Wanjiru Mauine sits patiently on her bed, the three-year-old’s big brown eyes fixed on the unfamiliar medical equipment surrounding her. Born with a cleft lip, she is among the fortunate few to be treated at the Kenyatta University Hospital in Nairobi, thanks to the kindness of medical volunteers sent by charity Operation Smile. Her treatment is free of charge but it has taken a year for her father Charles to save enough money to pay for the three-hour bus journey from their home in Muranga, north of the city. The charity advertised its visit last January and word spread fast. Charles says: “I’ve been fixing bicycles and doing whatever jobs I can find to come here. I want my daughter to be able to speak correctly so she does well at school. I’m proud to have earned the money to do this for her.” Operation Smile was created in 1982 by American Dr William Magee and his wife Kathleen to correct facial deformities in children. Since then, the charity has become a global organisation and now has 5,000 registered medical and non-medical professional volunteers, deployed across Asia, South America, Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East. It has treated more than 100,000 children in 25 countries. Each volunteer commits two weeks of their time and pays £300 to join a project. Cleft lip and palate affects around one in 500 babies. In Britain, infants are treated soon after birth; however, just one in four receive medical assistance in the developing world. Wanjiru’s surgeon is Ankur Pandya, 45, a Royal Air Force wing commander and consultant plastic surgeon at the Royal Haslar Hospital in Gosport, Hampshire. He undertook his first Operation Smile mission a year ago and has completed three more since. His own successful battle with cancer prompted him to help others unable to obtain medical assistance as easily as he had. “I was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in 2004 and underwent chemotherapy for six months. I received a lot of medical care and support from friends and colleagues in the medical community. Ever since, I’ve been committed to giving something back,” he says. His wife and the eldest of his two daughters have also taken part in medical missions. “My wife has been to Russia and Malawi this year. My 17-year-old daughter accompanied her to Russia. She wants to study medicine and is very supportive of what we do.” The next time I see Wanjiru and her father, after the operation, tears of joy well up in his eyes. “My daughter will now have a good future,” he smiles. “She looks completely different. I’m looking forward to showing my wife her new smile. She won’t recognise her.”

Despite her pain, Wanjiru manages a cheery smile, her first of many.

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READING COMPREHENSION

1. Complete with information from the text about Wanjiru

   Age  
   Problem  
   Charity organization  

2. Tick the title that best fits the text.
   a- Surgeon Facing a Deadly Disease.
   b- How to Join a Charity Organization.
   c- The Gift of a Smile.

3. Pick out complete sentences from the text to show the following statements are false.
   a- Wanjiru comes from a wealthy family.
   b- The goal of Operation Smile is to save children from civil war.
   c- As soon as they are born, Kenyan deformed babies receive the necessary medical assistance.

4. Complete the sentences with information from the text.
   After his own successful -------------- with cancer, Ankur Pandya who is a plastic -------------- feels -------------- to help and support the people who can't get medical care.

5. What do the underlined words in the text refer to?
   a- “this” refers to ---------------------------------------------
   b- “we” refers to ---------------------------------------------

6. Would you join medical volunteers as they help to transform the lives of deformed children wherever they are? Why? Why not?
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**WRITING**

1. You are on holiday in Tozeur. Write your friend a postcard to tell him about your stay and the places you've visited using the hints below:

   Weather: fabulous buildings: remarkable architecture/beige sun baked bricks set in geometric patterns,

 Places you've visited: ♦ Dar Chraiet Museum: jewellery/ceramics/
   ♦ Botanical Gardens
   ♦ Shops: carpets/Berber jewellery...

2. We are all aware of the rise of teenage violence in our society (at school, in the streets...). Write an article in your school magazine to raise people’s awareness to this issue and suggest solutions to curb teenage violence.

**LANGUAGE**

1. Fill in the blanks with 8 words from the box.

less/stressful/workplace/top/valuing/whole/flexible/moregoals/providing

Modern women are choosing home and family ahead of their careers, a survey
reveals today. Families are their priority, with only one per cent of women in their 30s saying work comes first. And despite the government’s efforts to get mothers into the, just five per cent want to work full time, and more than a third want to be a stay-at-home mum. Sociologist Jill Kirby, author of Choosing to be Different, said: “There’s definitely a change in climate. There’s a general rejection of the Nineties hard work ethic and the consumerist agenda that goes with it. “This has made women more confident about home and family life and deciding they want to fit their work around family life than the other way around. “They have tried it and found it difficult, and ultimately unsatisfying. They identify themselves equally with men, they just have different . Sam Baker, editor of Red magazine which conducted the survey, said women were learning to manipulate the workplace to work for them, making the most of working hours and better maternity allowances so they can enjoy home and family “Spending time in the kitchen is no longer frowned on by women with careers, it’s coveted.”

2. Put the bracketed words in the right tense or form.

After a long career with the British Army, Major Martin Birch will be heading for southern Spain to enjoy his retirement in five year’s time. Major Birch, 49, and his wife Karen, 45, have decided they will have a quality of life outside Britain. “We both think that there are issues around yob culture, the high cost of (life) here and the climate which we don’t want to deal with,” said Major Birch, of the 47th Regiment, based at Thorney Island, Hampshire. “Our pensions will go further because food and energy bills are cheaper over there, and we’ll be able to buy a bigger home for less money. I suffer from arthritis so the climate will be a boon.” The couple said they (not/surprise) at the growing number of people leaving the UK. They chose Spain because it (be) easy for their two sons to visit and they (plan) to learn the language. He added: “It’s no surprise that (increase) numbers of people are retiring abroad. Crime is a constant worry. “The bills, the taxes, the congestion charge in London, for example. It all adds up.”