

## Activity - Why is it important for girls to go to school?

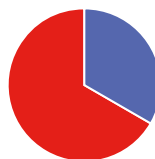
Gender inequality can result in restrictions on girls going to school.

In the **poorest ten countries** in the world,



**9 out of 10 girls have not completed school.**

**781 million people** in the world cannot read and write.



**Two thirds are female.**

Here's what some girls living in Tanzania think about going to school:

"We are taught about girls' rights at school. It is not right for me to get married when I am too young. I would like to get married one day – in my twenties. I want to finish school and then go on to college so that I can start teaching others."

**Maua, 11**

"I don't go to school. When the other children are at school I cook and clean because my mother is at the market. I also go and collect firewood. I would like to be able to know how to write my name. It would also be nice to be able to know how to read, and to read my name."

**Shengai, 13**

"I don't have any friends that I visit near to us here - people only meet friends at school. My friends are my brothers and sisters."

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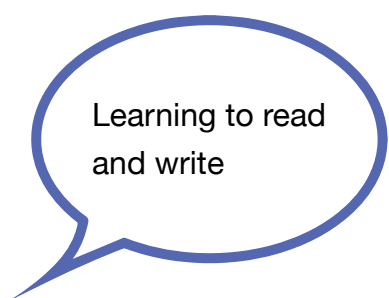
"If I succeed at school I want to study until university so that I can become a teacher. I want to teach children geography, history and maths."

**Baby, 12**

Using the girl's quotes, think of reasons why it is important for all children to go to school:

Learning to read  
and write

Feeling valued



Which three reasons do you think are the most important? Can you explain why?

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Why not choose a reason to write out on the next sheet and tweet a photo at us?

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**All children should go to school because...**

