



Dana's Blog

A DIFFERENT KIND OF VACATION

Sunday, November 10

This is my fifth day in Kazo. How quickly time flies – especially when you are busy. I'm happy I chose to volunteer in Kazo with a group of Israelis rather than travel to India like so many of my friends. I know it won't be easy to spend time here, but I think I'm going to get a lot out of the experience. And who knows? Maybe I can make a difference!

Tuesday, November 12

Many of my friends want to know what I do every day. When we arrived, we met the local families that we would visit four days a week. In the mornings, I help the women in my "family" do the chores. They cook and clean. They carry water from the village well¹ to the house.

In the afternoons, each volunteer works on his or her special project. I'll write about that another time.

After supper, all the volunteers play games with the children. We taught them to play backgammon (sheshbesh) – it's the most popular game. After the children leave, we sit together and talk about things that happened during the day. If one of us needs to solve a problem, we discuss it.

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Monday, November 18

I decided that I would teach the kids different types of dancing. I taught them hip hop and, of course, many Israeli folk dances. In return, they taught me a traditional, national dance, Kiganda. Traditional dances are about Ugandan life. It is a tradition to perform the Kiganda in honor of² important visitors and for the country's king. We are getting ready to compete in a national dance competition for youth in Kampala, the capital city of Uganda. Sixty schools are going to participate. We practice every afternoon. The kids are very excited and so am I!

Wednesday, December 10

Tomorrow is our last day in Kazo. I'm sad to leave, but I have wonderful memories of my time here. I enjoyed getting to know the people and their way of life. I feel good about myself and what I did here. I believe I made a difference. By the way, look at the attached³ photo. We won first place in the national dance competition!



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أحيطوا بـ **الجوابين الصحيحين** لتبينوا أنكم تفهمون الكلمات المشددة. ثم أضيغوا جواباً صحيحاً آخر.

1. You can **carry**
a. a bag b. a child c. a house **a suitcase**
2. You can take a **vacation**
a. in London b. by the beach c. in school
3. You can **decide**
a. under b. now c. later
4. You are **fortunate** if you are
a. healthy b. angry c. happy

B Complete the sentences to show you understand the words in bold.

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أكملوا الجمل لتبينوا أنكم تفهمون الكلمات المشددة.

1. A **traditional** food I like is
2. **During** the summer I like to
3. I don't like to **discuss**
4. I think it is **possible** to
5. My favorite **type** of music is

E Now read the rest of Dana's blog and answer as many questions as you can.

1. Dana mentions cooking and cleaning to show (lines 7-11)
 - a. what the local women do
 - b. what Dana does in Israel
 - c. her special project
2. What does the group do in the evenings? The volunteers (lines 12-17)
3. What do we learn in lines 14-17 about the connection among the volunteers? They
 - a. are too busy to see each other
 - b. meet in the mornings
 - c. help each other solve problems
4. What is Dana's special project? Her project is (lines 18-26)
5. Dana says that the kids are very happy about (lines 18-26)
6. What do we learn in lines 27-38?
 - a. What Dana is going to do when she returns home.
 - b. How Dana feels about her time in Kazo.
 - c. When Dana will return for a visit.
7. On December 10, Dana writes, "I have wonderful memories of my time here." Give an example of at least two of these memories from two different days in Dana's Blog.
Integrate
a. How long was Dana in Kazo for?

B Write the words below in your own language. Check your answers in the Glossary.

כתבו את המילים בעברית. בדקו את תשוגותיכם במילון.

أكتبوا الكلمات بالعربية. انحصوا أجبتكم في القاموس.

1. volunteer	متطوع / متطوع
2. competition	...
3. memory	...
4. city	...
5. national	...
6. time flies	...
7. capital	...
8. especially	...