

## The world is growing together

How do children on other continents live? What religion do they belong to? What games do they play? What do all children have in common? How do you cook Thai chicken curry?

### Claire

Claire comes from New York City, United States. She lives on the 39th floor of a skyscraper. Claire calls her mother "Mom" and her father "Daddy." She rides a yellow bus to school. Her favorite snack is cookies.

### Juan

Juan lives in Bogotá, Colombia. The city is very large, and a lot of poor people also live there. Juan's ancestors come from Spain. Juan likes to eat "arequipe," which is a sweet caramel pudding-like dessert.

### Selim

Selim lives in Istanbul, Turkey, where he can cross a bridge from Europe to Asia. Selim often goes to the bazaar in the afternoon. Something is always going on there. He likes to eat "helva," which is Turkish honey.



### Olga

Olga comes from Moscow, Russia. Moscow is the capital of Russia. Olga's favorite food is "blinys," which are pancakes. She often visits her grandmother, whom she calls "Babuschka." This is how Olga writes her name: ОЛЯ. These letters are Cyrillic.

### Lorenzo

Lorenzo lives in Rome, Italy. The world's largest church is in Rome: St. Peter's Basilica. Lorenzo loves spaghetti, pizza, and ice cream. During school vacation, he travels with his mom and pop to the beach. On a map, Italy looks like a boot.

### Maria

Maria lives in Rwanda, a small, mountainous country in Africa. A few years ago, there was a civil war in Rwanda, and she lost both her parents. Since then, Maria is the father and mother of her four younger siblings. Every day, Maria cooks cassava and beans for her siblings, works in the field, and walks a long distance to fetch water.

## Information Sheet

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Thanks to modern technology, we are closely connected with the whole world. We can find and exchange information using the Internet. Airplanes and ships quickly take people, food, and other things to nearly every place in the world. This process is called **globalization**.

**Assignment:** Match the correct country flag to each child.

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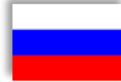
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