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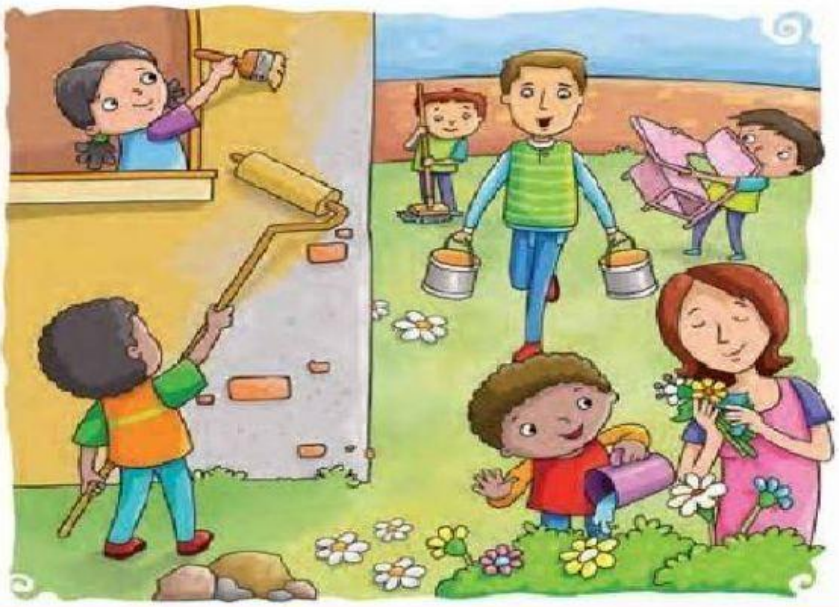

What do boys and girls do? Why are they smiling? Someone plays?

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Read the following story and answer the questions.

The minga, a solidarity way of living

What a joy! The horn has sounded. Everyone leaves the houses with big smiles on their lips. The minga is going to begin! This time it will be to help Juan's family, whose house was destroyed by a large landslide.

Juan's sister runs scared to her grandfather when she hears the great sound.

- What's wrong, grandfather? He asks.

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- Do not be scared darling, it is the call to start the minga, answers the grandfather.

- What is the minga grandfather? Asks the girl.

- The minga is a party! Says the grandpa. —A party in which we all celebrate life and love for each other. If someone needs help, the whole community comes together to work and help. This is how the responsibility and love for your neighbors, friends and family.

The girl looks happily at her grandfather, who continues to explain: —La minga
It was created many years ago in indigenous communities with the aim that all inhabitants have a better life since, when everyone collaborates to achieve a dream, it is easier to achieve it. For this reason, some mingas are made to build family and communal houses, others to sow, to harvest and even to put fences, irrigation systems and other things necessary to live better.
- I understand grandpa. Then, we all

They have come to help us build our

new house.

And how can we thank you grandfather?

- Your mother and your grandmother are already preparing a delicious
food to provide to all volunteers who come to work.

The grandfather calls Juan and together with his grandchildren he receives his friends. They all get down to work to build a new house in the community. Women, men, young people and even children bring the materials, help with the cement mix, carry water, collect the stone and work without ceasing until the work is finished. At the end of the day, everyone shares and enjoys a
great meal.

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Did you know...

The word minga comes from the Kichwa "minka".
At the end of the minga, food and drink were shared. This activity is called pambamesa.

After having read the story "La minga, a solidary way of living"

Answer the following questions.

1. Where was the minga created?
   a) In Juan's grandfather's house.
   b) In indigenous communities.
   c) In Ecuador.

2. For what purpose was the minga created?
   a) All the inhabitants have a better life.
   b) Eat after work.
   c) A form of payment, for working.

3. Why is a minga called?
   a) Just to eat, dance and party.
   b) To pass the time.
   c) Make houses, irrigation canals, planting and more.

4. What is the name of sharing at the end of the minga?
   a) Block party
   b) Dance club
   c) Pambamesa

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Write the values that you discover when you perform a minga.

1.

2.

3.

If you were the governor of your locality, would you convene a minga? But because? What would you build?

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Create a double entry box. Choose what a minga is and what a minga isnot.

What is a minga?	
• Share	• Selfish work
• Envy	• Cleaning
• Do not help	• Make a mess
• Help each other	• Team work

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