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AN ARTICLE

An article

From headbands to education for all



World of Child
SETTING THE GOLD STANDARD



Mary Grace Henry is an amazing teenager. While she was growing up in the USA, she learnt that education is very important. She read about the problems in some African countries, where many girls don't go to school. This is because their families are poor, and because some traditional cultures don't believe that education is important for girls. Mary Grace decided to raise money to send one girl to school.

At first, she wasn't sure how to raise money. Then, one day, her dad gave her a headband as a gift. The headband soon broke, and Mary Grace had an idea. She asked for a sewing machine for her birthday, and she started making headbands to sell at her school.

The headbands were popular, and Mary Grace soon raised enough money to achieve her first goal of sending one girl to school. She realised that she could do more, and decided to continue. She started a business called Reverse the Course. Soon her goal changed to sending 100 girls to school.

Reverse the Course became a successful business. It made and sold hundreds of headbands and other hair accessories. Students helped her with the sewing. All the money went to helping girls in Africa. In 2014, Mary Grace won an award for her work. She also travelled to Africa to meet some of the girls she helped. This made her even more determined to continue helping others. Reverse the Course helped 123 girls to receive an education before it ended in 2018.



1. Read the article quickly and choose the best title.

- A Why fashion is important
- B Making a difference to other people's lives
- C How a visit to Africa inspired a business

2. Choose the correct answers.

1. Mary Grace Henry ...

- a. lived in Africa when she was young.
- b. didn't enjoy her own education.
- c. learnt about how difficult life was for girls in Africa.

2. Many girls in Africa ...

- a. don't believe that education is important.
- b. can't go to school for various reasons.
- c. have a lot of problems at school.

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3. Mary Grace got the idea for her business ...
 - a. because of a present she received.
 - b. after she got her sewing machine.
 - c. when she saw some headbands at school.
4. When Mary Grace started selling headbands ...
 - a. she didn't raise any money.
 - b. a lot of people liked them.
 - c. other people encouraged her to do more.
5. What inspired Mary Grace to continue her work?
 - a. winning an award
 - b. her visit to Africa
 - c. the need to earn money for herself
6. What do we know about Mary Grace's business now?
 - a. It now makes other things as well as headbands.
 - b. It changed the lives of more than a hundred girls.
 - c. Only some of the money from the company helped girls in Africa

3. Copy and answer these questions in YOUR NOTEBOOK

1. What was Mary Grace's first goal?
2. Why did Mary Grace ask for a sewing machine for her birthday?
3. Why did Mary Grace's goal change?

