

Children From Around the World



HOME

Sweet Home



Where People Live

There are a lot of different kinds of homes around the world. Which one would you like to stay in?



Round House

Mongolian herder families live in round tents called gers. They take their homes with them when they travel around with their herds of animals.



A Home on a Lake

The Uru people of Peru and Bolivia live on Lake Titicaca. They make their homes on floating islands made of reeds.



A Home on Stilts

People live in homes on stilts in the mountains of Vietnam. The stilts keep the houses above the muddy ground when it rains.



A Painted Home

The Ndebele (en-deb-ell-ay) people of South Africa and Zimbabwe decorate the mud walls of their homes with beautiful bright patterns.



A Snowy Home

Nenet families live in the snowy far north of Russia. They move around, following their reindeer herds through the snow. They set up their reindeer skin tents wherever they go.



A Cave Home

Families have made their homes in caves in Goreme, Turkey, for hundreds of years.



A Shared Home

Dayak families live in the Borneo jungle. They share a longhouse – a home where lots of families live together. Each family has its own space in the longhouse.

Home Decorations



Mongolian gers usually have a blue sash hanging up inside, believed to bring the family peace and happiness.



British homes are sometimes decorated with a horseshoe (hung so it looks like 'U'), for good luck.



In Singapore, it's traditional to roll a pineapple into a new home, to bring good fortune.



Colourful decorated bamboo rakes called kumade (coo-mah-day), are of ten hung in Japanese homes to gather good luck.

Hello, NONNA!

Names For Your Family

Grandmas and granddads

Grandmas and granddads are awesome right across the planet! Here are some names for them around the world.



Italy

– nonna and nonno



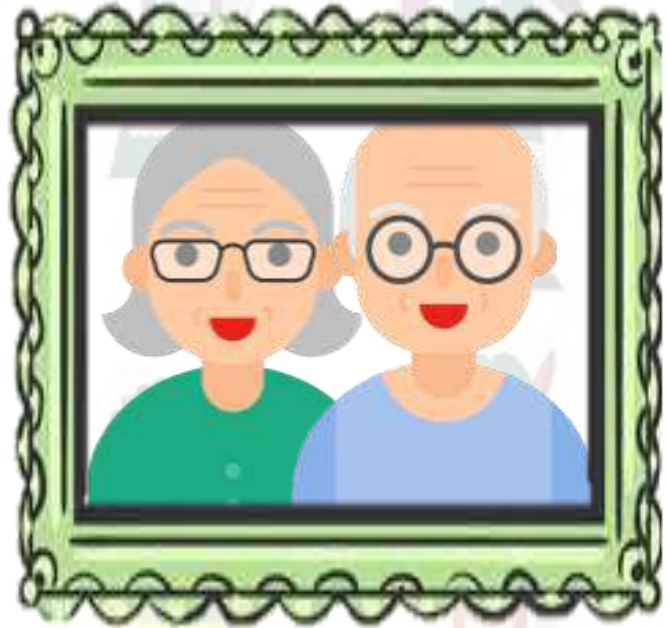
Sweden

– mormor and morfar
(mother's parents) farmor
and farfar (father's
parents)



Iceland

– amma and afi (ah-vay)



Croatia

– baka and deda



Poland

– babcia (bab-cha) and
dziadek (jah-deck)



Japan

– obaasan (oh-baah-sahn)
and ojiisan (oh-jee-ee-
sahn)



Finland

– mumma (moo-ma) and
ukki (oo-kee)

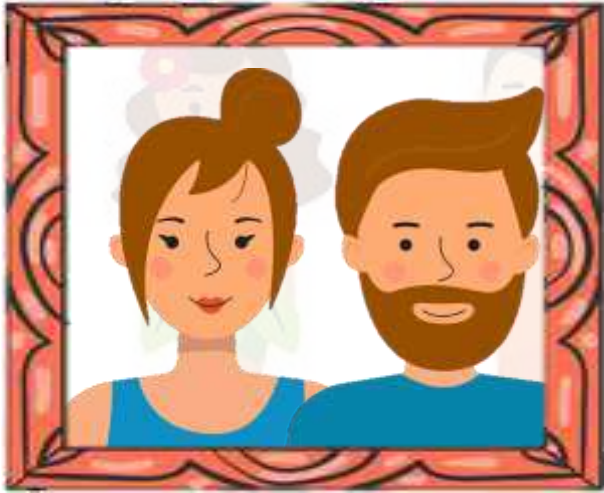


Greece

– yaya and papou (pah-
poo)

Mums and Dads

Here's what mums and dads are called in some countries.



