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## Level 3

# 90-year-old starts elementary school

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

A 90-year-old Kenyan grandmother has become the world's oldest elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei, also known as Gogo, is from a small village in Kenya. She is studying at the local elementary school to learn to read and write. Ms Sitienei has spent most of her life working as a midwife, helping to deliver babies. She wants to be able to read and write so she can pass on her midwifery skills and write down the special herbal remedies she uses when she delivers babies. She also wants to be able to read the Bible. Sitienei said she never had a chance to go to school when she was younger. She said she knows she is old but hopes she will set an example to younger people. She wants all the children in her village to study.

When Ms Sitienei first tried to enroll at the school, the head teacher David Kinyanjui did not think it was a good idea. Now he is very happy that Gogo is at the school. Mr Kinyanjui said Gogo is a "blessing and a motivator". He added: "I'm very proud of her. She is loved by every pupil. They all 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." Gogo had a message for children everywhere, saying: "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 - a doctor, lawyer or a pilot."

Sources: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/kenya/11364682/Kenyan-grandmother-90-worlds-oldest-primary-school-pupil.html>  
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<http://www.inquisitr.com/1786062/90-year-old-kenyan-grandmother-is-worlds-oldest-school-pupil>

# WARM-UPS

**1. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about elementary school. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*grandmother / elementary school / village / midwife / babies / skills / remedies / teacher / blessing / motivator / difference / message / education / doctor / lawyer*

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

**3. OLD PEOPLE:** What might old people be good or bad at in these situations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good	Bad
School teacher		
Website builder		
Nurse		
Taxi driver		
Chef		
Fashion designer		

**4. AGE LIMIT:** Students A **strongly** believe there should be an age limit for elementary school students; Students B **strongly** believe there shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. SCHOOL:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- teachers
- lunch
- play time
- the school building
- the classroom
- the lessons
- friends
- holidays

**6. VILLAGE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "village". 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/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

## 1. TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. The world's oldest elementary school student is also a grandmother.  | T / F |
| b. The student lives in the capital city of Kenya.                      | T / F |
| c. The woman wants to be able to write about things in her job.         | T / F |
| d. The woman wants all the children in her village to study.            | T / F |
| e. The school head teacher always wanted the woman to join the school.  | T / F |
| f. Not all of the students in the school like the old lady.             | T / F |
| g. The head teacher said the woman made a big difference to the school. | T / F |
| h. The woman had a special message just for boys.                       | T / F |

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 1. student     | a. gift                |
| 2. local       | b. cures               |
| 3. pass on     | c. register            |
| 4. remedies    | d. neighbourhood       |
| 5. chance      | e. taking into account |
| 6. enroll      | f. pupil               |
| 7. blessing    | g. riches              |
| 8. considering | h. opportunity         |
| 9. especially  | i. give                |
| 10. wealth     | j. particularly        |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. studying at the local             | a. remedies she uses    |
| 2. helping to deliver                | b. be whatever you want |
| 3. write down the special herbal     | c. village to study     |
| 4. she will set an example           | d. by every pupil       |
| 5. She wants all the children in her | e. of her               |
| 6. Ms Sitienei first tried to        | f. babies               |
| 7. I'm very proud                    | g. children everywhere  |
| 8. She is loved                      | h. to younger people    |
| 9. Gogo had a message for            | i. enroll at the school |
| 10. With education, you can          | j. elementary school    |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

A 90-year-old Kenyan (1) \_\_\_\_\_ has become the world's oldest elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei, also known as Gogo, is from a small (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Kenya. She is studying at the local elementary school to learn to read and write. Ms Sitienei has spent most of her life (3) \_\_\_\_\_ as a midwife, helping to deliver babies. She wants to be (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to read and write so she can pass on her midwifery skills and write down the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ herbal remedies she uses when she (6) \_\_\_\_\_ babies. She also wants to be able to read the Bible. Sitienei said she never had a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to go to school when she was younger. She said she knows she is old but hopes she will (8) \_\_\_\_\_ an example to younger people. She wants all the children in her village to study.

