

CLASS ΣΤ1

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Hi everyone! My concern is to give you material that I think you will enjoy doing and to give you the opportunity take a look at the world around you.

This is a short reading based on the true story of William. I have two links that I would like you to visit. The first one is to watch William's interview and the second link is to watch the trailer of the film based on his story, *<The boy who harnessed the wind>*. The film is only on Netflix so if you have Netflix at home please watch it with your parents.

( ο πρώτος ισότοπος είναι μια συνέντευξη του William και ο δεύτερος ισότοπος είναι ένα απόσπασμα από την ταινία και όσοι διαθέτετε Netflix θα μπορείτε να παρακολουθήσετε την αληθινή ιστορία με τους γονείς σας). Ο τίτλος της ταινίας είναι *<Το αγόρι που δάμασε τον άνεμο>* μήπως το δείτε και με άλλο τρόπο.

[https://www.ted.com/talks/william\\_kamkwamba\\_how\\_i\\_built\\_a\\_windmill#t-228441](https://www.ted.com/talks/william_kamkwamba_how_i_built_a_windmill#t-228441)<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPkr9HmgIG0>

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## READING

*A young African boy left school at 14, but he used the wind and sun to help people.*

William Kamkwamba is from Malawi, a country in Africa. He had to leave school at 14. His family did not have money to pay for his lessons. So, he began to learn without a teacher, from books. One book was about windmills.

In 2002, there was very little rain in Malawi, so there wasn't much food. Many people died, and many others were hungry. William wanted to help. So the 14-year-old boy made a windmill to give his village electricity. He made it from trees and parts of bikes and other things that nobody wanted. At first, people thought he was crazy. But his windmill worked!

William made two more windmills. But people needed water in his village more than electricity. Someone wanted to help and gave William a pump. The pump used the light of the sun to bring water up from under the ground.

In 2006, a newspaper wrote about William's work. Then William wrote a book. People read about him and sent him money to work and study. He went back to school, in South Africa and the USA.

"I want to use the things I learn. I want to help my country," he says. "There's a lot of work to do."

**A) True or false: Write a T/F in the parenthesis.**

- a) ( ) His family had money to pay for the lessons, so he studied with a private teacher.
- b) ( ) William saw that the village couldn't afford their basic needs and that's why he decided to help.
- c) ( ) He bought the material he needed to build the windmill.
- d) ( ) The major necessity of the village was electricity.
- e) ( ) William became famous and people decided to help him.

1. What is your opinion about William's project?

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**NOTE: If you were lucky to watch the film (YOU COULD WATCH IT DURING EASTER BREAK) please write a short review in your notebook so you could share it in class with your classmates who could not watch it.**