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READING

LIFE

IN A MAASAI VILLAGE

The Maasai people of Africa are famous all over the world. They speak a language called Maa and they live in Kenya and Tanzania. They are usually tall and thin and they often wear a shuka (shukas are the traditional red clothes of the Maasai).

Today I am in a Maasai village in Kenya. It is only six o’clock in the morning but it is very hot. The Maasai people get up early with the sun. I can see two old men with mobile phones near a tree. The other people in the village are busy. Every morning, the men take their animals – cows, sheep and goats – out of the village to find food and water. At the end of the day they bring the animals back to the village. There are lions in the area and lions like eating cows! The Maasai love their animals and a man with lots of animals is rich.

Maasai women have a lot of work. They make houses for their family, they collect water, wood for the fire and food like herbs and roots, they wash clothes and they cook for their family. The Maasai have only two meals a day – one in the morning and one in the evening. They usually drink the milk from their cows and sometimes eat meat from their animals.

A) Read the text. Write TRUE or FALSE

1. Maa is the language of the Maasai. _____
2. The Maasai come from Kenya and Tanzania. _____
3. They are usually short and thin. _____
4. Some Maasai use mobile phones. _____
5. The women take the animals out to find food. _____

B) Read again and answer the questions.

1. Where do the Maasai live?
_____.
2. What kind of clothes do they wear?
_____.
3. What do the Maasai men do in the evening?
_____.
4. Who makes the houses for the family?
_____.
5. How many meals do they eat a day?
_____.