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## **Level 1**

# **Kenya to let men have many wives**

**24th March, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy-1.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy-1.html>

Kenya will soon have a new marriage law. Female politicians hate it because men can have as many wives as they want. They can marry other women without telling their wife. There was an argument between male and female politicians. Female lawmakers walked out. The law was going to make it illegal to have more than one wife. One male politician said the law was fair because divorced women now get 30 per cent of the house and money.

A lawmaker said the law follows Kenya's traditions. He said women who get married should know there will be other wives.

A newspaper said this showed Kenya wasn't modern. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] move that is simply taking us back into the Dark Ages...We should be strengthening family." A female politician said the law was unfair because the second wife would take all the money. She said men were "afraid of women's tongues".

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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140324-polygamy-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Kenya will soon have a new | a. out                      |
| 2. Female politicians         | b. many wives as they want  |
| 3. men can have as            | c. argument                 |
| 4. without telling            | d. 30 per cent of the house |
| 5. There was an               | e. marriage law             |
| 6. Female lawmakers walked    | f. than one wife            |
| 7. illegal to have more       | g. hate it                  |
| 8. divorced women now get     | h. their wife               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. A lawmaker said the law          | a. Kenya wasn't modern        |
| 2. women who get                    | b. was unfair                 |
| 3. A newspaper said this showed     | c. of women's tongues         |
| 4. This is a                        | d. the Dark Ages              |
| 5. taking us back into              | e. follows Kenya's traditions |
| 6. A female politician said the law | f. the money                  |
| 7. take all                         | g. married should know        |
| 8. men were afraid                  | h. backwards move             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Kenya (1) \_\_\_\_\_ new marriage law. Female politicians hate it because men can (2) \_\_\_\_\_ as they want. They (3) \_\_\_\_\_ women without telling their wife. There (4) \_\_\_\_\_ between male and female politicians. Female lawmakers walked out. The law was going to make it illegal to have (5) \_\_\_\_\_. One male politician said the law was fair because divorced women now get 30 per cent (6) \_\_\_\_\_ money.

A lawmaker (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Kenya's traditions. He said women who get (8) \_\_\_\_\_ there will be other wives. A newspaper said this showed Kenya wasn't modern. It wrote: "This is a [backwards] (9) \_\_\_\_\_ taking us back into the Dark Ages...We (10) \_\_\_\_\_ family." A female politician said (11) \_\_\_\_\_ because the second wife would take all the money. She said men were "afraid (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

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