

TEEN EXPLORER 7_ THIS IS WHERE I LIVE

EXERCISE 1. What is the difference between “need” and “want”?

NEED →

WANT →

EXERCISE 2. Quickly read the article. Then answer the questions.

My name is Sesi and I'm 14 years old. I'm an Inuit. It's another name for "Eskimo". My people come from the Arctic and I live in Greenland. My family lives in an igloo that my father built with my uncles. Our igloo is one big, round room. That's where we eat, sleep and cook. We don't have a bathroom or a kitchen because we don't have running water. We melt ice when we want to drink, cook or wash. Of course it's very cold in the north, but we can stay warm inside our igloo. When it is very cold, our dogs sleep in the igloo too. We don't have beds or carpets on the floor. Instead, we have animal skins. We use them as blankets when we sleep. I haven't got a phone, like teenagers in other countries. Why would I need one? Who would I call? This is how I have always lived, but I'm sure it seems strange to you!

My name's Yisu and I'm from Mongolia. Many Mongolians live in the capital city, Ulaanbaatar, but my family are nomads. We take our animals – goats, camels and horses – to new places when the seasons change.

Our homes come with us. We live in gers. A ger is a big, round tent. We spend a lot of time outdoors with our animals. For us, the ger is a dry, warm room in a large 'house', with most of the 'rooms' outside. We cook, wash and work outside. We sleep and eat in the ger, so there are beds and a table with chairs. It's very cosy inside. There is a wood stove in the centre that warms the whole ger very quickly. We have a satellite dish and a solar panel that creates electricity from the sun. We use the electricity for our TV and radio. I'm happy about that because it means I can watch football matches.

Hello. I'm Femke. I'm from Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands. My home is a houseboat. Well, it floats, but it doesn't move like a boat. When you go inside, you get a surprise. Why? Because it looks like a normal house. There's a kitchen, a bathroom, a living room and three bedrooms. There's a lot of room inside my house. In fact, mine is the same size as my friends' houses. I've never lived in a 'normal' house with a garden or a pet.

My brother and I help my parents with the housework. Every Saturday morning when my mum does the shopping, we clean and tidy our rooms. We vacuum the carpets and put our clothes away in the wardrobes. Then we clean the rest of the house. When we finish, we sit down in front of the television and chill out!

1. Where does Sesi come from?
2. Does Sesi use a mobile phone?
3. Does she have a running water?
4. What does word 'ger' mean?
5. Who are 'nomads'?
6. How many bedrooms has Femke's house got?
7. Has Femke got any sibling?

EXERCISE 3. Complete the sentences with the correct words.

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1. We've got a so that we can watch TV programmes from each countries.
2. A glass of juice fell on my bedroom and it looks terrible now. I need a new one.
3. My mum is always asking me to put my clothes in my .
4. I usually leave my clothes on the , so I'm never sure if they are dirty or clean!
5. I was so cold last night, so I got an extra put on my bed.