

Families Near and Far

Compare family and school life in two world communities.

3.5a "The structure and activities of families and schools share similarities and differences across world communities."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline any two activities both children do. Circle two activities described for only one child. A missing detail does not prove the other child never does that activity.

Two Community Routines

- ① Meet two imaginary children whose routines show possible family and school experiences. Amara lives in Nairobi, Kenya, with her mother, father, and younger brother. Her aunt lives nearby and often helps with meals and homework. On school days, Amara walks to school with her brother. In the evening, the family drinks tea and eats bread while they talk about the day. Families in Nairobi can have different routines and family members.
- ② Mateo lives in Cusco, Peru, with his grandparents and parents. Before school, he feeds the family's guinea pigs. At school, Mateo and his classmates listen to lessons, read books, and solve math problems. His class also takes turns cleaning their room. Some schools have jobs for students, but the jobs and daily schedules may differ from school to school.
- ③ Amara and Mateo both live with family members who help at home. Both go to school, learn from teachers, and work with classmates. Their homes and schools have differences too. Amara's aunt helps with homework, while Mateo feeds guinea pigs before school. Mateo's class cleans its room, but Amara's school routine is not described that way. Your family and school may share some activities with theirs and have other differences.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What is one similarity between Amara's and Mateo's families?

2 How are Amara's and Mateo's family structures different?

3 Name two school activities that Amara and Mateo both do.

4 What classroom job does Mateo's class do? Is that job stated for Amara's school?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write four sentences comparing your family or school with Amara's or Mateo's. Tell one similarity and one difference about family members or activities.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline any two activities both children do. Circle two activities described for only one child. A missing detail does not prove the other child never does that activity. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What is one similarity between Amara's and Mateo's families?	Both live with family members who help at home.
2	How are Amara's and Mateo's family structures different?	Amara lives with her parents and younger brother, while Mateo lives with his parents and grandparents.
3	Name two school activities that Amara and Mateo both do.	They both learn from teachers and work with classmates.
4	What classroom job does Mateo's class do? Is that job stated for Amara's school?	Mateo's class takes turns cleaning its room. No, that job is not stated for Amara's school.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

My family and Amara's family both talk together in the evening. My uncle lives in our house, but Amara's aunt lives nearby. My school and Mateo's school both have students who work with classmates. At my school, students water plants instead of cleaning the classroom.

Accept any accurate similarity or difference supported by the passage. For Your Turn, accept personal comparisons that clearly include one similarity and one difference.