



TA-NA-E-KA – Part 1

Review the first part of the story and complete the missing words.

berries comfort reply demand complains traditions custom insects
admit equal nightmares enemies suffer lose weight compete

Mary is a Native American. She is almost 11. She is a Native American and she belongs to the Kaw tribe. The Kaws have a special . At the age of 11, the Kaw kids must participate in the TA-NA-E-KA ritual. In the Kaw tribe, men and women are . Girls must do the ritual too.

Mary doesn't want to go. She even dreams about it, but her grandfather, Amos Deer Leg likes the old . He says that to survive, you must .

Mary to her mother and to her teacher, but they also say she must go.

In the past, the TA-NA-E-KA lasted 18 days. The children were covered in white paint and had to eat and . They had to watch out for . Today, the ritual only lasts 5 days. Mary is scared and her cousin, Roger, tries to her.