Estonia

– ema and isa (ee-sah)

Belarus

– maci (ma-che) and backo (bach-ka)



Indonesia

– ibu and ayah



Turkey

– anne (ah-ney) an baba



Germany

– mami and papi

Sisters and Brothers

Here are some world names to try out on brothers and sisters.



Ireland

– deri flur (dri – foor) and
dearthair (dhruh-hawr)



Romania

– sora and frate (frar-tay)



Albania

– moter and vella



Finland

– sisko and veli

Animal Friends

Pets Around the Planet

Lots of children have pets. Which one would you like to love and look after?



Pet Rock

People in the USA once bought these beach pebbles as pets, just for fun. They come in a box with their own straw and they never needed feeding!



Parrot

People who live in the South American Amazon sometimes keep tame parrots around their rainforest homes.



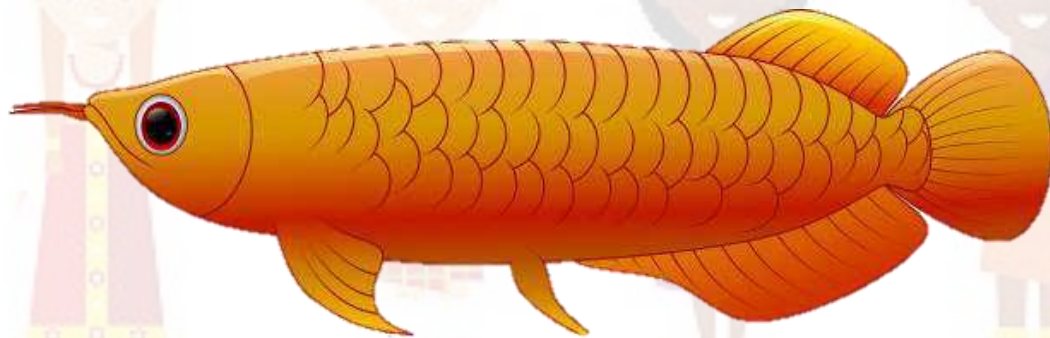
Japanese Bobtail Cat

In Japan, bobtail cats are considered lucky pets. Instead of a long tail a bobtail cat has a small one like a rabbit.



Hedgehog

In Vietnam, it's not unusual to keep a hedgehog as a house pet.



Arowana Fish

In China, the arowana fish is a lucky pet, thought to bring wealth and happiness to its owner. The rarest arowana fish can cost \$80,000 or more!



Rhino Beetle

Rhino beetles are popular pets in South Korea, where people feed them a special beetle jelly.



Rat

Rats are clever, clean pets. In the Karni Moto Temple in India, thousands of rats are looked after as holy animals and given treats such as milk and coconut.



Racing Pigeon

Racing pigeons are popular pets in Middle Eastern countries such as Kuwait and Dubai. The pigeons are trained to fly home from wherever they are released.



Alpaca

In Peru, children are sometimes given baby alpacas to look after. Once the alpacas grow up they live in herds, grazing outdoors.

Be Happy!

Words to Say When You're Smiling

Fill a room with happiness every morning. Stretch your arms out wide, smile and say the word 'happy' loudly in a different language.

Swahili

(spoken in countries
in Eastern Africa)
Furahah – foo-r-ha

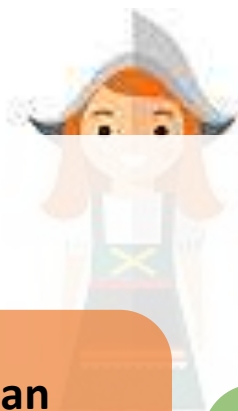
Turkish

Mutlu
Mut-low

French

Joyeux
Jw-eye-euh





Italian
Felice
Fel-ee-chay

German
Glücklich
Lguh-clish

Hindi
(spoken in India)
Khush
Khush



Arabic
Mabsoot
Mab-suit

Indonesian
Senang
Se-nang

Albanian
I lumtur
Ee loom-tor





Portuguese

Feliz
Fell-eez

Moori
(spoken in New
Zealand)

