

Richard Turere: My invention that made peace with lions

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Previewing questions

1. What do you know about people's life in Africa?
2. What do people in Africa do to protect their livestock from predators?
3. Have you ever stayed on a farm? How much do you know about farm life?

Comprehension questions

1. Where does Richard come from?
Kenya
2. Why can wild animals like zebras migrate out of the park freely?
Because the Nairobi National Park is not fenced in the south widely
3. What do lions do to Richard's family's livestock?
Follow them and kill them.
4. What's Maassai's belief?
We came from heaven with all our animals and all the land for herding them.
We value our animals.
5. In Richard's country, who killed lions? How many have they killed?
The morans are the warriors. 6
6. In Kenya, who are responsible for cows?
Boys from six to nine years old.
7. What did Richard first do to protect their livestock?
By using fire.
8. Did it work?
No, the lions were not afraid and this helped them to see through the cowshed.
9. What else did he do?
Using a scarecrow.
10. Did it work?
No, the lions are clever. They will come the first day and they see the scarecrow, and they go back, but the second day, they'll come and they say, this thing is not moving here, it's always here. So he jumps in and kills the animals.
11. What did Richard find was the thing that lions were afraid of?
Moving light, such as a torch.
12. How did Richard learn about electronics?
By playing with it himself and he even took apart his mum's new radio and his mum almost killed him.

13. How did his invention work?
The lights flash and trick the lions into thinking he was walking around the cowshed, but he was sleeping in his bed.
14. Did it work?
Yes, he set it up two years ago, and has never experienced any problems with lions.
15. What did his neighbors ask him to do?
To help them set up the same thing.
16. How many lion lights has he set up?
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17. Where else was his idea used?
All over Kenya for scaring other predators and also to scare elephants away from farms.
18. Because of this invention, what did Richard get?
A scholarship in one of the best schools in Kenya.
19. What's Richard's big dream when he grows up?
To become an aircraft engineer and pilot when he grows up.