

MONEY FROM UNUSUAL SOURCES

STUDENT A

The San people have lived in Southern Africa for almost 40,000 years, hunting¹ animals and gathering plants. But recently, many San people lost their land. Some tried to move to large cities, but it was hard to get jobs. Now, they returned home and watched as their culture and traditions began to die.

But all this may be changing. The San have struck it rich. They recently signed an agreement with a large drug company. The San have traditional knowledge about plants that is **worth** a lot of **money**. The drug company is especially interested in a particular plant and how the San use it.

In the past, the San went on long hunting trips. While away from home, they ate a special plant to slow their hunger. Using the San's knowledge, the drug company wants to make a new medicine from this plant. For people around the world who have weight problems, this drug could really help.

The San are being careful with this "**easy money**." They plan to use it to create jobs for their people. They also want to focus on education. Through education, they hope to save their culture and language for future generations.

¹If you hunt an animal, you follow and kill it for food.



1. Where do they live?
2. How do they make their money (or how will they in the future)?
3. How do they spend their money (or how will they in the future)?

YOUR ANSWERS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

YOUR PARTNER'S ANSWERS

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.