

Google: BRICS' COUNTRIES

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**South Africa gains entry to Bric Club**

**1) WARM – UP: pre-reading activities**

Tip: - working in pairs

- browse the Net (Wikipedia)

- use Power Point to create an interesting presentation with images too

**1.a) Photo: current President of South Africa**

- Try to find some information about Jacob Zuma, the President
- Who was his predecessor?
- How did they contribute to the entry of S.A to the group of the Bric Countries?
- Explain the acronym BRIC

**1.b) Words and definitions:**

- With the help of a free online-dictionary try to find the meaning of the following words:

- *economic dwarf*

- *gross domestic product*

- *output*

- *booming economies*

- *chairman*

- *to counterbalance*

- *corporate*

**2) READING:**

**2.a) for global comprehension:**

- Read the article in pairs
- Give a title to each paragraph

**2.b) make a summary:**

- using the key-sentences of the passage write the summary (see teacher's summary)

**2. c) for a detailed comprehension:**

- Answer the questions: written exercise, even in pairs (see teacher's questions)

**3) WRITTEN PRODUCTION:**

**3.a) Working in groups:**

*Tip: collect information using the following Internet address: South Africa.info:*

- About South Africa
- Africa gateway
- Doing business with South Africa
- Education

3.b) Considering the passage and the comment of Jim O'Neill (chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management International) write a document for the school magazine, in which you explain the reason(s) why South Africa should be the representative of Africa in the Brics Club.