*village*  
*able*  
*chance*  
*grandmother*  
*special*  
*set*  
*working*  
*delivers*

When Ms Sitienei first tried to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ at the school, the head teacher David Kinyanjui did not think it was a good idea. Now he is very (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that Gogo is at the school. Mr Kinyanjui said Gogo is a "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ and a motivator". He added: "I'm very proud of her. She is loved by every (12) \_\_\_\_\_. They all want to learn and play with her." He also said: "She is doing well considering her age. I can say I have seen a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ difference in this school since she came." Gogo had a message for children everywhere, saying: "I want to say to the children of the world, (14) \_\_\_\_\_ girls, that education will be your (15) \_\_\_\_\_." She added: "With education, you can be whatever you want - a doctor, (16) \_\_\_\_\_ or a pilot."

*pupil*  
*happy*  
*wealth*  
*blessing*  
*lawyer*  
*big*  
*enroll*  
*especially*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) She is studying at the local elementary school to learn \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. too read and write
  - b. two read and write
  - c. to read and write
  - d. through read and write
- 2) write down the special herbal remedies she uses when \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. she deliveries babies
  - b. she delivers babies
  - c. she delivered babies
  - d. she deliver babies
- 3) Sitienei said she never had a chance to go to school when \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. she is younger
  - b. she has younger
  - c. she wants younger
  - d. she was younger
- 4) She said she knows she is old but hopes she will \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. set an example
  - b. sit an example
  - c. sat an example
  - d. shut an example
- 5) She wants all the children in her \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. villages to study
  - b. villager to study
  - c. villagers to study
  - d. village to study
- 6) When Ms Sitienei first tried to \_\_\_\_\_ school
  - a. enroll by the
  - b. enroll that the
  - c. enroll as the
  - d. enroll at the
- 7) Now he is very happy that Gogo is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. at a school
  - b. at the school
  - c. at that school
  - d. at this school
- 8) He added: "I'm very proud of her. She is loved \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. by every iris
  - b. by every lens
  - c. by every lash
  - d. by every pupil
- 9) I have seen a big difference in this school \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sent she came
  - b. spins she came
  - c. since she came
  - d. shins she came
- 10) With education, you can be whatever you want - a doctor, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lawyer nor a pilot
  - b. lawyer or the pilot
  - c. lawyer nor the pilot
  - d. lawyer or a pilot

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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When Ms Sitienei (7) \_\_\_\_\_ at the school, the head teacher David Kinyanjui did not think it was a good idea. Now he is very happy that Gogo (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Kinyanjui said Gogo is a "blessing and a motivator". He added: "I'm very proud of her. She is loved by every pupil. They all want (9) \_\_\_\_\_ with her." He also said: "She is doing well considering her age. I can (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a big difference in this school since she came." Gogo had a message for children everywhere, saying: "I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ children of the world, especially girls, that education will be your wealth." She added: "With education, you (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you want - a doctor, lawyer or a pilot."

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

1. How old is the world's oldest elementary school student?

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2. What does the woman want to learn to do?

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3. What does the woman help deliver?

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4. What did the woman not have a chance to do when she was younger?

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5. What does she want the children in her village to do?

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6. Who thought it wasn't a good idea when the women joined the school?

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7. Who loves the woman?

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8. What do the school students want to do with the old lady?

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9. Who did the old woman have a message for?

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10. What jobs did the woman say you could do with an education?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

1. How old is the world's oldest elementary school student?
  - a) 93
  - b) 92
  - c) 91
  - d) 90
2. What does the woman want to learn to do?
  - a) teach
  - b) read and write
  - c) computer coding
  - d) ride a bike
3. What does the woman help deliver?
  - a) groceries
  - b) letters
  - c) eggs
  - d) babies
4. What did the woman not have a chance to do when she was younger?
  - a) be a teacher
  - b) travel overseas
  - c) go to school
  - d) have children
5. What does she want the children in her village to do?
  - a) work in Nairobi
  - b) talk
  - c) her homework
  - d) study
6. Who thought it wasn't a good idea when the women joined the school?
  - a) the students
  - b) Kenya's education minister
  - c) the head teacher
  - d) Gogo
7. Who loves the woman?
  - a) the students
  - b) the newspapers
  - c) the cleaners
  - d) a janitor
8. What do the school students want to do with the old lady?
  - a) have a picnic
  - b) take her to Nairobi
  - c) learn and play with her
  - d) play football
9. Who did the old woman have a message for?
  - a) the teachers of the world
  - b) the children of the world
  - c) the teacher
  - d) the villagers
10. What jobs did the woman say you could do with an education?
  - a) doctor, lawyer or a pilot
  - b) doctor, leader or a pilot
  - c) doctor, lawyer or a baker
  - d) doctor, teacher or a pilot

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

## **Role A – Teachers**

You think teachers are the best things about school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lunch, the classroom or the lessons.

