

1 Read the article and complete the fact file.

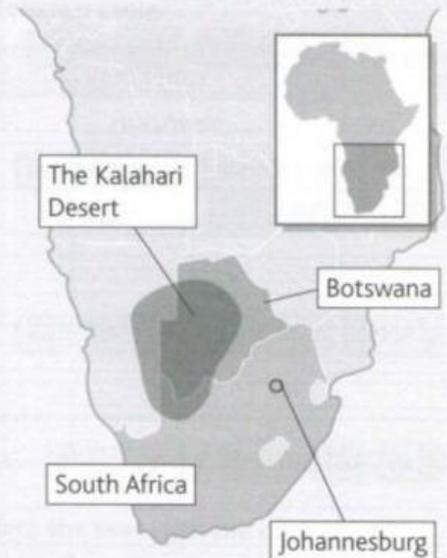
Wild child

Kevin and Marie van der Merwe have spent fifteen years studying the lions of the Kalahari Desert. Their eight-year-old daughter Suzanne was born in Botswana and has always lived in southern Africa. She has travelled all over Botswana, Namibia and South Africa with her parents but she has been to a city only once. When she was seven, her parents took her to Johannesburg. 'She said it was smelly and noisy and wanted to return to the Kalahari,' says Marie.

Suzanne has never been to the cinema but she has watched films on her parents' computer. She loved *Toy Story* but she didn't like *The Jungle Book* or *The Lion King*. She thought the animals in them were silly. That's not surprising. Suzanne lives with real wild animals and she loves them all, especially lions and meerkats.

She has never been to school, either, but has lessons with her mum and dad. In her free time she plays or studies the lions with her parents.

When she is fifteen, her parents are going to send her to school in England and after that, to university. 'She wants to be a scientist and study lions, like us,' laughs Kevin. 'Then she wants to come back to the Kalahari. For her, it's home.'



Fact file: Suzanne van der Merwe

Name: Suzanne ¹ *van der Merwe*

Age: ²

Country of birth: ³

Parents' profession: ⁴

Favourite film: ⁵

Favourite animals: ⁶ and ⁷

Has never: lived out of southern Africa, ⁸ or ⁹

Wants to live in: ¹⁰

2 Read the article in Exercise 1 again and answer *True (T)*, *False (F)* or *Don't know (DK)*.

- 1 Kevin and Marie were in Africa for seven years before Suzanne was born. T
- 2 Suzanne has never been to a town or a village.
- 3 Suzanne's parents took her to the cinema to see *Toy Story*.
- 4 Suzanne doesn't like the animals in some films.
- 5 She doesn't spend a lot of time with her parents.
- 6 Suzanne wants to do the same job as her parents one day.