



Read the Text below, answer some questions and draw a picture of the girl and her surroundings.

Hello, my name is Xisi, I am an eleven years old girl. My family and I live as members of a native group in the Brazilian jungle. Every morning we take a bath in the river near our huts. My sister usually bakes manioc flat bread and we eat together. It tastes great. My favorite fillings are fresh mangoes and coconut cream, but father likes to wrap grilled piranha into it. We only use our fingers to eat.

After we finish breakfast my brothers split in three groups:

Two of them leave the village and hunt in the forests. They also collect the poison of poison arrow frogs or important herbs and seeds my grandmother needs to prepare the medicine for our whole community.

Four of my brothers cut down a piece of jungle next to our huts, because they need wood and palm tree leaves to build up a new community house. The place where they take the trees from will change into our new corn field soon. We also cultivate manioc, peppers, beans, tomatoes and potatoes in small gardens around our village.

My oldest brother goes to the river to fish with our father.

All women meet today at the new field to cut down the understory. My three sisters, mother, grandmother and I grab our handmade tools and work until the sun gets too hot to continue.

We go back to our huts where the fishing group is awaiting us with delicious food. The women prepare lunch and we eat together and have a little rest after the hard work.

In the afternoon we return to our cornfield. We work until evening and the field is perfect to bring out the seeds the next day.

We return to the village, eat some baked fruit and sit together. My brothers tell us about their day in the forests. I am too tired to stay awake, but I am sure the next day will be wonderful as well...



Questions

- 1) How old is the girl?
- 2) What's her name?
- 3) What's her favorite breakfast?
- 4) How many brothers and sisters does she have?
- 5) Why do her brothers collect herbs and seeds?
- 6) Where does the girl spend most time of her day?
- 7) Which kind of plants do they cultivate?
- 8) What do they have for lunch?
- 9) Why do her brothers cut down trees?
- 10) Can you imagine spending your life in the jungle?

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Draw your picture of Xisi!

