



**UNIT 3: Development issues**

**SKILL: Reading for Comprehension**

Source: Far Ahead T<sup>le</sup> / pages 32-33

**Learning context**

The students of Terminale C1 of the Lycée Moderne Adjamé Harris read a text about child bribes to understand the causes of child marriage and its drawbacks.

**Before you read**

Look at the map on page 32. What does it show?  
What do you think are the causes of child marriage?

**Read the text and do all the activities related to it.**

**ACTIVITY ONE:** Read the text and write its general idea

What's the text about?

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**ACTIVITY TWO:** The definitions below refer to words in the text. Read the text and find the words. Paragraphs are indicated to help you. Number 1 is an example.

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| 1. New married women or girl (paragraph 1)             | <i>bride</i> |
| 2. Reach (paragraph 2)                                 | .....        |
| 3. Reducing expenditures (paragraph 3)                 | .....        |
| 4. To have a natural tendency to (paragraph 4)         | .....        |
| 5. Refused to recognize (paragraph 4)                  | .....        |
| 6. To make someone stronger or confident (paragraph 5) | .....        |
| 7. Perception of a situation (paragraph 5)             | .....        |
| 8. At the same time as (paragraph 6)                   | .....        |

**ACTIVITY THREE:** Read the text again and decide if the statements below are true (T) or false (F). Justify your answers by quoting the lines.

N°	STATEMENTS	T/F	LINES
1	The proportion of child marriages is lower in Africa than in Asia.		
2	In Yemen, the legal age for marriage is not enforced.		
3	Poverty is both a cause and a result of child marriages.		
4	The best way to stop marriage is to educate men and boys.		
5	Linda was forced to leave school at the age of 15.		
6	Mereso married and had a baby at the age of 14.		

**ACTIVITY FOUR:** As a member of your school Human Right Club you are having an annual meeting in Accra. You are grouped according to countries; you are asked to discuss the questions below and report to the audience which is mainly English speakers. Choose a spokesman who will report your answers.

- ✓ What is the legal age for girls and boys to marry in your country?
- ✓ What is the situation regarding child marriage?
- ✓ Do you know of any cases of early marriage? What happened?

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

<https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/pdf/digest7e.pdf>

Read the article and fill the table below with customs about early brides in the following countries.

	COMMENTS
INDIA	
NIGER	
BANGLADESH	