

Worksheet 28

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Reading Practice

Lion Lights

1 Richard Turere is a member of the Masai tribe who live in Central and East Africa. The Masai are traditionally farmers and often keep cattle, an important source of food and income for them. But a problem is that lions sometimes come to the farms and kill the cattle. The Masai are used to lions attacking their livestock, but of course they aren't happy about it. The only solution seemed to be to kill the lions and this had some degree of success in terms of protecting their cattle, but the Masai weren't very happy about doing that, either, because they were reducing the population of lions.

2 In the Masai tribe the young boys are responsible for protecting their fathers' cattle. One day, when Richard was 11, he woke up and found that a lion had killed his father's only bull.¹

His first idea was to use fire, on the basis that lions were probably scared of fire.² So Richard had to come up with something else.

3 His next idea was to use a scarecrow. Richard hoped that he could trick the lions into thinking that there was a person there, but lions are pretty clever.³ And then they went in to attack the farm animals.

Then one night, Richard spent hours walking around in the cowshed with a torch. That night, no lions came, so he worked out that they were afraid of the moving light. And, being imaginative, he had an idea.

4 Richard is a bright young man who used to play with things to see how they worked, and he learned a lot about electrical gadgets that way. So he got a battery and a solar panel to charge it, and then he got an indicator box from an old motorcycle – the box that makes a light blink, to show if the biker is turning left or right.

⁴ The bulbs flashed throughout the night, and the lions thought that someone was walking around inside the



cowshed when in fact everyone was in bed asleep.⁵

5 Since Richard invented his 'lion lights', his father has not lost any more cattle to lion attacks. And now Richard's idea is being used in many different places, to keep lions, leopards and elephants away from farms and homes for good.⁶ He was also invited to talk at a conference in the USA.⁷

1. Read the article and match summaries A – F with the sections 1 -5. There is one extra summary.

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| A. The lions are finally fooled | Section 1 |
| B. An accidental light on the problem | Section 2 |
| C. Some success with problem | Section 3 |
| D. The dilemma of the Masai people | Section 4 |
| E. The outcomes for animals and the inventor | Section 5 |
| F. An idea that didn't quite work | |

2. Read the article again. Seven sentences have been removed. Choose from A – H the sentence which fits each gap (1-7). There is one extra sentence.

- A. But that didn't work at all – in fact, it seemed that the fire actually lit up the cowsheds and made life easier for the lions. Gap 1
- B. After a night or two, they got used to seeing this motionless thing and realized it posed no danger. Gap 2
- C. Richard's creativity also led to him winning a scholarship at one of the top schools in Kenya. Gap 3
- D. The lions kept well away. Gap 4
- E. He connected everything up to some light bulbs, which he then put outside the cowshed. Gap 5
- F. They went in to kill the cattle. Gap 6
- G. Richard, as responsible young man, felt terrible about it and decided he had to do something to keep the lions our without killing them. Gap 7
- H. It has also given him the pleasure of seeing people and cattle and lions living together without the conflict that used to exist in the past.

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