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## Level 3

# Kenya to let men have many wives

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# THE ARTICLE

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The government in Kenya has agreed on a new law on marriage. It has made many female politicians very angry. The Marriage Bill allows men to have as many wives as they want. Men will soon be able to marry other women without even telling their wife. There was a big argument between the male and female politicians. Many female lawmakers walked out of the debate in anger. The law was going to make it illegal to have more than one wife, but male lawmakers changed their mind. One male politician said the law was fair to women. He said that for the first time, women who get divorced would have 30 per cent of the family house and other things of value belonging to the couple.

Kenyan politician Samuel Chepkong'a said the new law simply keeps alive Kenya's traditions. He told reporters: "When you marry an African woman, she must know the second one is on the way, and a third wife. This is Africa." Kenya's Nation newspaper said the law did not show Kenya as a modern country. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] move that is simply taking us back into the Dark Ages, at a time when we should be strengthening family values." Female politician Sopian Tuya said the law was unfair to the first wife because the second wife would take all the money. She also warned men about marrying in secret, saying: "We know that men are afraid of women's tongues more than anything else."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. MARRIAGE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about marriage. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*law / marriage / female politicians / argument / anger / illegal / fair / family house / traditions / a modern country / family values / take all the money / in secret / tongues*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. MARRIAGE:** Who usually does what with these things? Is that OK? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What the husband does	OK?	What the wife does	OK?
Romance				
Money decisions				
Child discipline				
Driving				
Housework				
Earn money				

**4. POLYGAMY:** Students A **strongly** believe no culture should allow polygamy (being married to more than one person at the same time); Students B **strongly** believe if that's what the culture is, it's OK. Change partners talk about your conversations.

**5. MORE THAN ONE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things people shouldn't have more than one of at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- spouse
- house
- mobile phone
- job
- car
- chin
- TV
- piece of chocolate cake

**6. POLITICIAN:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "politician". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. Male and female politicians welcomed Kenya's new marriage law.       | T / F |
| b. Men can marry other women only after telling their wife.             | T / F |
| c. A male lawmaker said the new law was fair to women.                  | T / F |
| d. The new law says a couple's property is split 50-50 after a divorce. | T / F |
| e. A politician said the law supports Kenyan traditions.                | T / F |
| f. A newspaper said the law shows Kenya is not a modern country.        | T / F |
| g. A female politician said the law was unfair to newer wives.          | T / F |
| h. The politician said men were most afraid of a woman's tongue.        | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. agreed        | a. rage        |
| 2. argument      | b. reinforcing |
| 3. anger         | c. owned by    |
| 4. illegal       | d. scared      |
| 5. belonging to  | e. settled     |
| 6. traditions    | f. up to date  |
| 7. modern        | g. unlawful    |
| 8. strengthening | h. cautioned   |
| 9. warned        | i. fight       |
| 10. afraid       | j. customs     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. agreed                    | a. country                  |
| 2. have as many              | b. even telling their wife  |
| 3. marry other women without | c. family values            |
| 4. male lawmakers changed    | d. alive Kenya's traditions |
| 5. things of value           | e. on a new law on marriage |
| 6. the new law simply keeps  | f. the way                  |
| 7. the second one is on      | g. their mind               |
| 8. a modern                  | h. belonging to the couple  |
| 9. strengthening             | i. of women's tongues       |
| 10. men are afraid           | j. wives as they want       |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

The government in Kenya has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on a new law on marriage. It has made many female politicians very angry. The Marriage Bill (2) \_\_\_\_\_ men to have as many wives as they want. Men will soon be able to marry other women without even (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their wife. There was a big argument between the male and female politicians. Many female lawmakers (4) \_\_\_\_\_ out of the debate in anger. The law was going to make it (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to have more than one wife, but male lawmakers changed their (6) \_\_\_\_\_. One male politician said the law was fair to women. He said that for the first time, women who get (7) \_\_\_\_\_ would have 30 per cent of the family house and other things of value (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to the couple.

walked  
mind  
allows  
divorced  
illegal  
agreed  
belonging  
telling

Kenyan politician Samuel Chepkong'a said the new law (9) \_\_\_\_\_ keeps alive Kenya's (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He told reporters: "When you marry an African woman, she must know the second one is on the way, and a third wife. This is Africa." Kenya's Nation newspaper said the law did not show Kenya as a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ country. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] move that is simply taking us (12) \_\_\_\_\_ into the Dark Ages, at a time when we should be (13) \_\_\_\_\_ family values." Female politician Sopian Tuya said the law was (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to the first wife because the second wife would take all the money. She also warned men about marrying in (15) \_\_\_\_\_, saying: "We know that men are afraid of women's (16) \_\_\_\_\_ more than anything else."

