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90-year-old starts elementary school

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THE READING

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A 90-year-old is now the world's oldest elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei is from a small village in Kenya. She spent a long time working as a midwife. She helps to deliver babies. She wants to read and write to pass on her nursing skills and the medicines she uses. She also wants to read the Bible. She said she didn't go to school when she was younger. She wants to be a good example to the village children. She wants them to study.

The head teacher is very happy that Ms Sitienei is at school. He called her, a "blessing and a motivator" and he is proud of her. All the students love her. They want to learn and play with her. Sitienei is doing well for her age. She had a special message for the children of the world, especially girls. She said: "Education will be your wealth." She added: "With education, you can be whatever you want."

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/kenya/11364682/Kenyan-grandmother-90-worlds-oldest-primary-school-pupil.html>
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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A 90- | a. babies |
| 2. Sitienei is from a small | b. village children |
| 3. She spent a long time working | c. study |
| 4. She helps to deliver | d. village in Kenya |
| 5. pass | e. she was younger |
| 6. she didn't go to school when | f. year-old |
| 7. be a good example to the | g. on her nursing skills |
| 8. She wants them to | h. as a midwife |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The head teacher | a. children of the world |
| 2. He called her, a "blessing | b. your wealth |
| 3. All the students | c. is very happy |
| 4. They want to learn | d. whatever you want |
| 5. Sitienei is doing | e. and a motivator" |
| 6. a special message for the | f. love her |
| 7. Education will be | g. well for her age |
| 8. With education, you can be | h. and play with her |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 90-year-old (1) _____ elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei is (2) _____ in Kenya. She spent a long time (3) _____. She helps to deliver babies. She wants to read and write to pass on her (4) _____ the medicines she uses. She also wants to read the Bible. She said she didn't go to school when she was younger. She wants to (5) _____ to the village children. She wants (6) _____.

The head teacher (7) _____ that Ms Sitienei is at school. He called her, a "blessing (8) _____" and he is proud of her. All the (9) _____. They want to learn and play with her. Sitienei (10) _____ her age. She had a (11) _____ the children of the world, especially girls. She said: "Education will be your wealth." She added: "With education, you can (12) _____."

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)

g)

h)

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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)

g)

h)