## **Role B – Lunch**

You think lunch is best thing about school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): teachers, the classroom or the lessons.

## **Role C – The classroom**

You think the classroom is the best thing about school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lunch, teachers or the lessons.

## **Role D – Lessons**

You think the lessons are the best things about school. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lunch, the classroom or teachers.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

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

<b>elementary</b>	<b>school</b>
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- 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>• oldest</li><li>• village</li><li>• helping</li><li>• pass</li><li>• chance</li><li>• younger</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• head</li><li>• happy</li><li>• proud</li><li>• age</li><li>• message</li><li>• whatever</li></ul>
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# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

Write five GOOD questions about elementary school 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.

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 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 'grandmother'?
- c) What do you think about what you read?
- d) What did you think of your elementary school?
- e) What do you think of Gogo?
- f) Would you like to keep learning all your life?
- g) How important is it to be able to read and write?
- h) How would life be different if you could not read or write?
- i) In what ways are you an example to younger people?
- j) What can the children at the school learn from Gogo?

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## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISCUSSION**

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

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Should more older people go back to school?
- c) Why might the head teacher think it was a bad idea for Gogo to study?
- d) Why do you think the other pupils love Gogo?
- e) Who was your favourite elementary school teacher? Why?
- f) Do you think there are things Gogo can't do at school?
- g) What do you miss about elementary school?
- h) Do you agree that education is wealth? Why?
- i) What job did you want to do when you were at elementary school?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Gogo?

# 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

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When Ms Sitienei first tried to enroll at the school, the head teacher David Kinyanjui did not think it was a good (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Now he is very happy that Gogo is at the school. Mr Kinyanjui said Gogo is a "(8) \_\_\_\_\_ and a motivator". He added: "I'm very proud of her. She is loved by every pupil. They all want to learn and play with her." He also said: "She is doing (9) \_\_\_\_\_ considering her age. I can say I have seen a big (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in this school since she came." Gogo had a message for children everywhere, saying: "I want to say to the children of the world, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ girls, that education will be your wealth." She added: "With education, you can be (12) \_\_\_\_\_ you want - a doctor, lawyer or a pilot."

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

- |     |                 |                  |               |                |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) became      | (b) becomes      | (c) become    | (d) becoming   |
| 2.  | (a) studying    | (b) studied      | (c) study     | (d) studiously |
| 3.  | (a) wife        | (b) midwife      | (c) midwifery | (d) mid-life   |
| 4.  | (a) by          | (b) to           | (c) up        | (d) on         |
| 5.  | (a) deliveries  | (b) deliverables | (c) delivers  | (d) deliver    |
| 6.  | (a) let         | (b) set          | (c) get       | (d) met        |
| 7.  | (a) idea        | (b) opinion      | (c) view      | (d) brainstorm |
| 8.  | (a) bless       | (b) blesses      | (c) blessed   | (d) blessing   |
| 9.  | (a) good        | (b) goodly       | (c) well      | (d) best       |
| 10. | (a) differences | (b) differential | (c) different | (d) difference |
| 11. | (a) specialty   | (b) especially   | (c) specials  | (d) special    |
| 12. | (a) whatever    | (b) whenever     | (c) wherever  | (d) whatsoever |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. helping to ielervd babies
2. cepaisl herbal remedies
3. working as a ifmweid
4. the local eyrlmanete school
5. set an pmaeexl to younger people
6. all the children in her gialvle

## Paragraph 2

7. Gogo is a blessing and a tmoarvito
8. She is loved by every ppilu
9. She is doing well sdonicinger her age
10. eyleilscpa girls
11. education will be your htwael
12. a doctor, lreayw or a pilot



