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THE READING

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A 90-year-old grandmother has become the world's oldest elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei is from a small village in Kenya. She has spent most of her life working as a midwife. She helps to deliver babies. She wants to read and write so she can pass on her nursing skills. She wants to write down the herbal medicines she uses when she delivers babies. She also wants to be able to read the Bible. Sitienei said she didn't go to school when she was younger. She knows she is old. She wants to set an example to younger people. She wants all the village children to study.

When Ms Sitienei first joined the school, the head teacher did not think it was a good idea. Now he is very happy. He said Ms Sitienei is a "blessing and a motivator". He said he was proud of her and that all students love her and want to learn and play with her. He also said: "She is doing well considering her age. I can say I have seen a big difference in this school since she came." Ms Sitienei had a special message. She said: "I want to say to the children of the world, especially girls, that 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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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. Sitienei is from a small village | a. to read the Bible |
| 2. She has spent most of her life working | b. when she was younger |
| 3. she can pass | c. in Kenya |
| 4. medicines she uses when | d. children to study |
| 5. She also wants to be able | e. as a midwife |
| 6. she didn't go to school | f. to younger people |
| 7. set an example | g. on her nursing skills |
| 8. She wants all the village | h. she delivers babies |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the head teacher did not think | a. message |
| 2. Ms Sitienei is a "blessing | b. your wealth |
| 3. He said he was proud | c. her age |
| 4. She is doing well considering | d. of her |
| 5. Ms Sitienei had a special | e. be whatever you want |
| 6. say to the children | f. it was a good idea |
| 7. education will be | g. of the world |
| 8. With education, you can | h. and a motivator" |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 90-year-old grandmother has (1) _____ oldest elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei is from a small village in Kenya. She has (2) _____ life working as a midwife. She helps (3) _____. She wants to read and write so she can pass on her nursing skills. She wants to write down (4) _____ she uses when she delivers babies. She also wants to be able to read the Bible. Sitienei said she didn't go to school when (5) _____. She knows she is old. She wants to set an example to younger people. She wants all the village (6) _____.

When Ms Sitienei (7) _____ school, the head teacher did not think it (8) _____. Now he is very happy. He said Ms Sitienei is a "blessing and a motivator". He said he (9) _____ and that all students love her and want to learn and play with her. He also said: "She is doing well (10) _____. I can say I have seen a big difference in this school since she came." Ms Sitienei had a special message. She said: "I (11) _____ children of the world, especially girls, that education will be your wealth." She added: "With education, you can be (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)
