

Bend it like Bassira

1 New words for this article

Nouveaux mots pour cet article

Forbade	prohibited
Compulsory	obligatory
Disappoint	make someone feel bad

2 Comprehension Questions

Indiquez si les expressions suivantes sont vraies (True) ou fausses (False).

- Aminata went to live with her relatives
- The boys in the family liked her immediately
- Aminata's uncle thought it was wrong for girls to play football
- When she stayed with her grandparents, Aminata wanted to get married
- Aminata's grandmother wanted her to look after the house

3 Reading Comprehension

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- What happened when Aminata was five?
- How did Aminata's aunt and uncle feel about her?
- What happened when the uncle saw her playing football?
- Why did the aunt and uncle send Aminata away?
- What did Aminata do in her grandparents house?

4 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

- She spent most of the time helping her grandmother
- She dreamed of having her own house
- It was not easy for her to continue her studies
- She never knew there were so many things women could do

5 Speaking Practice - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- Why did Aminata not like the village school?
- What did Aminata's grandmother want her to do?
- Why could Aminata not go to public secondary school?
- What did Aminata's grandmother do after that?

6 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) -

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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|---|------------------------------|
| A | They forbade her |
| B | She did not understand |
| C | She wanted her granddaughter |
| D | She shared her dreams |
| E | with her grandmother |
| F | to have a better life |
| G | from playing football |
| H | why she had to go to school |

7 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- Aminata obeyed her uncle all the time
- When her grandfather died, Aminata never imagined that she would go back to school
- Aminata was intelligent enough to go to secondary school
- Football helped Aminata love her school

8 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

Aminata started secondary ...1... with no enthusiasm. She was only there because she did not want to ...2... her grandmother. But her new school was different from what she ...3.... Besides the normal classes with boys and girls, there were girls-only ...4.... One of these activities was football. The teachers ...5... her to join the football team. In little time, she was one of the best players.

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

Indiquez si les expressions suivantes sont vraies (True) ou fausses (False).

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 3 True
- 4 True
- 5 False

3 Reading Comprehension

Questions de compréhension en lecture

1. Her parents died
2. They accepted her as a daughter
3. She sent her back home immediately
4. Because they saw her playing football a second time
5. She helped her grandmother look after her grandfather

5 Speaking Practice – Activités Orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

1. Because she didn't know anyone there
2. She wanted Aminata to continue her studies
3. Because there were not enough places
4. She found a different school

6 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

A=G
B=H
C=F
D=E

7 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 False
- 2 True
- 3 True
- 4 True

8 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 school
- 2 disappoint
- 3 expected
- 4 activities
- 5 encouraged