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

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

- ( ) idea. Now he is very happy that Gogo is at the school. Mr Kinyanjui said Gogo is a "blessing and a
- ( ) say to the children of the world, especially girls, that education will be your
- ( ) play with her." He also said: "She is doing well considering her age. I can say I have seen a big
- ( ) at the local elementary school to learn to read and write. Ms Sitienei has spent most
- ( ) wealth." She added: "With education, you can be whatever you want - a doctor, lawyer or a pilot."
- ( ) When Ms Sitienei first tried to enroll at the school, the head teacher David Kinyanjui did not think it was a good
- ( ) motivator". He added: "I'm very proud of her. She is loved by every pupil. They all want to learn and
- ( ) of her life working as a midwife, helping to deliver babies. She wants to be able to read and write so she can pass
- ( ) on her midwifery skills and write down the special herbal remedies she uses when she delivers babies. She also wants
- ( **1** ) A 90-year-old Kenyan grandmother has become the world's oldest elementary
- ( ) school student. Priscilla Sitienei, also known as Gogo, is from a small village in Kenya. She is studying
- ( ) she is old but hopes she will set an example to younger people. She wants all the children in her village to study.
- ( ) difference in this school since she came." Gogo had a message for children everywhere, saying: "I want to
- ( ) to be able to read the Bible. Sitienei said she never had a chance to go to school when she was younger. She said she knows

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

1. elementary studying school at the She local is .

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2. as of working midwife most life a Spent her .

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3. down she the uses special herbal Write remedies .

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4. school to go to chance a had never she said Sitienei .

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5. example She to will younger set people an .

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6. the Ms tried at When first enroll school Sitienei to .

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7. not was idea did it good Kinyanjui think a .

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8. her all learn with They to play want and .

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9. considering well doing is She age her .

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10. you With you whatever , be want education can .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150128-elementary-school.html>

A 90-year-old Kenyan grandmother has *became* / *become* the world's oldest elementary school student. Priscilla Sitienei, also *known* / *knowing* as Gogo, is from a small village in Kenya. She is *studying* / *studied* at the local elementary school to learn to read and write. Ms Sitienei has *spending* / *spent* most of her life working as a midwife, helping to *delivery* / *deliver* babies. She wants to be *able* / *ability* to read and write so she can pass on her midwifery skills and write down the special *herbal* / *herb* remedies she uses when she delivers babies. She also wants to be able to read the Bible. Sitienei said she never had a *chances* / *chance* to go to school when she was younger. She said she knows she is old but hopes she will *set* / *let* an example to *younger* / *youngish* people. She wants all the children in her village to study.

When Ms Sitienei *first* / *firstly* tried to enroll at the school, the head teacher David Kinyanjui did not think it was a *good* / *well* idea. Now he is very happy that Gogo is *at* / *on* the school. Mr Kinyanjui said Gogo is a "blessing and a motivator". He added: "I'm very *pride* / *proud* of her. She is loved by every pupil. They all want to *learn* / *lean* and play with her." He also said: "She is doing well *considered* / *considering* her age. I can say I have seen a big difference in this school since she came." Gogo had a *massage* / *message* for children everywhere, saying: "I want to say to the children of the *world* / *worlds*, especially girls, that education will be your *wealthy* / *wealth*." She added: "With education, you can be *whatever* / *whenever* you want - a doctor, lawyer or a pilot."

**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)

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When Ms. Stinson first tried to enroll at the school, the head teacher David Kanyanj said not to think too much about it. Now she is very happy that Gage is at the school. Mr. Kanyanj said Gage is "blessing and a motivator". He added: "I'm very proud of her. She is loved by every pupil. They will learn and play with her." He also said: "She is doing well considering her age. I can say she has a big difference in the school since she came." Gage had a message for children everywhere, saying: "I went to study at the school from the world, especially girls, that decision will be your wealth." She added: "With a decision, you can be whatever you want - a doctor, lawyer or pilot."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 elementary school. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. GOGO:** Write a magazine article about Gogo going to elementary school. Include imaginary interviews with Gogo, another student and her teacher.

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 elementary school. Ask him/her three questions about elementary school. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 1. student     | a. pupil               |
| 2. local       | b. neighbourhood       |
| 3. pass on     | c. give                |
| 4. remedies    | d. cures               |
| 5. chance      | e. opportunity         |
| 6. enroll      | f. register            |
| 7. blessing    | g. gift                |
| 8. considering | h. taking into account |
| 9. especially  | i. particularly        |
| 10. wealth     | j. riches              |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 90
- Read and write
- Babies
- Go to school
- Study
- The head teacher
- The pupils
- Learn and play
- Children of the world
- Doctor, lawyer or a pilot

## 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 ;-)