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104-year-old woman learns to read and write

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THE READING

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A 104-year-old woman from India passed a state literacy test. Kuttியമ്മ only learned to read and write last year. She had a year's tuition and was older than the average pupil, but she passed her test with flying colours. She got 89 per cent on the Kerala literacy test. Kerala's education minister congratulated her. He tweeted: "With the utmost love and respect, I wish Kuttിയമ്മ...the best." He uploaded a photo of her in which she is 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 at 96.2 per cent. It invests heavily in education, with a strong focus on adult education. She has shown that age is just a number and that people can achieve anything when they put their minds to it. Kuttിയമ്മ did not go to school. Her tutor called her "a very sharp woman". He said she was "overjoyed" after she saw her test results. A state official said: "Kuttിയമ്മ is a role model and motivation to all women in adult education". Kuttിയമ്മ will now start writing letters and continue her studies 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. | a. |
| 2. | b. |
| 3. | c. |
| 4. | d. |
| 5. | e. |
| 6. | f. |
| 7. | g. |
| 8. | h. |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. India's highest literacy | a. skills |
| 2. It invests heavily | b. anything |
| 3. a strong focus | c. woman |
| 4. age is just | d. in education |
| 5. people can achieve | e. a number |
| 6. when they put their | f. rate |
| 7. a very sharp | g. minds to it |
| 8. improve her | h. on adult education |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Kerala has India's (7) _____ at 96.2 per cent. It invests heavily in education, with a (8) _____ adult education. She has shown that age is just a number and that people can achieve anything when they (9) _____ to it. Kuttിയമ്മ did not go to school. Her tutor called her "a very sharp woman". He said (10) _____ after she saw her test results. A state official said: "Kuttിയമ്മ is a role (11) _____ to all women in adult education". Kuttിയമ്മ will now start writing letters and continue her studies to (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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LEARNING TO READ SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2112/211206-learning-to-read-4.html>

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) _____

