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This lesson



Vocabulary



Grammar: questions

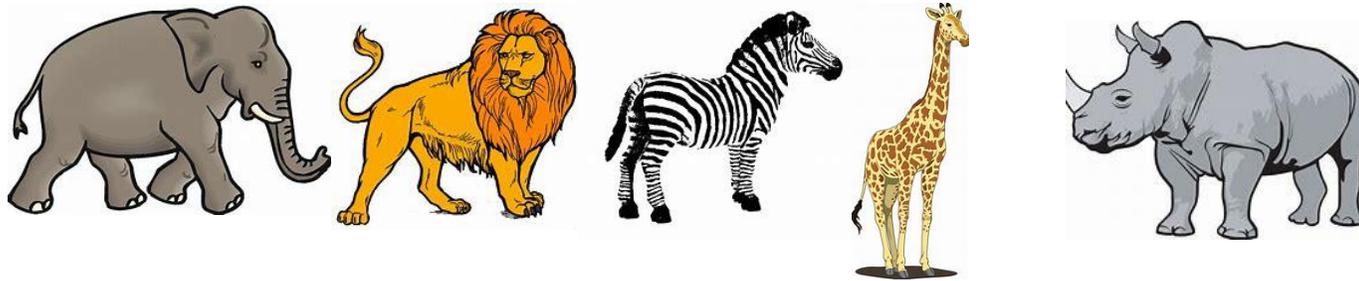


Reading

# Nanjala is from Kenya. What do you know about Kenya?

## Answer the questions:

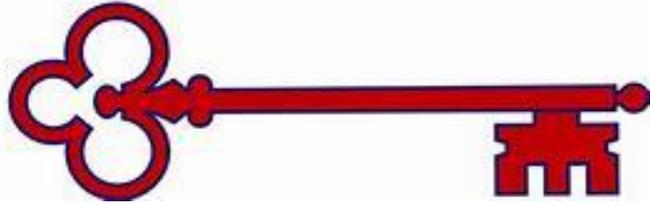
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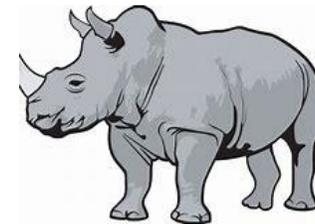
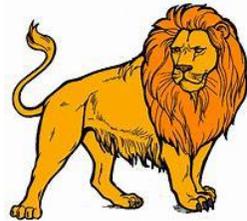
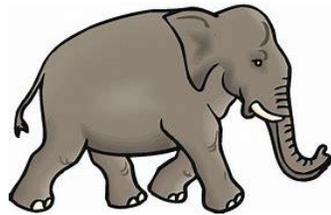
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# Match:

- 1) flight
- 2) fossil fuels
- 3) oceans
- 4) the planet
- 5) floods
- 6) climate change
- 7) destroy



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b)



c)



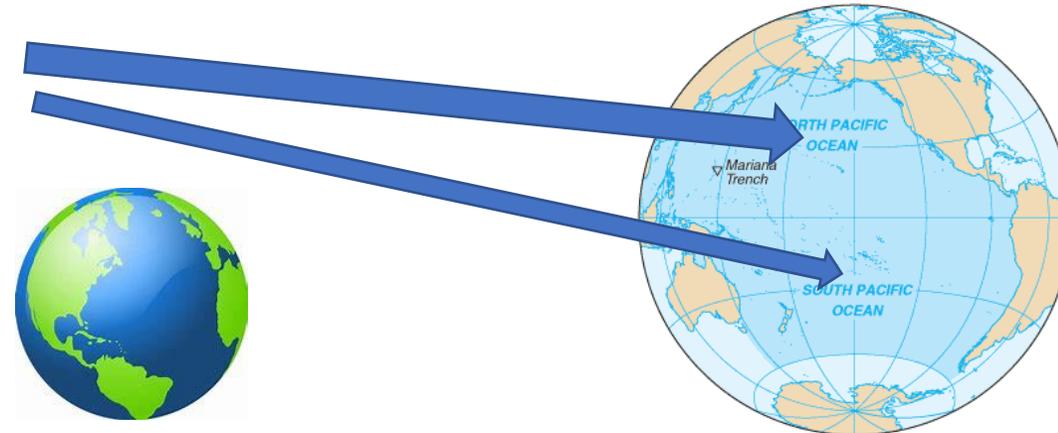
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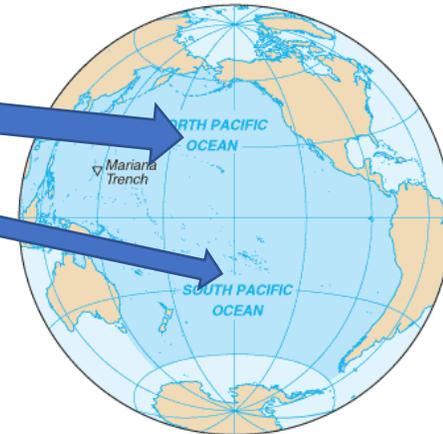
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f)

g)



