

Baka Community Lifestyle: activity sheet

How does your lifestyle compare to a Baka child who lives in the rainforest in Cameroon?

	Baka Community	Your community
Food	<p>They travel around from place to place to find food which the forest provides. Men hunt using bows and arrows. They think carefully about what to hunt in order to protect the forests, so they never hunt too many of the same species.</p> <p>Women gather wild fruit, nuts and vegetables and collect honey from bee hives.</p> <p>During the dry season they go fishing.</p>	
Homes	<p>Because they move around, they live in temporary huts built from bowed branches covered in large leaves. These are built up into a domed water proof roof.</p> <p>The houses are quite small and have simple beds and furniture made from wood from the forest.</p>	
Education	<p>Children are educated by the women in the community and they learn about all the forest activities.</p> <p>Some Baka children go to school but this is not very common as they are always moving around.</p> <p>You also have to pay to attend school in Cameroon.</p>	

What similarities and what differences have you discovered while comparing the lives of forest people with the lives of people in your own community?

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