

Grade 9 Life Orientation Worksheet

South Africa's public holidays

South Africa has many public holidays. It also has other days that are not public holidays, but are celebrated as national days. There are different types of public holidays: some celebrate Christian religious events, some celebrate events that happened in history and others are cultural holidays.

Here is a list of all twelve South African public holidays and their dates:

- New Year's Day 1 January
- Human Rights Day 21 March
- Good Friday 10 April
- Family Day 13 April
- Freedom Day 27 April
- Worker's Day 1 May
- Youth Day 16 June
- National Women's Day 9 August
- Heritage Day 24 September
- Day of Reconciliation 16 December
- Christmas Day 15 December
- Day of Goodwill 26 December

Think about how you could categorise them. You will need to think carefully about this task, as some holidays might fall into more than one category. You may only put each holiday into one category. Use these three categories, and write only the name of the holiday and not the date as well.

Religious holidays	Commemorative days	Cultural/Family days

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Suggested Solutions

Question number	Possible marks	Solutions		
1	10	Religious holidays	Commemorative days	Cultural/Family days
		Good Friday	Human Rights Day	New Year's Day
		Christmas Day	Freedom Day	Family Day (could also be under religious holidays, because it is Easter Monday)
			Youth Day	Worker's Day
			National Women's Day	Heritage Day
			Day of Reconciliation	Day of Goodwill (used to be called Boxing Day and is allied to Christmas, so also could be placed in the first column)