

Dear ITC,

Buying rugs helps to keep a tradition or culture alive [+ve]. However, many of the rugs we have in our homes are made by small children [-ve].

Small children are used to make rugs because they have small fingers to help with weaving the threads [?]. Many of the children work 16 hours a day with no rest or play and don't even get the chance to go to school [ ] [ ].

I think this is really unfair. All children should get the chance to go to school and play [ ]. However, if you stop children from making rugs, then many of their families get no money for food or clothes and a tradition ends up dying [ ] [ ].

If you want to help children in other countries, then buy rugs that show a Rugmark [ ] [ ]. This is one way of telling us that the children who helped make these rugs also are given the chance to go to school.

Buying a rug with the Rugmark is a responsible way to show that you respect others while helping them to keep their culture alive [ ] [ ].

Best wishes,

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