strengthening  
tongues  
modern  
unfair  
simply  
secret  
traditions  
back

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The government in Kenya has \_\_\_\_\_ law
  - a. agrees on a new
  - b. agreeing on a new
  - c. agreed on a new
  - d. a greed on a new
- 2) Men will soon be able to marry other women without even \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. telling their wife
  - b. talking their wife
  - c. tailing their wife
  - d. taking their wife
- 3) Many female lawmakers walked out of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. debate on anger
  - b. debate in angry
  - c. debate in anger
  - d. debate on angry
- 4) ...but male lawmakers changed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their minder
  - b. their minds
  - c. their minded
  - d. their mind
- 5) the family house and other things of value \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. belonging to the couplet
  - b. belonging to the couple
  - c. belonging to the couples
  - d. belonging to the couple of
- 6) ...the new law simply keeps alive \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Kenya's traditional
  - b. Kenya's tradition
  - c. Kenya's traditions
  - d. Kenya's traditionally
- 7) Kenya's Nation newspaper said the law did not show Kenya as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a modern country
  - b. a modernist country
  - c. amid and country
  - d. ammo darn country
- 8) at a time when we should be strengthening \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. family valued
  - b. family value
  - c. family valuations
  - d. family values
- 9) Female politician Sopian Tuya said the law was unfair \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the first wife
  - b. to the first wife
  - c. for the first wife
  - d. at the first wife
- 10) We know that men are afraid of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. women's tongs
  - b. women's tongues
  - c. women's tans
  - d. women's tunes

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

The government in Kenya (1) \_\_\_\_\_ new law on marriage. It has made many female politicians very angry. The Marriage Bill allows men (2) \_\_\_\_\_ wives as they want. Men will soon be able to marry other women (3) \_\_\_\_\_ their wife. There was a big argument between the male and female politicians. Many female lawmakers walked (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in anger. The law was going to make it illegal to have more than one wife, but male lawmakers changed their mind. One male politician said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ women. He said that for the first time, women who get divorced would have 30 per cent of the family house (6) \_\_\_\_\_ value belonging to the couple.

Kenyan politician Samuel Chepkong'a said the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ keeps alive Kenya's traditions. He told reporters: "When you marry an African woman, she must know the second (8) \_\_\_\_\_ way, and a third wife. This is Africa." Kenya's Nation newspaper said the law did not show Kenya as a modern country. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] move that is simply (9) \_\_\_\_\_ into the Dark Ages, at a time when we should (10) \_\_\_\_\_ family values." Female politician Sopian Tuya said the law was unfair to the first wife because the second wife would take all the money. She also warned men (11) \_\_\_\_\_, saying: "We know that men are afraid (12) \_\_\_\_\_ more than anything else."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

1. Who did Kenya's new marriage law anger?

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2. How many wives will Kenyan men be able to have?

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3. What did female politicians do during a debate?

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4. What was the law originally going to do?

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5. How much will a woman get after a divorce?

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6. What did a politician say the law kept alive?

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7. What did a newspaper say the law showed?

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8. What did the newspaper say should be getting stronger?

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9. What might a second wife do?

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10. What did a female politician say women were most afraid of?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

1. Who did Kenya's new marriage law anger?
  - a) men
  - b) married couples
  - c) divorced couples
  - d) female lawmakers
2. How many wives will Kenyan men be able to have?
  - a) still to be decided
  - b) as many as they want
  - c) 5
  - d) a maximum of 19
3. What did female politicians do during a debate?
  - a) sing
  - b) sit in silence
  - c) lock the doors
  - d) walk out
4. What was the law originally going to do?
  - a) ban divorce
  - b) let women have many husbands
  - c) make having more than one wife illegal
  - d) increase the marrying age to 21
5. How much will a woman get after a divorce?
  - a) 60%
  - b) 50%
  - c) 40%
  - d) 30%
6. What did a politician say the law kept alive?
  - a) Kenya's population
  - b) men
  - c) Kenya's traditions
  - d) family
7. What did a newspaper say the law showed?
  - a) Kenya wasn't modern
  - b) men like getting married
  - c) women are more sensible
  - d) the news
8. What did the newspaper say should be getting stronger?
  - a) men's marriage duties
  - b) women
  - c) family values
  - d) politicians
9. What might a second wife do?
  - a) fight the first wife
  - b) take all the money
  - c) say "no more wives"
  - d) marry in secret
10. What did a female politician say women were most afraid of?
  - a) women's tongues
  - b) loneliness
  - c) themselves
  - d) divorce

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Love**

You think love is most important in a marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why these things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): conversation, respect or faithfulness.

