

Activity - Why is it important for girls to go to school?

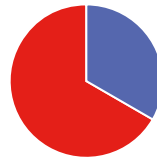
Gender inequality can result in restrictions on girls going to school.

In the **poorest ten countries** in the world,



9 out of 10 girls have not completed school.

781 million people in the world cannot read and write.



Two thirds are female.

Here's what some girls living in Tanzania think about going to school:

"We are taught about girls' rights at school. It is not right for me to get married when I am too young. I would like to get married one day – in my twenties. I want to finish school and then go on to college so that I can start teaching others."

Maua, 11

"I don't go to school. When the other children are at school I cook and clean because my mother is at the market. I also go and collect firewood. I would like to be able to know how to write my name. It would also be nice to be able to know how to read, and to read my name."

Shengai, 13

"I don't have any friends that I visit near to us here - people only meet friends at school. My friends are my brothers and sisters."

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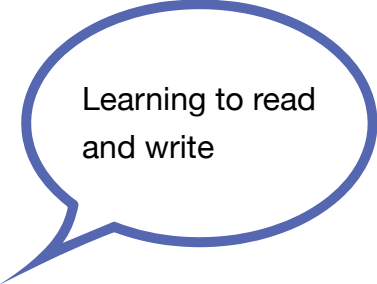








"If I succeed at school I want to study until university so that I can become a teacher. I want to teach children geography, history and maths."

Baby, 12

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Using the girl's quotes, think of reasons why it is important for all children to go to school:

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Which three reasons do you think are the most important? Can you explain why?

Why not choose a reason to write out on the next sheet and tweet a photo at us?

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All children should go to school because...

