

Quiz: 2. Semester I Skill: Reading Level: 1st BAC. Duration: 55mn

Dropping out of school is a serious problem in Morocco. Each year, nearly 200,000 children leave school before completing **their** primary education. A new government initiative in Morocco offers some measures to reduce the number of students who withdraw from school. This initiative is part of an awareness campaign targeting parents.

Researchers and government officials largely assume that this **phenomenon** is due to the ignorance of poor parents who do not realise the importance of education. Some parents, for example, withdraw their children from school because of the competing demands for household income which often push children to work. Drop-out rates are higher among children of illiterate parents. These rates can be reduced if we make parents aware of the importance of sending their children to school. In 2006, Morocco launched a number of awareness campaigns to address this growing problem. These campaigns aim at introducing a national programme which encourages school children to make a list of non-registered children and children who have dropped out. More than 14,000 teachers and headmasters will also be responsible for implementing this plan.

The initiative is considered a logical one because it will get children who have dropped out back into the school system. For example, Samir El Garoumi missed a year of school to work for his family. He is now back in school and has struck a healthy balance between work and studies. In the morning, he goes to school and in the evening, he helps his father in his workshop. This year, **he** is taking part in the initiative to make a list of children who are not in school. He also advises parents in his family circle to allow their children to finish their education.

COMPREHENSION:

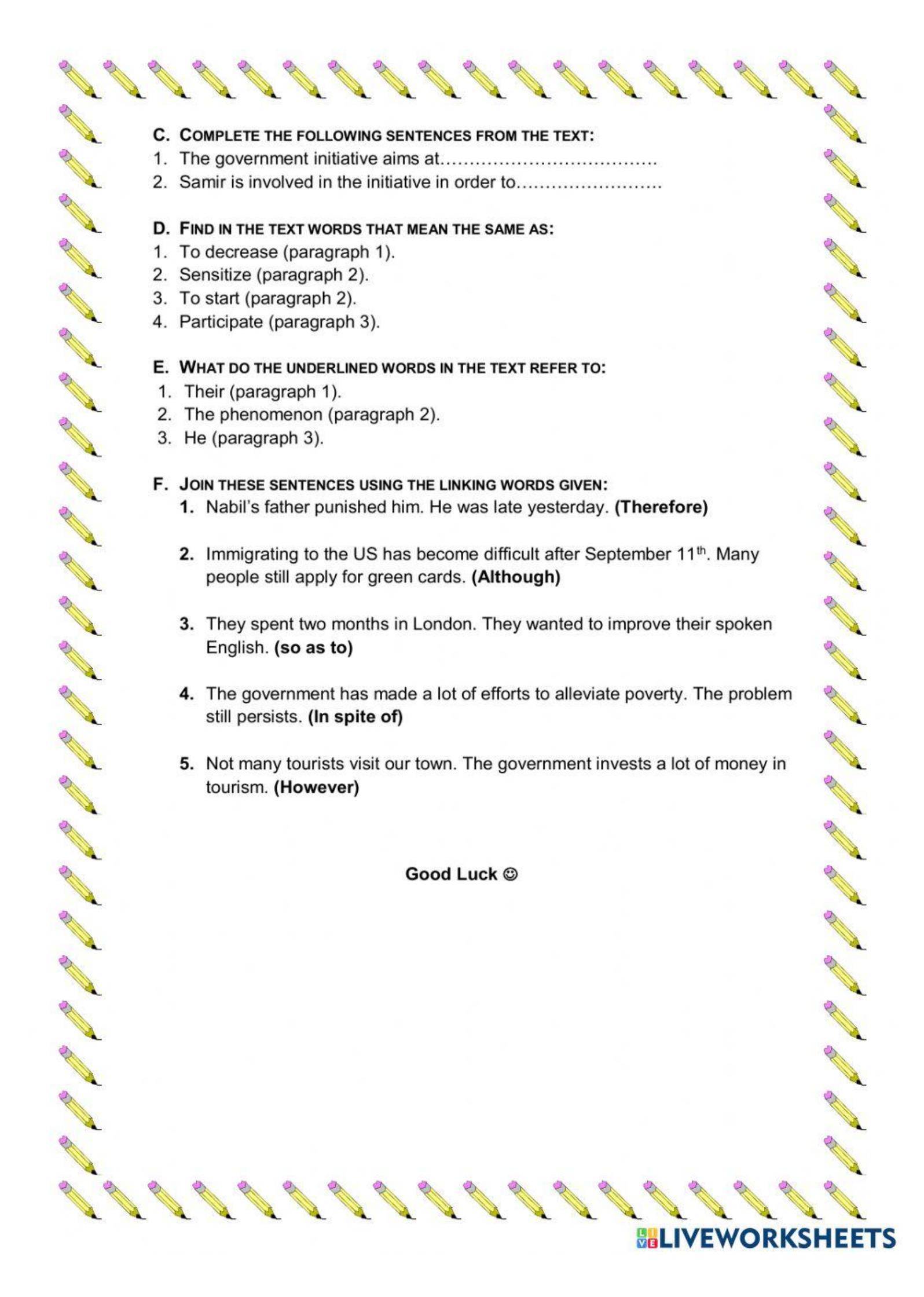
BASE ALL YOUR ANSWERS ON THE TEXT

A. ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS FROM THE TEXT:

1. What does the government do to reduce the rates of school drop outs?
2. Why do poor parents withdraw their children from school?

B. ARE THESE SENTENCES TRUE OR FALSE? JUSTIFY YOUR ANSWERS.

1. Moroccan children finish their formal education.
2. This programme encourages parents to make lists of children who have dropped out of school.
3. Samir studies and helps his father as well.



C. COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SENTENCES FROM THE TEXT:

1. The government initiative aims at.....
2. Samir is involved in the initiative in order to.....

D. FIND IN THE TEXT WORDS THAT MEAN THE SAME AS:

1. To decrease (paragraph 1).
2. Sensitize (paragraph 2).
3. To start (paragraph 2).
4. Participate (paragraph 3).

E. WHAT DO THE UNDERLINED WORDS IN THE TEXT REFER TO:

1. Their (paragraph 1).
2. The phenomenon (paragraph 2).
3. He (paragraph 3).

F. JOIN THESE SENTENCES USING THE LINKING WORDS GIVEN:

1. Nabil's father punished him. He was late yesterday. **(Therefore)**
2. Immigrating to the US has become difficult after September 11th. Many people still apply for green cards. **(Although)**
3. They spent two months in London. They wanted to improve their spoken English. **(so as to)**
4. The government has made a lot of efforts to alleviate poverty. The problem still persists. **(In spite of)**
5. Not many tourists visit our town. The government invests a lot of money in tourism. **(However)**

Good Luck 😊