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DAILY LIFE AROUND THE WORLD



Take a trip to Africa, Cambodia, and Australia.

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World Communities
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READING

Comprehension Skill:
Make Inferences

As you read, look for one or two clues and pieces of evidence that help you make inferences. Inferences are not stated in the book and might not be true.

Phonics/Word Study:
Long i digraphs

As you read, look for words with long i digraphs, like **design**. This sound in a syllable rhymes with the word **tie**.

Look for these text and graphic features.

Text Features

- Table of contents
- Introduction
- Sidebars
- Conclusion
- Index
- Information about the author
- Vocabulary words in boldfaced type
- Captions for photos, diagrams, and illustrations
- Checkpoints. Check yourself to see that you understand what you have read. Pages 9, 20

Graphic Features

- Photographs
- Chart. Page 22
- Labeled diagram. Page 16
- Labeled maps. Pages 3, 4, 10, 14

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Big Idea:

This book describes life in three different communities in the world. The book tells about daily life in communities in Africa, Cambodia, and Australia.

Look for these special information features.

Content Sidebars

- It's a Fact. Pages 13, 18
- Math Matters. Page 17
- Historical Perspective. Pages 6, 11, 15
- Primary Source. Page 7
- They Made a Difference. Page 9

Content Vocabulary

bamboo	irrigate	nomad	rice paddy
dugout	kraal	ocher	tradition
elder	monsoon	opal	
harvest	nanga	outback	

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Pictures To Think About

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Words To Think About

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dugout

What do you think the word **dugout** means in this book?

Meaning 1
a house built in the ground (noun)

Meaning 2
a boat or canoe (noun)

Meaning 3
a place where players sit during a baseball game (noun)

irrigate

What do you think the word **irrigate** means?

Latin:
in
(in)

Latin:
rigare
(to water or moisten)

Read for More Clues
dugout, page 18
harvest, page 12
irrigate, page 11

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harvest

What do you think the word **harvest** means?

When do people **harvest**?

- fall
- ?
- when crops are ripe

What crops do people **harvest**?

- corn
- ?
- wheat



INTRODUCTION

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The world has many different places. Each place has its own community. This book is about three communities.

First, we will visit the plains of Africa. Plains are large, grassy areas. The Masai (mah-SY) people live there. These people raise cows.

Next, we will see a river community. The river is in Asia. People there grow rice and catch fish.

Then we will go to Australia. We will go to the **outback** (OWT-bak). The outback is a large, dry desert plain. Many people there work in mines.

What is life like in these places? What do people eat? Where do people work? Where do people sleep? How are these communities alike? How are they different? Read on to find out.