Oaoa
Oh-ah-oh-ah

Gaelic
(spoken in Ireland)

Sasta
Sa-sta

Time to go to School

Journeys in different countries

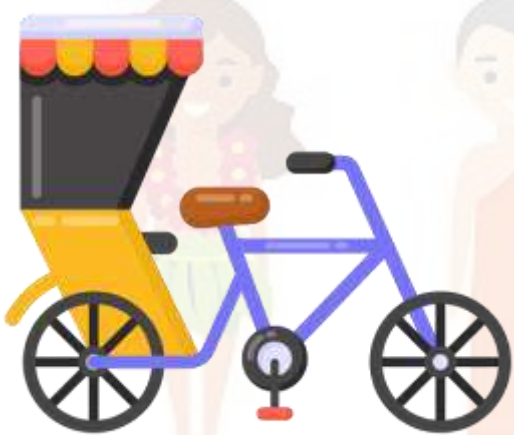
Travelling to school isn't the same for everyone. Some children go to school ...





by school bus ...

In the USA, nearly half a million children catch a school bus every day. The school buses are famous for being painted yellow.



by rickshaw ...

In some parts of India, children go to school in a rickshaw with a driver pedalling at the front.



by boat ...

Children go to school by rowing boat on the Tonte Sap lake in Cambodia. They live in homes on stilts on the lake, and their school is on stilts, too.



on foot ...

Many children who live in the African countryside walk or run to school. Some have to trek for miles to get to their lessons.



by zipwire ...

Some Colombian children must cross the Rio Negro river on a zipwire to get to their school in Los Pinos.



by tuk-tuk ...

In Sri Lanka and Thailand, children often go to school by tuk-tuk, a motorbike taxi with three wheels.



by underground train ...

Japanese children often travel from home to school by underground train.



by donkey ...

It's hard for disabled children to get to school in the African countryside, so in Eritrea the charity UNICEF has given disabled children donkeys to help carry them to their lessons.



by bicycle ...

In the Netherlands, a lot of children go to school by bicycle – more than any other country in the world.

How do you get to school every day?

Dressed For School

School uniforms around the world

Here are some of the clothes that children wear to school.

Hats and Scarves

In Muslim schools in Malaysia, girls wear a long headscarf called a tudung (too-dung) and a long top and skirt called a baju kurung (ba-jookur-ong). Boys wear a cap called sangkok.

Woolly Warm Clothes

The Quechua (kay-choo-wa) people live high in the Andes Mountains of South America. They wear their colourful warm everyday clothes, made of llama wool, to school. Girls wear an upturned montera hat and woolly jacket called a jobona. Boys wear a poncho and a woolly beanie hat called a chullo (choo-yo).



Tops and Trousers

Pakistani girls usually wear a long top with trousers to school. Their outfit is called a shalwar kameez (sal-wa kam-eez).




Sailor Clothes

Japanese school uniforms are often based on the clothes that sailors wore a hundred years ago. The girls have a sailor top and skirt. The boys have a suit with shiny buttons down the front.



School Robes

In Southeast Asia, some children go to Buddhist monastery schools. They have ordinary school lessons and also learn the Buddhist religion. They wear orange robes, which Buddhsit monks have worn for hundreds of years.





School Patterns

Children in Indonesia sometimes wear patterned shirts decorated in a style called batik (bat-eeek). Each school has its own special batik design.

My Classroom

Where We Learn

We all learn in different kinds of classrooms. Where would you like to learn?

In the World's Biggest School

The City Montessori School in Lucknow, India, has 55,000 pupils and over 1000 classrooms dotted around the town.

Up a Mountain

At Sun Peaks in Canada children go by ski lift to their school on top of a mountain. They ski back home at the end of the day.



In a Grass Hut

Some children in hot countries have their classrooms in grass huts.



Outdoors

Children in hot countries sometimes have their lessons sitting outside.



In a Bus

In the city of Hyderabad in India, poor children cannot get to school, so the school comes to them. It's called the School on Wheels because the classroom is set up in a bus.



