



11 The Maasai Teacher

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Before you watch

A Work with a partner and answer these questions.

- What are schools like in your country? How are they different to schools in other countries?
- What do you think is the most important skill you learn in school? Why?
- Do you, as students, want to learn more about the world? What would you like to learn?



While you watch

B Watch the video and decide if these statements are T (True) or F (False).

- 1 Joseph Lekuton was born in a small village in Northern Virginia.
- 2 Lekuton used to look after his family's cattle when he was a young boy.
- 3 The book *Facing the Lion* is about his life in Kenya.
- 4 The title of the book *Facing the Lion* refers to an event in his childhood, when he came face to face with a lion.
- 5 Lekuton believes that not all people face challenges in life.
- 6 Lekuton encourages children to have hope, determination and courage, to try to conquer their 'lions'.

After you watch

C Complete the summary of the video below using these words.

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Joseph Lekuton is a teacher in Northern Virginia, USA. He gives (1) _____ to his students about American history. But his own country, Kenya, is very different. Joseph is a Maasai tribesman. Maasai children lead a very different life from American children. For example, a ten-year-old's day (2) _____ of taking care of cattle all day long. Maasai children also learn various (3) _____ like how to survive in the wild. Unlike many Maasai children, Lekuton was very lucky and went to school. With his (4) _____ to speak English, he was able to study and then teach in America. Lekuton wrote a book about his childhood called *Facing the Lion*. His (5) _____ is to help children learn about a culture that's very different from their own. He also wants to teach them (6) _____ like strength and hope, which they can (7) _____ to their own lives. Joseph hopes that his first (8) _____ will help children face their own 'lions'.

Maasai children spend much of their life taking care of cattle and other animals. Ndutu area, Tanzania

