

Reading Vocabulary Lesson 2-3

- **Subjected** (sub JEK tid) v. exposed (to); forced to hear or see; form of the verb subject (to) (p. 170) Pillay and her friends were subjected to racism at a restaurant.
- **Cultures** (KUL churz) n. groups of people who share a history and way of life (p. 171) Pillay enjoys meeting people from different cultures.
- **Cliques** (kleeks or kliks) n. groups of people who leave others out (p. 172) It's hard to make friends with students who belong to cliques.
- **Optimistic** (op tuh MIS tik) adj. taking the view that things will turn out well; hopeful (p. 173) Pillay is optimistic about South Africa.