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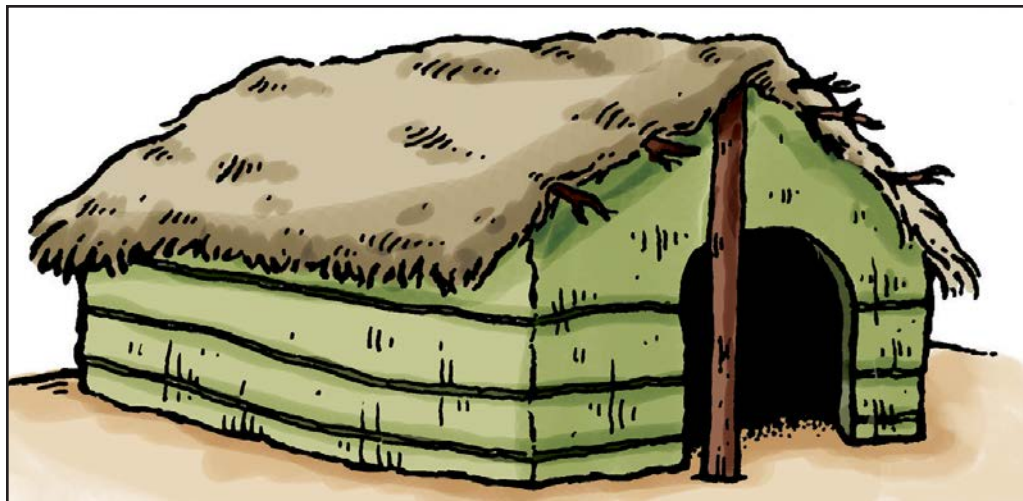


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INTRODUCTION

Follow the sunlight as it travels around the world. The Sun shines on new friends in new places. Some of these children are very much like you, and some are different. Some of the places are similar to the place where you live, and some are not. But all of these friends love to sing and play.

LET'S VISIT A FRIEND IN KOREA

Hi, I am Chang-Yong, and I am ten years old. My family lives in an apartment in Seoul, the capital of South Korea. I go to a laboratory school where I study science and mathematics. My friends and I play baseball after school.



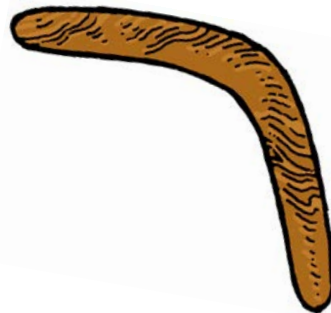
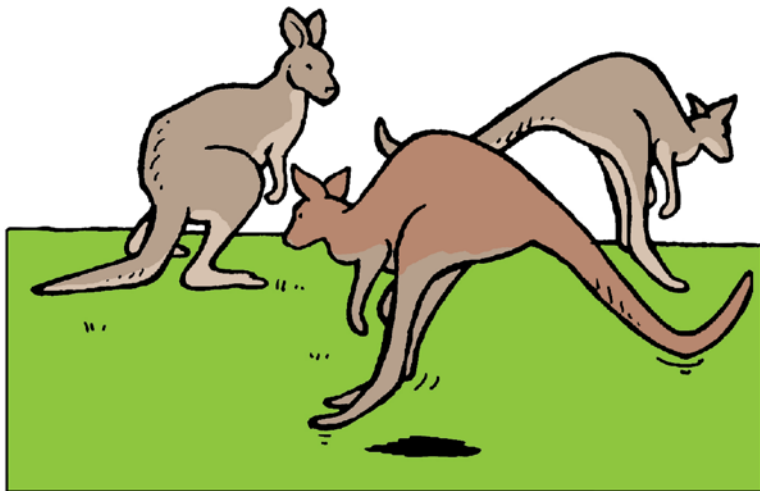


On special days, I dress in a shiny silk jacket called a *hanbok* (HAN-bok). Many **generations** of Koreans have worn *hanboks* for formal occasions. I enjoy eating **barbecued** beef, which Koreans call *bulgogi* (bul-GO-gee). It's a delicious food!

LET'S VISIT A FRIEND IN AUSTRALIA

Hi, Jessica is my name. I'm an **Aboriginal** Australian. Aborigines have lived in Australia for tens of thousands of years. I am six years old, and my younger brother is four. We live with our mother and grandmother in the country. My mother works as a cook.





My brother and I like to throw the **boomerang** outside our house. Aborigines used boomerangs to hunt many animals, including birds and kangaroos. A kangaroo is an animal that lives only in Australia. We like to watch the kangaroos hop around our yard.

LET'S VISIT A FRIEND IN RUSSIA

Hello, I am Natasha, and I am seven years old. I live in an apartment in the city of Moscow, Russia. I practice my ballet dancing there when I am not in school.