## **Role B – Conversation**

You think conversation is most important in a marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why these things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): love, respect or faithfulness.

## **Role C – Respect**

You think respect is most important in a marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why these things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): conversation, love or faithfulness.

## **Role D – Faithfulness**

You think faithfulness is most important in a marriage. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them reasons why these things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): conversation, respect or love.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'male' and 'female'.

male	female

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• agreed</li><li>• want</li><li>• walked</li><li>• mind</li><li>• first</li><li>• couple</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• alive</li><li>• way</li><li>• move</li><li>• values</li><li>• money</li><li>• afraid</li></ul>
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# MARRIAGE SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

Write five GOOD questions about marriage in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# MARRIAGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'marriage'?
- c) What do you think of Kenya's new law?
- d) What three adjectives best describe this news for you?
- e) Why would a man want more than one wife?
- f) If some cultures allow more than one married partner, should we respect their tradition?
- g) Why do most people believe just one married partner is best?
- h) What can Kenya's women do to change this law?
- i) Is 30% of the house and money in a divorce still very unfair?
- j) Should Kenya let women have more than one husband?

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# MARRIAGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why would a woman marry a man who will have many wives?
- c) Is Kenya's 'Nation' newspaper right in saying the law is backwards?
- d) What is the Dark Ages?
- e) What family values need strengthening in your country?
- f) What are the biggest problems married couples have?
- g) Who is the new law unfair to most?
- h) Should there be a world law on marriage?
- i) Are men afraid of women's tongues?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the leader of Kenya?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

The government in Kenya has agreed (1) \_\_\_\_ a new law on marriage. It has made many female politicians very (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The Marriage Bill allows men to have as many wives as they want. Men will soon be able to marry (3) \_\_\_\_ women without even telling their wife. There was a big argument between the male and female politicians. Many female lawmakers walked (4) \_\_\_\_ of the debate in anger. The law was going to make it illegal to have more than one wife, but male lawmakers changed their (5) \_\_\_\_\_. One male politician said the law was fair to women. He said that for the first time, women who get divorced would have 30 per cent of the family house and other things of value (6) \_\_\_\_ to the couple.

Kenyan politician Samuel Chepkong'a said the new law simply (7) \_\_\_\_ alive Kenya's traditions. He told reporters: "When you marry an African woman, she must know the second one is on the (8) \_\_\_\_\_, and a third wife. This is Africa." Kenya's Nation newspaper said the law did not show Kenya as a modern country. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] (9) \_\_\_\_ that is simply taking us back into the Dark Ages, at a time when we should be strengthening (10) \_\_\_\_ values." Female politician Sopian Tuya said the law was unfair to the first wife because the second wife would take (11) \_\_\_\_ the money. She also warned men about marrying in secret, saying: "We know that men are afraid (12) \_\_\_\_ women's tongues more than anything else."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                 |                |                 |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) in        | (b) at          | (c) by         | (d) on          |
| 2.  | (a) anger     | (b) angered     | (c) angers     | (d) angry       |
| 3.  | (a) others    | (b) other       | (c) the others | (d) another     |
| 4.  | (a) up        | (b) in          | (c) out        | (d) to          |
| 5.  | (a) brain     | (b) head        | (c) mind       | (d) brain       |
| 6.  | (a) belonging | (b) belongings  | (c) belonged   | (d) belong      |
| 7.  | (a) takes     | (b) keeps       | (c) stays      | (d) gives       |
| 8.  | (a) way       | (b) weigh       | (c) why        | (d) whey        |
| 9.  | (a) movie     | (b) move        | (c) moved      | (d) movements   |
| 10. | (a) familiar  | (b) familiarize | (c) family     | (d) family tree |
| 11. | (a) every     | (b) spend       | (c) all        | (d) whole       |
| 12. | (a) by        | (b) at          | (c) on         | (d) of          |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. a new law on raeamrg
2. female sotcinipila
3. There was a big rmeganut
4. make it eglllai to have more than one wife
5. get dodciver
6. things of value elngnionb to the couple

## Paragraph 2

7. the new law simply keeps alive Kenya's ntrtodsiai
8. a nmdeor country
9. we should be nihenttrggense family values
10. the law was rinfau to the first wife
11. marrying in tcrese
12. men are afraid of women's esotgnu



