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Level 4 – 6th December, 2021

104-year-old woman learns to read and write

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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A 104-year-old woman from Kerala, India passed a literacy test with a score of 89 per cent. Kuttியമ്മ learned to read and write last year. She studied for just a year and passed with flying colours. The education minister congratulated her and wished her "the best". He uploaded a photo of her grinning from ear to ear. Another person tweeted: "I salute Kuttിയമ്മ for her dedication. It will inspire others for sure."

Kerala has India's highest literacy rate. It invests heavily in adult education. Kuttിയമ്മ did not go to school. She has shown that age is just a number and we can do anything when we put our minds to it. Her tutor called her a "sharp" woman. A state official said: "Kuttിയമ്മ is a role model and motivation to all women in adult education". Kuttിയമ്മ will now write letters and continue studying to improve her skills.

Sources: <https://www.indiatoday.in/education-today/news/story/104-year-old-kerala-woman-sets-to-inspire-scores-89-out-of-100-in-the-literacy-test-1876854-2021-11-15>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. passed a | a. a photo |
| 2. She studied for | b. her dedication |
| 3. passed with flying | c. just a year |
| 4. wished her the | d. others for sure |
| 5. He uploaded | e. best |
| 6. grinning from | f. literacy test |
| 7. I salute Kuttியamma for | g. ear to ear |
| 8. It will inspire | h. colours |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Kerala has India's highest | a. a "sharp" woman |
| 2. It invests heavily | b. minds to it |
| 3. age is just | c. literacy rate |
| 4. when we put our | d. official |
| 5. Her tutor called her | e. her skills |
| 6. a state | f. model |
| 7. a role | g. in adult education |
| 8. studying to improve | h. a number |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A 104-year-old woman from Kerala, India (1) _____
test with a score of 89 per cent. Kuttியമ്മ (2) _____
and write last year. She studied for just a year and passed
(3) _____. The education minister congratulated her and
wished (4) _____. He uploaded a photo of her grinning
from (5) _____. Another person tweeted: "I salute
Kuttിയമ്മ for her dedication. It (6) _____ for sure."

Kerala has India's (7) _____. It invests heavily in
adult education. Kuttിയമ്മ did not go to school. She
(8) _____ age is just a number and we can do anything
when we (9) _____ to it. Her tutor called her a "sharp"
woman. (10) _____: "Kuttിയമ്മ is a role model and
motivation to all women (11) _____ ". Kuttിയമ്മ will
now write letters and continue studying (12) _____
skills.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LEARNING TO READ SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about learning to read 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **learning to read** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
