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**KENYA: RISKY ROAD TO SCHOOL (2:48 min)**  
**VIDEO Script & Vocabulary (page 1 of 1/V.939)**

**INTERMEDIATE (B1 - B2) AND ABOVE**

- ◊ Read the script and note new vocabulary
- ◊ Write three sentences using new vocabulary
- ◊ Prepare for the discussion questions

**Starting Off**

*"Sur le chemin de l'école" (2013) is a film by Pascal Plisson in which he depicts the journey to school of children in different parts of the world. Salome and Jackson are one of four sets of people featured in the film.*

- 1 Read the **Video Script** below. The words in **bold** are defined in the **Vocabulary** section. Look up any new words in a dictionary.
- 2 Go to the **Your Turn** section at the end of this document. Practice using new words and expressions from the video script to prepare for your next class.
- 3 Look at the **Discussion Questions** and prepare your responses for the next class.

**Discussion Questions:**

- ◊ What's the longest distance that you ever had to travel to get to school as a child? Did you travel by bus, metro, train, car, bicycle, or some other form of transport?
- ◊ Did you ever feel that you were in any danger during your daily commute to and from school? If you have children, do you ever fear that they may be in danger on their way to and from school? Why or why not?
- ◊ What do you imagine may be some of the challenges faced by children on their way to and from school in rural Africa? What might be the consequences of some of these difficulties?

**Video Script:**



**Narrator:** This is the first time that Salome and her brother Jackson have been outside Kenya where they belong to a Masai tribe. So when they arrived in Paris, the exotic Jardin d'Acclimatation seemed almost like a **home from home**. Pascal Plisson a French documentary maker made a film about their lives in Kenya. Everyday the **siblings** have to walk across 20 km of **savannah** to go to school. It's a journey full of obstacles and carries the risk of meeting dangerous **wild** animals.

**Jackson, Student:** If there's an animal in front of you, it's better not to try and walk past because that could put your life in danger. Once we saw an elephant in front of our house. You know elephants can't see very well, but they can smell human beings perfectly well. This elephant had smelled us before we even **realized** he was there so we walked into him and he started **chasing** after us and we ran! I want to finish primary school and go on to secondary school and then to university to become a professor.

**Narrator:** Jackson and Solome are one of four sets of people featured in the film "Sur le Chemin de l'école" ("On the Way to School") which was premiered in Paris. All the stories in the film **deal with** young people who are prepared to make **extreme efforts** to get an education.

**Pascal Plisson:** We **came across** fifty extraordinary stories of journeys and we had to choose which to film. I found these four stories **outstanding** because they're only kids, but they're really **determined** to go to school. The **advantage** they have, these kids who live at the **end of the Earth**, is that they learn to **cope** on their own very early, to be courageous, to **look after** their young siblings etc.. They are, in fact, more mature than Western European kids and they are determined to go to school because they know that, with education, their lives will improve.

**Narrator:** Certainly being determined to get to school has resulted in a life changing journey for Salome and Jackson.

**Vocabulary:**

- **home from home** - (UK) a place where you feel as comfortable as you do in your own home; (US) home *away* from home
- **siblings** - brothers and sisters
- **savannah** - a large, flat area of land covered with grass that is found in hot countries especially Africa
- **wild** - plants or animals that live independently of people in nature
- **realize** - to understand a situation, sometimes suddenly
- **chasing** - pursuing very quickly
- **deal with** - is about the subject of
- **extreme efforts** - strong attempt to do something
- **came across** - met; encountered
- **outstanding** - particularly special and interesting
- **determined** - wanting to do something very much and not allowing anything to stop you
- **advantage** - characteristic or benefit that others don't have
- **end of the Earth** - extremely remote and isolated areas of the world
- **cope** - take care of themselves and manage difficult situations independently
- **look after** - take care of

**Your Turn! Using new vocabulary is the best way to learn.**

- 1 Choose three words or expressions from the video that are new to you and write a sentence using each one in your notebook.
- 2 Try to use them in a context that is familiar to you to help you retain them.