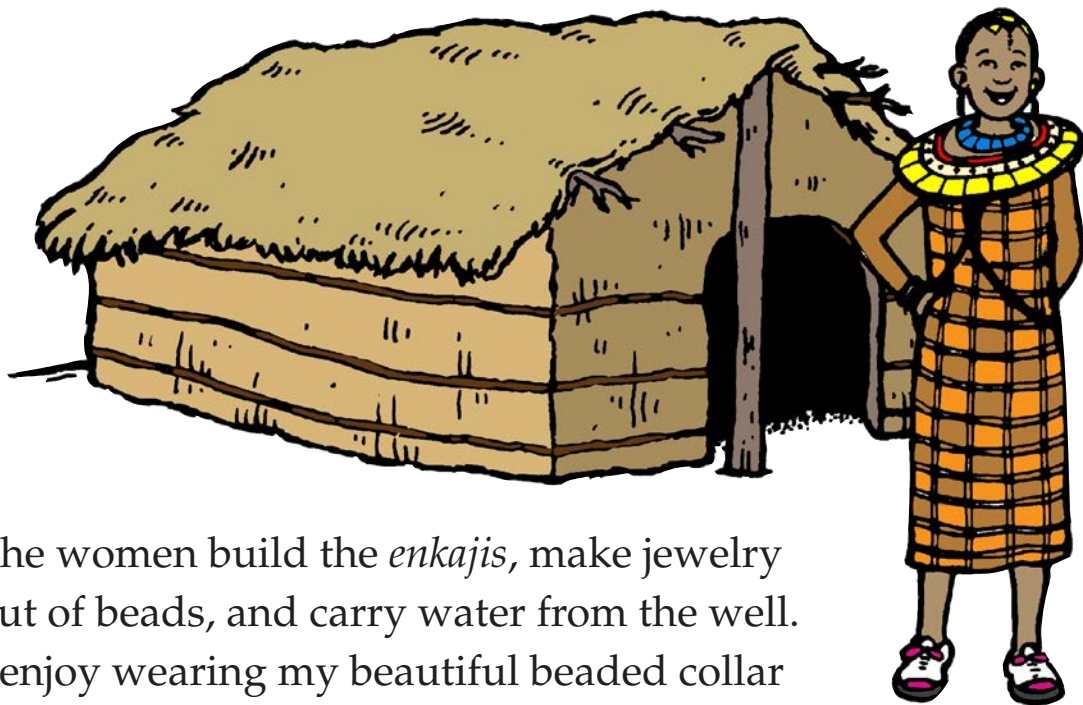


It gets very cold in Moscow in the winter. I wear a heavy coat and a fur hat called an *ushanka* (oo-SHAHN-kuh) to keep me warm. My *ushanka* has earflaps to keep my ears warm, too. I wear my *ushanka* when I make snow angels and build snow houses. Sometimes when I come inside, we eat buckwheat flour pancakes called *bliny* (BLEE-nee).

LET'S VISIT A FRIEND IN TANZANIA

Hello, my name is Manka (MAHN-kah), and I live in Tanzania. My people are called Masai. Most of us live in wooden huts with grass roofs called *enkajis* (en-KAW-jees). My father and the other men take care of the cattle. Cattle are very important to Masai people.



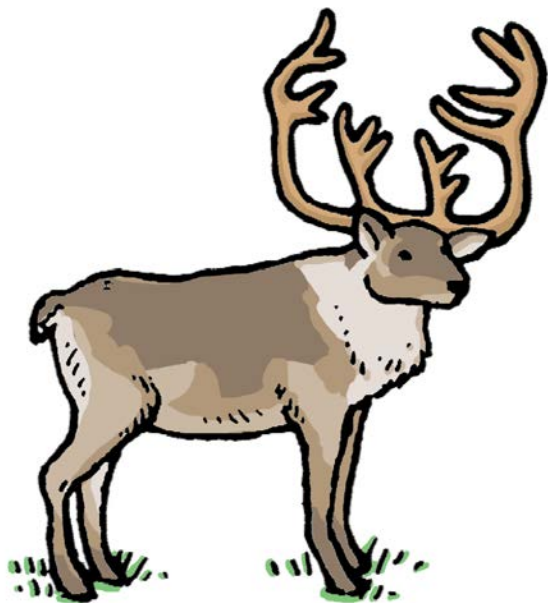


The women build the *enkajis*, make jewelry out of beads, and carry water from the well. I enjoy wearing my beautiful beaded collar and making toys out of the soft clay. I hope you will stay longer the next time you visit!

LET'S VISIT A FRIEND IN CANADA

Hi, I am called Kipanik (KEE-pa-nik), and my people are **Inuit**. We live in far northern Canada, near the **Arctic Circle**. It is snowy and cold most of the time here. My family often uses a dogsled to travel through areas covered with snow. We have a team of dogs that work hard pulling us wherever we need to go.





I love to play ice hockey with my friends. My dad and his friends hunt **caribou** for our food. I like to put ketchup on my caribou meat.



CONCLUSION

How are you like these children? How are you different?
You, too, can be a part of this worldwide friendship circle.
Do you want to join?

GLOSSARY

Aboriginal (<i>adj.</i>)	of or relating to the native people of Australia who lived there before the Europeans came (p. 7)
Arctic Circle (<i>n.</i>)	an area in the far north marked by a circle of latitude on maps of the Earth (p. 13)
barbecued (<i>adj.</i>)	cooked over an open flame in a highly seasoned sauce (p. 6)
boomerang (<i>n.</i>)	a curved stick that returns when thrown (p. 8)
caribou (<i>n.</i>)	a large deer of northern and Arctic North America (p. 14)
generations (<i>n.</i>)	all the people who are born and live at about the same time (p. 6)
Inuit (<i>n.</i>)	a group of people who live in the Arctic north of Canada, Alaska, and Greenland (p. 13)

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