

Against the odds



> Zoom in

Part 1

1 Who is Kakenya Ntaiya?

- a. Age: b. Ethnic group:
- c. Probable home country:
- d. Current place of residence: (.....)
- e. Current occupation:

2 Village life. List the four things people have to do.

- a. Fetch from the stream.
- b. Plough the
- c. the
- d. in a

3 Who exactly is shown working? Comment on that.

4 Life in the USA.

- a. Take down the adjectives the speaker uses to describe:
- Kakenya's work:
- Kakenya's everyday life:
- b. What do these words mean? Easy. A bit difficult. Extremely difficult.
- c. Explain these words in the context.

Part 2

5 Kakenya's childhood.

Tick the right answer(s), then justify your choice by quoting what she says.

- a. Her teachers were: supportive. helpful. indifferent. mocking.
D
- b. Her schoolmates were: supportive. helpful. indifferent. mocking.
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- c. The girls in her school were supposed to: go to high school. know how to read. leave school early.
D

6 The deal.


- a. What was Kakenya's father's job?
- b. Fill in the blanks in this passage.
- "His biggest was off his oldest
- And that meant the officially practice of female, the traditional Maasai of to"

c. Is it also what Kakenya wanted? Yes. No. Explain your answer.


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d. What deal did Kakenya make with her father?

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e. How does Kakenya feel about that deal? Explain your choice. 

Quite proud. Rather ashamed. Bitterly regretful. Extremely happy.

f. Why didn't Kakenya just leave her village? Explain your answer by commenting on the pictures you see at the end of this part. 

g. Explain how *you* feel about that deal.

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Part 3

7 Say what the women of the village want, and why.

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8 a. Is Kakenya willing to help them? Yes. No.

b. How?

c. Why? "I want to see

That's"

9 Describe the final shot and say what message it conveys.

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> Look back

10 a. "Against the odds". The title of this document means...

Contre toute attente.

Contre les aînés.

Envers et contre tout.

b. Explain why this title is relevant to Kakenya's story.

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