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) argument between the male and female politicians. Many female lawmakers walked out of the debate
- ( ) as they want. Men will soon be able to marry other women without even telling their wife. There was a big
- ( ) divorced would have 30 per cent of the family house and other things of value belonging to the couple.
- ( ) Dark Ages, at a time when we should be strengthening family values." Female politician Sopian Tuya said the law was
- ( ) traditions. He told reporters: "When you marry an African woman, she must know the second one is on
- ( ) secret, saying: "We know that men are afraid of women's tongues more than anything else."
- ( ) mind. One male politician said the law was fair to women. He said that for the first time, women who get
- ( ) in anger. The law was going to make it illegal to have more than one wife, but male lawmakers changed their
- ( ) unfair to the first wife because the second wife would take all the money. She also warned men about marrying in
- ( ) country. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] move that is simply taking us back into the
- ( ) the way, and a third wife. This is Africa." Kenya's Nation newspaper said the law did not show Kenya as a modern
- ( ) politicians very angry. The Marriage Bill allows men to have as many wives
- ( ) Kenyan politician Samuel Chepkong'a said the new law simply keeps alive Kenya's
- ( **1** ) The government in Kenya has agreed on a new law on marriage. It has made many female

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

1. law The government in Kenya has agreed on a new.

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2. to have as many wives as they want Allows men.

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3. walked the anger lawmakers of in Female out debate.

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4. fair to women One male politician said the law was.

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5. the of couple value belonging Other to things.

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6. . law The traditions alive simply new keeps Kenya's

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7. the second one is on the way She must know.

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8. country The law did not show Kenya as a modern.

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9. men about She marrying also in warned secret.

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10. afraid tongues know are women's We men of that.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

The government in Kenya has *agreed / agreeing* on a new law on marriage. It has made many female politicians very *anger / angry*. The Marriage Bill allows men to have as *many / much* wives as they want. Men will soon be able to marry other women without even *told / telling* their wife. There was a big *arguing / argument* between the male and female politicians. Many female lawmakers walked *out / in* of the debate in anger. The law was going to make it *illegal / legally* to have more than one wife, but male lawmakers changed their *mind / mindless*. One male politician said the law was fair to women. He said that for the first time, women who get *divorcee / divorced* would have 30 per cent of the family house and other things of *valuable / value* belonging to the couple.

Kenyan politician Samuel Chepkong'a said the new law simply keeps *life / alive* Kenya's traditions. He told reporters: "When you *marriage / marry* an African woman, she must know the second *two / one* is on the way, and a third wife. This *is / isn't* Africa." Kenya's Nation newspaper said the law did not *show / showing* Kenya as a modern country. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] move that is *simple / simply* taking us back into the Dark Ages, at a time when we should be *strengthening / strongest* family values." Female politician Sopian Tuya said the law was *unfairly / unfair* to the first wife because the second wife would take *whole / all* the money. She also warned men about marrying in secret, saying: "We know that men are afraid of women's tongues more than *anything / nothing* else."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

Th\_ g\_ v\_ rnm\_ nt \_n K\_ ny\_ h\_ s\_ gr\_ \_d\_ \_n\_ \_ n\_ w\_ l\_ w\_ \_n  
m\_ rr\_ \_g\_ . \_t\_ h\_ s\_ m\_ d\_ m\_ ny\_ f\_ m\_ l\_ p\_ l\_ t\_ c\_ \_ns\_ v\_ ry  
\_ngry. Th\_ M\_ rr\_ \_g\_ B\_ ll\_ ll\_ ws\_ m\_ n\_ t\_ h\_ v\_ \_s\_ m\_ ny  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy.html>

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kenyan politician samuel chepkong'a said the new law simply keeps alive kenya's traditions he told reporters "when you marry an african woman she must know the second one is on the way and a third wife this is africa" kenya's nation newspaper said the law did not show kenya as a modern country it wrote "this is a [backwards] move that is simply taking us back into the dark ages at a time when we should be strengthening family values" female politician sopian tuya said the law was unfair to the first wife because the second wife would take all the money she also warned men about marrying in secret saying "we know that men are afraid of women's tongues more than anything else"

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about polygamy around the world. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MARRIAGE:** Make a poster about marriage. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. KENYA LAW:** Write a magazine article about Kenya's new marriage. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on marriage. Ask him/her three questions about marriage. Give him/her three of your thoughts on how to keep marriages happy. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c T    d F    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. agreed        | a. settled     |
| 2. argument      | b. fight       |
| 3. anger         | c. rage        |
| 4. illegal       | d. unlawful    |
| 5. belonging to  | e. owned by    |
| 6. traditions    | f. customs     |
| 7. modern        | g. up to date  |
| 8. strengthening | h. reinforcing |
| 9. warned        | i. cautioned   |
| 10. afraid       | j. scared      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Female politicians
2. As many as they want
3. They walked out
4. Make it illegal to have more than one wife
5. 30%
6. Kenya's traditions
7. That Kenya wasn't a modern country
8. Family ties
9. Take all the money
10. Women's tongues

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)