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Arbetsblad

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Maleesha Kharwa. Photo credit: Ayushi Shah

## Vocabulary

<i>Word</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Synonym</i>
emerge	to become known, especially as a result of examining something or asking questions about it	become known
significant	large or important enough to have an effect or to be noticed	important, meaningful
advocacy	support, advice and help given to people, often with special needs or aims, who are unable to speak for themselves	
inferior	not good or not as good as somebody/something else	subordinate
elude	to manage to avoid or escape from somebody/something, especially in a clever way	evade, avoid, escape
conservationist	a person who takes an active part in the protection of the environment	
urgent	that needs to be dealt with or happen immediately	pressing
habitat	the place where a particular type of animal or plant is normally found	territory
imminent	likely to happen very soon	impending, looming
estimate	to form an idea of the cost, size, value etc. of something, but without calculating it exactly	assess, value, rate
remote	far away from places where other people live	isolated
bleak	not giving any reason to have hope or expect anything good	somber, dark, desolate
haggling	to argue with somebody in order to reach an agreement, especially about the price of something	bargaining
transformative	here: the ability to change something	
spearhead	to serve as leader of	lead, command
'GoFundMe'	a crowdfunding platform where you can start raising money for just about anything	
humble	showing you do not think that you are as important as other people	modest
unwavering	not changing or becoming weaker in any way	unchanging
determination	the quality that makes you continue trying to do something even when this is difficult	decisiveness

Sources: <https://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com>; <https://www.merriam-webster.com>; <https://dictionary.cambridge.org>

## Content questions

### Tanzania: activists champion digital rights

1. How many children have experienced online abuse according to Unicef?
2. What kind of online abuse did Agness and Julieth experience?
3. Goodluck Paul says youth should be educated. In what way?
4. What should the authorities do according to Goodluck?

### The island of Dominica: a species in decline

5. How many mountain chicken frogs are left in the wild?
6. Name the four causes of the chicken mountain frogs decline.

### The USA: Halloween shopping spree

7. How much money do retail analysts estimate consumers in the USA will spend on Halloween this year?
8. How much of the money spent will go towards candy?
9. Which costume is predicted to be the most popular one among children this year?

### Music clip

10. Circle whether the statement is TRUE or FALSE
  - a) The band call themselves A Quick Blast. TRUE/FALSE
  - b) The song is called "End of the Line". TRUE/FALSE
  - c) The song is from their third album. TRUE/FALSE
  - d) The album was recorded in a village outside of Melbourne, Australia. TRUE/FALSE

### India: a rising star

11. Where was Maleesha born and why is this so remarkable?
12. How many followers does she have on Instagram?
13. How was she discovered?
14. Where does she go to school?
15. 14. What did Maleesha promise her friends as a six-year-old? 15.
16. What is Maleesha's message to young people her age?

## Language points

How well do you know your word classes? There are four major word classes in English: verbs, nouns, adjectives and adverbs. Other word classes include prepositions, pronouns, determiners, conjunctions and interjections. Working with the largest word class, the nouns, circle the noun (s) you find in the sentences below. You'll get bonus points if you know what kind of noun it is. Once you have found the nouns in all the sentences, write your own definition of what a noun is below.

Here's Charles Kombe in Dar Es Salaam with more on this story  
*Proper nouns: Charles Kombe, Dar Es Salaam. Common noun: story.*

17. The frogs are the largest frog species in the Caribbean.
  
18. Spiderman is predicted to be the most popular outfit for children.
  
19. The album has received rave reviews.
  
20. She was born in Bandra, a slum town outside of Mumbai.
  
21. Many people donated money.

**A noun is:**

## Discussion points

### Online abuse

The first segment of today's program featured digital/online abuse and how many children that have been subjected in six African countries, including Tanzania. In Sweden, there are several laws that protect people from different types of abuse. The general rule of thumb is: if it is illegal in real life, it is also illegal online.

