

# Village Life in Africa

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The day begins early for people in villages in Africa. People in the villages live in huts made from mud with grass roofs. The women get up before the sun rises. The women head out to the fields to plant crops. At lunchtime they return home with firewood and fruit. Then they wash their clothes and prepare the evening meal.

The men check their fishing nets in rivers or lakes. They take their cattle to the fields to plough the ground. If they catch any fish they string them together and carry them home for dinner.

Children get up early to go to school. When the children get home from school they collect water from the well or river.

In the evening, families talk around the fire. They go to bed early and get ready for the next day.



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## Comprehension Questions

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1. What are the houses made out of in African villages?

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2. When do the women get up in the morning?

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3. What do the women do when they return home from the fields?

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4. Why do the men take their cattle to the fields?

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5. What chores do the children have when they get home from school?

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**Extension:** Why do you think the water has to be collected from a well or river?

# Wonderful Water

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Water is everywhere. Water is in the sky and in the ground. We use water in our homes. We use water every day. Water is very important for life. We need water to drink, to water plants, to cook and many other things.

Water covers more than 70% of the earth's surface. More than half of our bodies are made up of water!

Without clean and fresh water, all the plants, people and animals in the world would go thirsty. The earth has a limit on the amount of water that is out there. As more and more people are born in the world, we use more and

more water. It is important that we use water wisely and not waste it. If we waste water we may run out!



# Wonderful Water

## Comprehension Questions

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1. Where is water found?

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2. What do humans use water for?

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3. Why do plants and animals need water?

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4. How much of the earth's surface does water cover?

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5. Why are we using more and more water on earth?

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**Extension:** What do you use water for every day?