



Dalai Lama to meet Obama?

INSTRUCTIONS

First copy the words below into your book. Then match them up with the 10 numbers from the article.

world

grow

lose

Obama

Lama

White House

Africa

died

age

television

The Dalai Lama is a famous religious leader. He was born in 1935 and became the leader of Buddhists in Tibet at a very young 1)_____.

However, Tibet was taken over by China in 1950. A few years later the Dalai 2)_____ was forced to flee to nearby India after riots broke out against the Chinese forces who had seized power in Tibet.

China has now ruled Tibet for 60 years and the Chinese government insists it has an ancient right to the land. However, many Tibetans do not agree and over the years thousands have 3)_____ in clashes with Chinese troops.

The Dalai Lama has settled in India but travels all over the 4)_____ to raise awareness of Tibet's problems. Often he holds meetings with world leaders which attract attention from newspapers and 5)_____. This keeps China's problems with Tibet in the headlines.

It is possible the Dalai Lama will visit the US President Barack 6)_____ later this month. However, China is not happy about this and has warned its relations with the USA will suffer if Mr Obama decides to invite the Dalai Lama to the 7)_____.



Locals may lose out to Kenya food project

Food can be a big problem for developing countries. Therefore the government of Kenya in east 8)_____ aims to develop a part of the country known as the Tana River Delta. It plans to build a massive sugar plantation and also use a huge area of land to 9)_____ new crops.

However, the Tann River Delta is an area of wetlands and the people who have lived there for generations fear they may be moved from their homeland. Those people are already very poor but if this happens they will 10)_____ their entire way of life.



QUESTIONS

- 1) When and where was the Dalai Lama born?
- 2) What happened to his homeland in 1950?
- 3) Where does the Dalai Lama now live, and why does he travel all over the world?
- 4) Who may hold a meeting with the Dalai Lama later this month, and which country is against the idea?
- 5) Write a short paragraph explaining why some people who live in Tana River Delta are worried.
- 6) Enter the words Tana River Delta into a search engine and then write down 3 facts about the area.

No. 18 - Answers

NEWS ARTICLE

1. age 2. Lama 3. died 4. world 5. television
6. Obama 7. White House 8. Africa 9. grow 10. lose

QUESTIONS

1. 1935 in Tibet.
2. It was taken over by China.
3. India - he travels all over the world to raise awareness of Tibet's problems.
4. President Obama may invite the Dalai Lama to the White House but China is not happy about the idea.
5. Tana River Delta is a part of Kenya where the Kenyan government plans to develop a massive new sugar plantation and also use a huge area of land to grow new crops. The area is made up of wetlands and the people who have lived there for generations believe they may be moved and end up losing their entire way of life.
6. many possible answers