- What would be your advice to Agness Masait, the girl in the segment who was sent a pornographic video and a picture of male genitalia? What should she do? Where should she turn?
- What would you consider to be online abuse? Where would you draw the line?
- Julieth mentions a girl being subjected to mass hatred online. What would you do if you came across such a post? Would it make a difference if you knew the person or not?
- Cyber Hate Assistant is run by a foundation called Make Equal and stores information about different types of abuse, Swedish legislation, where to turn and what to do if you, or someone you know, is subjected to online abuse. You can check out their website [here](#). Did you know about all these different types of abuse? Was there anything that surprised you on their page?

### Following your dream(s)

Maleesha Kharwa was born in a slum town outside of Mumbai in India. Sometimes just being born in the wrong place can have a significant impact on the rest of your life and what you will be able to accomplish. There are, however, many examples of people who are living their dream despite starting out with bleak prospects.

- Oprah Winfrey, Bethany Hamilton, J.K. Rowling and Steven Spielberg are all people who have beaten the odds and have fulfilled their dreams. Work in groups of four and google one of these names each to see what hurdles they had to face in order to live their dream. Then, tell each other about the person you googled. What was their dream? What problems did they face and how did they overcome them? Bonus question: Do you know of any other people who have realized their dreams against all odds? If so, who is it? What dream did they realize?
- Maleesha had a dream of sorts when she was six, wishing that she would be able to ask her friends out to a fancy dinner one day. Do you have a dream that you have had since you were a child? If so, is it still your dream? If not, what changed?
- If you were able to fulfill several of your dreams, what would they be? Would they involve work? A place? An experience? To own something? To be apart of something? A skill? What is your ultimate dream?
- Many people have a so called 'bucket list', with things they would like to do before they 'kick the bucket', as in before they pass away. Do you have such a list? Would you like to create one? You can check out this website for inspiration on how to get started:  
<https://bucketlistjourney.net/how-to-make-a-bucket-list/>

**Teachers' note**

Questions for working with the photo on page 1:

- Work in pairs and make sure you have a clean sheet of paper and some different colour pencils or crayons.
- One of you will describe the image (in English of course!), while the other will draw the image (no peeking!).
- Once you are finished, pin your picture to a wall in the classroom.
- Decide as a pair whose drawing is the most detailed out of the bunch and cast your vote.
- Compare the drawing with the most votes with the original photo. What differences can you see?

**KEY**

1. According to Unicef, around nine per cent of all children aged 16 to 17 in six African countries have experienced online abuse.
2. Agness was sent a pornographic video and a picture of male genitalia. Julieth witnessed a girl on TikTok receiving hateful comments to her posts to the point that she had to terminate her account.
3. He thinks youth should be educated on how to elude online abuse and how to report it. Education should also be given to those who abuse online so that they realize that it is illegal and unhealthy.
4. The authorities should try to increase cyber security and follow up on reported cases to take action.
5. There are only 21 chicken mountain frogs left in the wild.
6. The four causes include infectious disease, habitat loss, climate change and pollution.
7. Retail analysts predict that consumers will spend 12 billion dollars this Halloween.
8. 3 and a half billion will be spent on candy.
9. The most popular outfit among children is predicted to be Spiderman.
10.
  - a. FALSE
  - b. TRUE
  - c. FALSE
  - d. TRUE
11. She was born in Bandra, which is a slum town outside of Mumbai. It is remarkable because the prospects for young people from this neighborhood are often bleak.
12. She has 300 000 followers on Instagram.
13. She was discovered by actor Robert Hoffman when he was wandering through the streets where she lives. He launched a GoFundMe-campaign to realise Maleesha's dreams.
14. She goes to the same government-funded school as before despite having funds to afford private schooling.
15. She promised her friends she would take them out to a fancy restaurant one day, which she did. She took them to a five-star hotel.
16. "Never give up because your dreams matter and believe in yourself".
17. Concrete noun: frogs. Common noun: frog species. Proper noun: the Caribbean.
18. Proper noun: Spiderman. Concrete nouns: outfit, children.
19. Concrete noun: album. Abstract noun: reviews.
20. Proper nouns: Bandra, Mumbai. Common and concrete noun: town.
21. Common nouns: people, money.

A noun is a word that refers to a thing (*book*), a person (*Noah Webster*), an animal (*cat*), a place (*Omaha*), a quality (*softness*), an idea (*justice*), or an action (*yodeling*)(<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/noun>).