

### Kenya Shopping Mall Horror

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### SPEAKING

Think of three things you know about Kenya. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

### Student A questions

- 1) How many hostages are still trapped?
- 2) How many people were killed?
- 3) Name the capital.
- 4) Name the president.
- 5) Name the terrorist organisation.

### Student B questions

- 1) Where is Kenya?
- 2) Why did all this happen?
- 3) What happened in 1998?
- 4) Name the shopping mall.
- 5) Who shops in this mall?

*What is the latest on this story?*

**Category: Kenya / Nairobi / Shopping Malls**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can to do with '**Kenya Shopping Mall Horror**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* – Think of three terrorist organisations then add three deadly attacks they have undertaken.

Write them below. Talk about them!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

**Add** three reasons why this took place then add three ways governments can help stop this happening again. Discuss together.

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

*The teacher* will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

### SPEAKING – DISCUSSION

*In pairs* – Student A prefers 'Safari holidays in Kenya. Student B prefers 'Beach breaks in Kenya'. 2 mins.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Where were you when you heard about this tragedy?
- 3) Did you watch the events unfold on the TV news?
- 4) What is the latest on this story?
- 5) Why did this happen?
- 6) What advice would you give the people of Nairobi?
- 7) What would you say to the terrorists?
- 8) Do you know anyone who was caught up in the shootings in the Mall?
- 9) Has your family suffered as a result of a terrorist attack?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Radio Kenya International* radio studio. Today's interview is about: *Kenya Shopping Mall Horror*.

- 1) A tourist in Nairobi.
- 2) An expat who was in the Mall at the time of the attack.
- 3) A Muslim who was in the Mall at the time of the attack.
- 4) The President of Kenya.

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs.* You are in a pub in Nairobi with a friend. Start a conversation about the 'Kenya Shopping Mall Horror' 5 mins.

### SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 10 minutes – As a class.

Discuss the following...

Kenya Shopping Mall Horror

(Google it first!)

*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) Does this attack make you feel wary when you next go to a shopping mall?
- 3) How would you feel if this horror happened to you?
- 4) What would you do if you had been there?
- 5) What will the Kenyan government do now?
- 6) Why did the terrorists target a shopping Mall in Kenya?
- 7) Will you be going to Nairobi soon?
- 8) In light of the attack would you consider taking a holiday to Kenya?
- 9) Have you enjoyed this lesson?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

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### **GAP FILL: READING**

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**popular / hostages / escape / recite / upmarket / gunpoint / wealthy / expatriates**

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The terrorist organisation released a statement saying it warned Kenya to remove (4)\_\_\_ from Somalia. The terrorists tweeted: 'Kenyans will not appreciate the situation without seeing death in all its (5)\_\_\_ detail'. Anyone watching events (6)\_\_\_ on the news would have seen the (7)\_\_\_ (8)\_\_\_ on people's faces as they raced to get away from the carnage. This is the worst incident in Kenya since the attack on the US embassy in August 1998.

**ghoulish / horror / unfold / perpetrators / eyewitnesses / sheer / radicals / troops**

### **GAP FILL: GRAMMAR**

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### GAP FILL: LISTENING

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### WRITING/SPELLING

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##### 1) 20 things about Kenya! - In pairs/As a class.

Consider the following:

Rivers / currency / mountains / capital / second city / lakes / rivers / people / national parks / safari lodges

Now add 10 other interesting things of your own! (Google them!)

##### 2) Sentence starters - Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) The incident \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The terrorists \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Shoppers \_\_\_\_\_

##### 3) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: **Kenya Shopping Mall Horror**. Your email can be read out in class.

#### GAP FILL READING

- 1) upmarket
- 2) popular
- 3) expatriates
- 4) wealthy
- 5) hostages
- 6) recite
- 7) gunpoint
- 8) escape

#### SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) eyewitnesses
- 2) shooters
- 3) witnesses
- 4) terrorists
- 5) perpetrators
- 6) wherever
- 7) nephew
- 8) fiancée
- 9) radicals
- 10) organisation

#### ANSWERS

- 1) eyewitnesses
- 2) perpetrators
- 3) radicals
- 4) troops
- 5) ghoulish
- 6) unfold
- 7) sheer
- 8) horror

#### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**

**Good = 15**

**Very good = 18**

**Excellent = 20**

- 11) Kenyans
- 12) appreciate
- 13) ghoulish
- 14) incident
- 15) unveil
- 16) upmarket
- 17) responsibility
- 18) expatriates
- 19) wealthy
- 20) hostages

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