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Level 0

Kenya to let men have many wives

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Kenya will have a new marriage law. Women hate it. Men can have many wives. They can marry other women without telling their wife. There was a big argument and female lawmakers walked out. They do not want men to have more than one wife. A man said the law was OK because divorced women get 30% of the house and money.

A man said this was Kenya's tradition. He said women should know men have other wives. A newspaper said Kenya wasn't modern. It said the new law was backwards. It wants families to be stronger. A woman said the law is unfair because the second wife will take all the money. She said men are afraid of angry women.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-26681580>
<http://www.nation.co.ke/oped/Editorial/Reject-law-that-will--discriminate-against-women-/-/440804/2253228/-/11p2k62z/-/index.html>
<http://www.capitalfm.co.ke/news/2014/03/uproar-as-mps-pass-bill-promoting-polygamy/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Kenya will have a new marriage | a. other women |
| 2. Men can have many | b. of the house |
| 3. They can marry | c. law |
| 4. without | d. argument |
| 5. There was a big | e. out |
| 6. female lawmakers walked | f. wives |
| 7. have more | g. telling their wife |
| 8. divorced women get 30% | h. than one wife |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A man said this was | a. unfair |
| 2. He said women should | b. was backwards |
| 3. A newspaper said Kenya wasn't | c. know |
| 4. It said the new law | d. Kenya's tradition |
| 5. It wants families to | e. of angry women |
| 6. the law is | f. the money |
| 7. take all | g. modern |
| 8. men are afraid | h. be stronger |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Kenya will (1) _____ law. Women hate it. Men can have many wives. They (2) _____ women without (3) _____. There was a big argument and female lawmakers (4) _____. They do not want men to (5) _____ one wife. A man said the law was OK because (6) _____ get 30% of the house and money.

A man said this was (7) _____. He said women should know men (8) _____. A newspaper said Kenya wasn't modern. It said (9) _____ backwards. It wants families (10) _____. A woman said (11) _____ because the second wife will take all the money. She said (12) _____ angry women.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **marriage** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