In the School of the Air

Some Australian children live many hundreds of miles from school. Instead, they join the School of the Air. Their home is their classroom, and they speak to their teachers and classmates by two-way radio or via a computer.

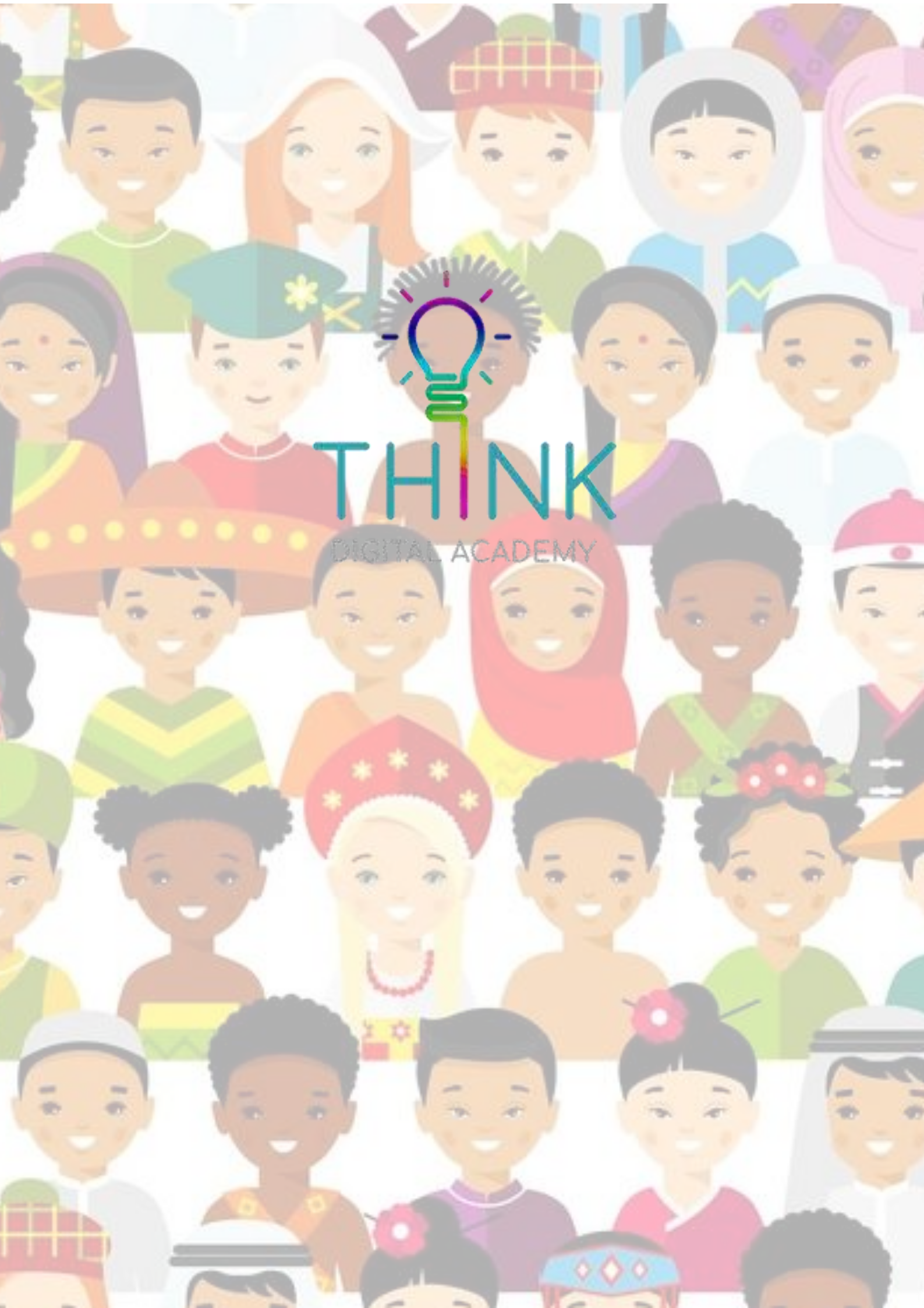
What We Learn

Children in South India learn a sport called mallakhamb. It's a kind of gymnastics performed around a long wooden pole.



Some Norwegian schools have a yearly Ski Day. Children go outdoors with their teachers to learn skiing instead of having indoor lessons.





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