Put the events in the order they happen in the story. The first is 1.

1 Chief Matenge returns to the village. He sends for Paulina, but all the villagers go to his house.

2 Chief Matenge has a heart attack and Gilbert and Makhaya get on with their plans.

3 Gilbert and Maria get married.

4 Gilbert takes Makhaya and Paulina to the cattle-post to look for her son, but he has died.

5 Makhaya climbs over the fences. He is in Botswana.

6 Makhaya goes to the village of Golema Mmidi and meets Gilbert Balfour.

7 Makhaya spends the night with Paulina in her hut.

8 Makhaya talks to the police officer in Botswana and then he meets Dinorego.

9 Makhaya talks to the women of the village about growing tobacco and they build a drying shed.

10 Makhaya thinks about all the changes in his life. He asks Paulina to marry him.

11 Matenge is frightened. He shuts up all the doors and windows and hangs himself.

12 The village chief, Matenge, complains to the local chief about Makhaya.

13 There’s a drought and the cattle start dying. The men come back to the village with their cattle.
Read the sentences and circle true (T) or false (F).

13 Makhaya crosses the border from Botswana into South Africa.   T / F
14 Gilbert Balfour has lived in Golema Mmiddi for three years.   T / F
15 The chief of the village is called Dinorego.     T / F
16 It often rains in the area around the village of Golema Mmiddi.  T / F
17 Paulina has two children but her husband is dead.    T / F
18 Paulina is Dinorego’s daughter.       T / F
19 Gilbert wants the villagers to grow tobacco so they can make money.  T / F
20 All of Paulina’s cattle die in the drought.        T / F

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

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21 The hut was near the fence that marked the ____________ between the two countries.

22 He was waiting to hear the sound he most feared. Then he heard it: the police car ____________.

23 The land was divided into ____________ and was ready for ploughing.

24 Maria greeted Makhaya and brought out two ____________ for them to sit on.

25 ‘I’m a ____________ from South Africa,’ Makhaya told him. ‘I ran away because I want freedom.’

26 In Botswana there was a ____________ that people of one tribe grew only certain crops.

27 But Gilbert had ____________ the women of Golema Mmiddi to grow different crops.

28 ‘Please complete this form Mr Maseko. It’s an application for a residence ____________.’
Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

29 ‘That big Englishman has gone too far / distant now!’ Matenge shouted.
30 ‘The Chief has a terrible anger / temper. One day, it will kill him.’
31 Paulina went red with blame / shame.
32 ‘I don’t want her to change her heart / mind.’
33 They walked sadly behind their few entertaining / starving cattle left alive.
34 Matenge sat at home planning hurt / revenge.
35 They stood around the broken door and gasped / sighed at what they saw. The dead body of their Chief was hanging from a rope.

Complete each sentence by putting the word in brackets in the correct place.

36 He was going to leave South Africa. (forever)
37 But he was not safe. (yet)
38 He ate some food in a dirty little café. (first)
39 Paulina woke the next morning. (early)
40 ‘She tried to make me eat worms for lunch!’ (even)
41 ‘I think I can do anything I want.’ (sometimes)
42 Makhaya would forget South Africa. (never)
43 They knew they had won the fight. (suddenly)
Choose the correct option to complete each sentence.

44 Thorn bushes grew everywhere. Some were _________ a man.
   a tall as   b taller as   c taller than

45 Every year the drought had got _________ and more and more cattle died.
   a more worse   b worse   c worst

46 ‘I’m not leaving,’ Makhaya replied as calmly _________ he could.
   a as   b so   c than

47 Matenge was _________ angry he had a heart attack.
   a as   b so   c too

48 Makhaya was _________ busy to be thinking of Paulina or Maria.
   a as   b so   c too

49 It was July, the _________ month of the year.
   a better   b best   c good

50 She was more lonely _________ her daughter, but she had to be strong.
   a as   b so   c than

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Total: ___ / 50

Extra: Exam Practice

Task 1
Choose one character from the story that you like and one that you dislike. Give reasons why you like / dislike them. Write between 80 and 120 words.
Task 2
Choose an event in the story to describe. Talk about the place of the event, what happens, the atmosphere (if relevant) and how the character is / characters are feeling. Say why the event is important. Write between 80 and 120 words.