

Dear David,

The deserts in Africa are AMAZING!

The weather here is very dry, and every year there is a dry season that lasts more than 6 months. Oh boy! Half a year without rain. You wonder how the plants do it. Plants that grow in the desert have special places to store the water from one rainy season to the next. They are called succulents. The African Baobab has a large trunk full of water. Everywhere I found plants with juicy leaves, juicy stems, all 'saving for a rainy day'!

While I was there, I could not resist visiting Madagascar. What an incredible island! I am writing to you from its capital city. While here, I saw the Clubfoot Tree. Its flowers look just like one of our Frangipani trees, but its fat trunk is covered in spines to avoid being nibbled at by hungry animals. Ouch!

I am sending you some photos. Enjoy!

Your friend,  
Nick



# Letters to David: Succulents

Dear Nick,

So good to hear from you! South Africa sounds like a place I should visit!

I loved the photos of the water-storing plants you sent! But, my friend, I think you forgot to write the names of the plants on the photos. I have no idea what plants these are and where they are from! Did you mix them up with plants from other places? Some of these plants really do not look like they are from Africa!

It would be so helpful if you could label the plants in your next letter! Here, I am sending the photos back to you in case they are your only copy.

Lovely to hear from you again! I'm looking forward to reading more stories of your adventures in the African continent!

Warmest Regards,  
David



Label the plants.