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1 Circle the correct word.

90-Year-Old Starts Elementary School

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 enrol 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, a lawyer or a pilot."

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

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| 1. The world's oldest elementary school student is also a grandmother. | T / F |
| 2. The student lives in the capital city of Kenya. | T / F |
| 3. The woman wants to be able to write about things in her job. | T / F |
| 4. The woman wants all the children in her village to study. | T / F |
| 5. The school head teacher always wanted the woman to join the school. | T / F |
| 6. Not all of the students in the school like the old lady. | T / F |
| 7. The head teacher said the woman made a big difference to the school. | T / F |
| 8. The woman had a special message just for boys. | T / F |

3 Match the following synonyms from the article.

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

4 Answer the following questions.

1. How old is the world's oldest elementary school student?
2. What does the woman want to learn to do?
3. What does the woman help deliver?

4. What did the woman not have a chance to do when she was younger?
5. What does she want the children in her village to do?
6. Who thought it wasn't a good idea when the women joined the school?
7. Who loves the woman?
8. What do the school students want to do with the old lady?
9. Who did the old woman have a message for?
10. What jobs did the woman say you could do with an education?

5 Which word is NOT a logical part of the group?

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| 1. floods | forest fires | winter | earthquake |
| 2. Sudan | Portugal | Mali | Egypt |
| 3. summer | February | July | September |
| 4. Kuwait | Asia | Australia | Europe |
| 5. coffee | bread | milk | tea |
| 6. Spain | Argentina | Chile | Uruguay |
| 7. puma | antelope | lion | tiger |
| 8. dark | grey | yellow | green |
| 9. climb | fall | rise | grow |
| 10. rice | barley | wheat | potato |

6 Choose the right option.

1. I go to school from Monday to Friday; then I do other things on _____ and Sunday. a) Tuesday b) Saturday c) Thursday d) Wednesday
2. My parents went to the USA in _____ to see the autumn colours of the trees. a) June b) January c) March d) October
3. I was late to work this morning because I didn't _____ early enough. a) arrive at b) get up c) look at d) have time
4. After playing football I'm very dirty so I _____ as soon as I get home. a) eat dinner b) get dressed c) play games d) have a shower
5. How do you get to school? I go to school _____. a) by bus b) in Green Road c) every day d) very early
6. What time do you _____ ? On school nights, about 9.30, later at the weekend. a) have breakfast b) get up c) go to bed d) get dressed
7. As soon as she got to the pool, Lily ran and _____ into the water. a) rode b) walked c) jumped d) climbed
8. Today it's my mum's birthday and I'm going to _____ breakfast for her. a) have b) make c) put d) take
9. Our school summer holidays finish at the end of August and we start school again at the beginning of _____. a) September b) December c) July d) February
10. We saw some people _____ horses along the beach. a) playing b) sitting c) going d) riding
11. I was very tired on _____ morning because I went to bed very late on Sunday evening. a) Tuesday b) Monday c) holiday d) afternoon
12. Students of English sometimes mix up Thursday and _____ because they begin with the same letter. a) Friday b) Sunday c) Monday d) Tuesday