him in such a way.  
**d** He feels relieved to arrive somewhere safe and to have finished his journey.
- Open answers
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- Clues across: 3 township, 5 reformatory, 6 beloved, 7 shilling  
Clues down: 1 avenue, 2 shanty town, 4 compound, 6 bull
- a** his brother, **b** his sister, **c** his son, **d** his brother, **e** his sister, **f** his brother
- Because the mine workers are holding a protest at the bus station. The bus fare is going to increase by 50% and many workers can't afford it. They are asking other people not to use the buses.
- Open answers
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- a** the Romans, **b** Italy, **c** Open answers
- a** The young man from the Reformatory is speaking. He confirms that Absalom was involved in the murder of the white man.  
**b** John Kumalo – he is asking Stephen who will believe Absalom's story of the murder as he had just come out of the Reformatory.  
**c** Mrs Lithebe – she is explaining her kindness in offering a room to the girl carrying Absalom's child.  
**d** The lawyer who takes Absalom's case. He is saying that he will not charge for it.
- Open answers

- Open answers
- a** on a farm, **b** tractor, combine harvester
- Arthur Jarvis. He was an intelligent man who fought for black causes.
- No, because the discovery will just put up the value of the white people's shares in the companies; it won't be used to provide hospitals or higher wages for black people.
- Open answers
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- A compass shows direction. It is useful for explorers or for people doing long walks in open country.
- Open answers (but it is likely to make the judge treat Absalom more harshly)
- a** He sentences Absalom to death.  
**b** He releases them.
- Open answers (she probably finds it too difficult to leave her new lifestyle)
- Open answers (there was no proof that the others were there; Absalom had confessed to the murder. He claimed self-defence, but he went into the house with a loaded gun, so knew he could kill someone)
- Open answers
- A dam contains water – it stops water from flowing away in order to make water available all year round.
- a** He feels he should leave the area because he is ashamed of his sister (for abandoning her child) and of his son (because he is a murderer). He doesn't go because his people want him to stay.  
**b** He gives Kumalo a Post Office book with £30.00 in it.  
**c** He reminds Kumalo of Arthur Jarvis as a small boy.  
**d** Open answers, but probably because he has read his son's essays and wants to continue his son's work.  
**e** Absalom is hanged.
- Open answers
- 31–36 Open answers

### Answers to Factsheet activities

#### Communicative activities

Open answers except:

#### Activities after reading a section

##### Book One

##### Chapters 6–11

The person who is leaving says 'Stay well' to the person remaining behind; who says 'Go well' to the person who is leaving.

##### Student's activities

#### Activities before reading the book

- Pietermaritzburg, South Africa
- the Liberal Party of South Africa
- It made him famous.
- Stephen Kumalo

#### Activities while reading the book

##### BOOK ONE

##### Chapters 1–3

- (a) the grass in the hills above the Umzimkulu, (b) the small child who delivered the letter to Kumalo, (c) Gertrude Kumalo, Stephen's sister, (d) the streets of Johannesburg, (e) Stephen Kumalo
- Suggested answers

- John Kumalo (his brother), to work; Gertrude Kumalo (his sister), to look for her husband; Absalom Kumalo (his son), to look for his aunt Gertrude
- Whatever news it brings, once they know it, they won't be able to ignore it.
- Because he is in Johannesburg and unlikely to come back.
- He is afraid of what he might find in Johannesburg.

##### Chapters 4–5

- (a) Kumalo is worried when he arrives at the station in Johannesburg.  
(b) The young man who takes Kumalo to the bus station is a thief.  
(c) Kumalo meets some pleasant people before he arrives at the Mission House.  
(d) Reverend Msimangu is younger than Kumalo.  
(e) Gertrude Kumalo does not have a physical illness, but a spiritual one.
- Open answers

##### Chapters 6–8

- (a) (iii), (b) (i), (c) (ii), (d) (iii)

##### 2 Open answers

##### 3 Open answers

##### Chapters 9–11

Suggested answers

- They train nurses.
- Because of good behaviour, because he was young and because he was going to marry his girlfriend, who was expecting his child.
- He has disappeared.
- Because he interrupted a robbery.
- He is afraid that Absalom was one of the boys who killed Jarvis.

##### Chapters 12–14

- They visit Mrs Ndela, Mrs Mkiza, the house in Shanty Town, the reformatory and the girl.
- That Absalom killed Jarvis.
- He was frightened when Jarvis interrupted them.
- Because there is no proof that his son was even in the house.

##### Chapters 15–17

- (a) the death penalty  
(b) that his son would become a murderer  
(c) kill a white man  
(d) with no payment (or very little payment)
- Open answers

##### BOOK TWO

##### Chapters 1–2

- (a) The description in Book Two is of the white man's farmland – it is all positive; the description in Book One is partly negative, as the black people don't farm the land as well.  
(b) Kumalo – a young native girl brings the letter; Jarvis – the police bring the news.  
(c) Kumalo – train; Jarvis – plane  
(d) Kumalo isn't met; Jarvis is met at the airport by his dead son's brother-in-law  
(e) Kumalo discovers that his son has become a criminal; Jarvis discovers that his son was very involved in defending black people.
- Suggested answer: they were treated very differently.

##### Chapters 3–6



# Penguin Readers Answer Key

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- 1 (a) False – he thought that it was acceptable at first, but that it isn't any more.  
(b) False – John Harrison didn't agree with Arthur Jarvis.  
(c) True  
(d) False – the discovery of gold in Odendaalsrust is the biggest news story.  
(e) True

### Chapters 7–9

- 1 Open answers  
2 (a) about the bad people Gertrude sees  
(b) from the city  
(c) No, she thinks Gertrude herself is the problem.  
(d) so that Kumalo doesn't see the newspaper headline  
(e) Because he will realize that the second murder is bad news for his son's trial.

### Chapters 10–11

- (a)... they can't be certain that the boys are guilty.  
(b)... he sentences Absalom to death.  
(c) ... Stephen tells him that he and his son are cheats.  
(d)... his son's wife and his sister's little boy.

### BOOK THREE

#### Chapters 1–5

- (a) the girl and the small boy  
(b) almost run out  
(c) Arthur Jarvis's son  
(d) there isn't any milk  
(e) provide milk for the children  
(f) will be hanged later that month  
(g) teach the people  
(h) to build a new church

#### Chapters 6–7

- 1 Suggested answers:  
(a) He works for Jarvis. He is grateful for what Jarvis is doing for him and the black people, but he thinks it won't change the situation in the country.  
(b) He finds them uncomfortable, but he has no answer.  
(c) He goes there to be on his own at the time of his son's death.  
(d) He tells him about the new church and reminds him of how the valley will improve.  
(e) He is praying for his son.  
2 Open answers

#### Activities after reading the book

Open answers

