

Families Around the World

Grade 1 • SOCIAL-STUDIES • Students recognize ways families around the world can be alike and different. • Standards: D2.Geo.6.K-2

Read about each family. Then answer the question about how families are alike or different.

- 1.** Maya's family eats dinner together every night. Does your family eat meals together?
- 2.** Jin lives in a house with his mom, dad, and sister. Amara lives in a house with her two moms. Do both families have parents who love them?
- 3.** Leo's family celebrates birthdays with cake. Sara's family celebrates birthdays with special fruit. What is the SAME about these families?
- 4.** Kofi's family lives in a home made of clay bricks. Emma's family lives in a home made of wood. What is DIFFERENT?
- 5.** Raj's family wears sandals because the weather is hot. Nia's family wears boots because the weather is cold. Why do the families wear different shoes?
- 6.** Lucia's grandmother lives in the same house with her family. Tom's grandmother lives in a different town. What is DIFFERENT about where the grandmothers live?
- 7.** Yuki's family grows rice to eat. Ben's family buys rice at a store. What food do both families eat?
- 8.** Fatima's family speaks Arabic at home. Carlos's family speaks Spanish at home. Both families teach their children to read. What is the SAME?
- 9.** Aisha's family has a special dinner on Friday nights. Liam's family has a special dinner on Sunday afternoons. How are these family traditions ALIKE and DIFFERENT?
- 10.** Mei lives with her aunt and uncle who take care of her. Jamal lives with his mom and dad. Omar lives with his dad and grandpa. What is the SAME about all three

families?

Answer Key — Families Around the World

For the teacher / parent. Do not distribute with the worksheet.

1. Answers will vary (Yes or No) *(Students reflect on their own family practice)*
2. Yes *(Both families have loving parents)*
3. Both families celebrate birthdays *(The tradition of celebrating is the same even though the food is different)*
4. The homes are made of different materials *(One home is clay, the other is wood)*
5. Because they live in places with different weather *(Climate affects clothing choices)*
6. One grandmother lives with the family and one lives far away *(Family structures vary in living arrangements)*
7. Rice *(Both families eat rice even though they get it differently)*
8. Both families teach their children to read *(Education is valued in both families despite different languages)*
9. Alike: both have special family dinners. Different: they happen on different days *(Students identify both a similarity and a difference)*
10. All three children have family members who take care of them and love them *(All families provide care and love regardless of structure)*