# What do you think? What or who helps the planet? And what or who destroys the planet?

help 

destroy 

depends 

- a) planes
- b) trains
- c) cars
- d) plastic
- e) the subway
- f) trees
- g) bicycles
- h) big business
- i) billionaires



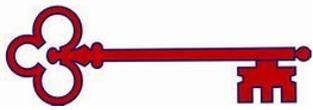
## Grammar: questions

Make questions about Nanjala. For example:  
she/take/does/taxis? → *Does she take taxis?*

- 1) she/talk to/does/a lot of people?
- 2) how/she/travel/does?
- 3) use/a lot of/she/does/fossil fuels?
- 4) she/does/drive?
- 5) a lot of/she/use/plastic/does?
- 6) many flights/how/make/does/she/in a month?



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## Grammar: questions

Check your questions.

- 1) *Does she talk to a lot of people?*
- 2) *How does she travel?*
- 3) *Does she use a lot of fossil fuels?*
- 4) *Does she drive?*
- 5) *Does she use a lot of plastic?*
- 6) *How many flights does she make in a month?*

Now read about Nanjala next page and find the answers.

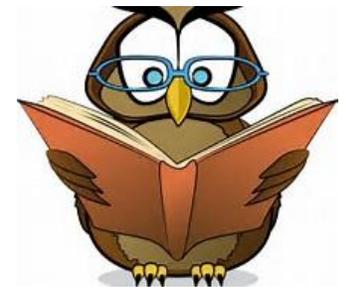
# Nanjala is from Kenya. She flies a lot with her job. What can she do to help the planet?

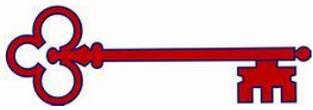
I travel a lot with my job. I am a political analyst. So I speak to people around the world. I travel thousands of miles in planes, trains, and cars. I think I use more fossil fuels than most people in Kenya. I think I use more fossil fuels than most Western people. I feel bad about this and I try to change my life. But I don't know what to do. Many people destroy the planet through their work and life. How can they help?

I try to help. I don't drive, I use very little plastic, and I use cups and bottles again many times. When I know a town, I use buses and trains. Sometimes I have 10 flights in four weeks. But when I don't know the town or I don't speak the language, it is difficult to travel by subway. So, many times, I take a taxi.



Check the answers next page.





## Check the answers.

- 1) Does she talk to a lot of people? Yes
- 2) How does she travel? By planes, trains, and cars
- 3) Does she use a lot of fossil fuels? Yes
- 4) Does she drive? No
- 5) Does she use a lot of plastic? No (only a little)
- 6) How many flights does she make in a month? Ten (sometimes)

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# What do you think?

- 1) There were many fires in Indonesia in 2019. True or false?
- 2) There were floods in Australia in 2019. True or false?
- 3) A lot of people died in Kenya. True or false?
- 4) The Pacific Ocean is warmer now. True or false?
- 5) More rain means less food. True or false?
- 6) Big businesses are bad for the planet. True or false?
- 7) Perhaps it will cost \$40 billion to really help climate change. True or false?
- 8) \$40 billion is more money than all the billionaires in the world have. True or false?
- 9) Nanjala does not want to plant trees. True or false?

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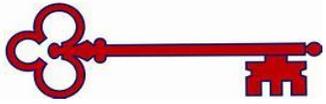
But climate change is destroying the planet. In 2019 Australia was on fire – so many forests burned after a very hot summer. And in Indonesia, there were floods after heavy rains. Many people died or lost their homes. In my country, Kenya, 140 people died between October and December 2019 in the longest and heaviest rains. Oceans are getting warmer. So we have heavier rain and less food. All over the world, it is hotter than before.

What can we do when big businesses destroy the planet most? Many banks say it will cost between \$30 billion and \$300 billion to stop climate change. But all the billionaires in the world have more money - \$8.7 trillion. What we all do is important but we need to change the politics of the world.

I hope to plant trees in Kenya and I will use my bicycle, buses, and trains more if possible. I know this is not enough, because the problem is so big - but it's a start.



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## Check the answers.

- 1) There were many fires in Indonesia in 2019. True or false? *False.*
- 2) There were floods in Australia in 2019. True or false? *False.*
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Now you! Write about climate change in your country. What do you do to help the planet?

(1) In my country \_\_\_\_\_ .

(2) I don't \_\_\_\_\_ .

(3) I \_\_\_\_\_ .

(4) I don't \_\_\_\_\_ .



Check possible answers next page.



Now you!  
Check possible answers.

- (1) In my country, *the UK, we had floods and fires.*
- (2) I don't *eat meat.*
- (3) I *drive an electric car.*
- (4) I don't *fly very much.*

Read the LONGER article. How much can you understand?

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