

## READING

Read some stories from the years of apartheid. These are stories which appeared in the newspapers of those years.

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# The absurdities of apartheid

### Colour confusion

Members of the same family are classified in different race groups, after being examined by different offices of the Population Registration Act. (1949)

### Separating the milk

It is proposed that the milk sent to dairies by natives should not be mixed with that of European farmers. But it was pointed out that the milking is done by natives on all farms. (1955)



### Clean difference

In the city of Port Elizabeth one dry-cleaning shop has a 'white' bag for the clothes of European customers and a grey bag for that of non-whites. (1958)

### Wrong husband

A young white woman tells the judge that she found out that her husband was classified as *coloured* only 4 months after their marriage, when she saw the marriage certificate for the first time. (1960)

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### Mourners turned away

Eight black people were sent away by a white priest from attending a funeral service of a white man. (1969)



### Painful wait

A woman lay injured after a car accident as the hospital refused to send an ambulance until her race had been established. (1970)



### Misdirected love

The widow of the Prime Minister objects to the fact that white children are cared for by black nannies. Children could develop a dangerous love for their black mother. This could lead to social integration, mixed marriages and the disappearance of the white race. (1973)

## WRITING

Write a passage explaining which of the stories you found most absurd and why.

## SPAKING EXAM

On the grounds of your historical knowledge, prepare a short oral report comparing apartheid in South Africa and other examples of racial segregation you have studied, listing similarities and differences.