

From Lifidzi Primary School to Valley Road

1. What are the animals eating?

Animals in markets eat banana peels, cabbage leaves, tree leaves, sweet potato vines that are thrown away

2. Who do the animals live with?

Cows, sheep and goats live with their owners. However they are attended by boys who are employed by the people who own these animals.

3. Why are there cows in the road?

Cows are mostly found on the road as they graze along the roads. In most cases they are attended by boys who take care of the animals like goats and sheep. However, when they are not attended they move everywhere destroying other people's plants.

4. Are the houses built out of mud?

Most of our houses are built from mud. We make bricks from mud. Some of the bricks are sun dried and others are burnt.

5. Do you play sports?

In school we do play sports. Our activities are playing football, netball; we also compete in running and jumping.

6. How many animals do you have in a typical household?

It depends on a family some might have 20 chickens and another family might have only 2 and none at all. Some families keep goats, pigs, cows and some do not.

7. How hot is it?

When it is very hot temperatures count 40 degrees and at times it is very humid as well.

8. What do you eat?

We eat nsima which is our staple food. It is made out of maize flour or cassava flour. Nsima is eaten with relish like fish, beans, vegetables, eggs, meat etc.

9. Where do you eat?

We eat our food in our homes. However there are tea rooms and restaurants where people buy food for example rice, meat, beans vegetables, nsima and fish.

10. What are your parents names?

In most cases children here do not know their parents first names. We only know their surnames.

11. What materials do you use to make your buildings?

Our buildings are made of either sun dried or burnt bricks, wood, grasses, bamboos for roofing grass thatched houses and iron sheets to roof tin roofed houses. Our

doors are made of timber or reeds. Some houses have cement floor and others have a floor of mud and it is regularly smeared with mud to avoid dust.

12. What are you selling?

In the market they are selling cabbages, tomatoes, oranges, sweet potatoes, bananas and beans.

13. Do you have a communal swimming pool?

No we do not have a communal swimming pool. We go to swim at the river which is near our school or at times at the Lake when we have a school trip to play football especially in schools nearing the lake.

14. How long does the market last for?

In our markets mostly some open as early as 6:00am and close 6pm. However some shops may still open till 8pm. There also special market days. At our trading centre the market start as early as 5am and ends 5pm this is done every Tuesday of the week. People come to sell second hand clothes, maize, goats and other farm produce.

15. What time of day is it?

The time of the day we guess that was in the morning say about 10-11 am.

16. Where is it?

It is one of the trading centres in Salima.

17. How do you keep the food clean?

To keep food clean, the food has to well prepared, one has to wash hands before handling food. Pots and plates are supposed to be washed as well. Food has to be covered with a plate or lid. Food has to be heated before eating to avoid some germs.

18. Do you like school?

In our school most of us like school.

19. When was the photo taken?

We do not know exactly when the photo was taken.

20. When does it rain?

It starts to rain late November to early December in our area. However we haven't had rains we are hoping to have rain soon.

21. How do you travel to the market?

We mostly walk and others cycle to the market.

22. How do you get your seeds to grow the food?

When we have harvested our maize and groundnuts, we keep some best maize cobs, we keep them in our kitchens where they are to be smoked. Weevils do not like the

smoke in the kitchen. For ground nuts they are put in a sealed big guard to avoid weevils.

23. What do you feed your goats?

Our goats are taken to graze all the time. They eat grass, maize stalks and groundnuts leaves after harvesting is done, goats roam around the school campus and in the community. During rainy season the goats are tied on a peg to avoid destroying other people's plants.

24. Who are the people in the picture?

Some of the people are traders who came to sell different things. Some of them are just passing by as the road is so close to the market.

25. Most of the animals are bought from the village. Some of the parents pass on animals to children of their choice if they behave well.

26. Do you drink lots of milk?

No we do not drink lots of milk. 1 litre of milk costs a pound in some places it is cheaper buying from villages. However, it is not tested by veterinary people.

27. Are the cows in the picture for sale?

No the cows in the picture are roaming around the market or else they are crossing the road.

28. Are there any toilets?

There are toilets around every market. Some are paying toilets and others are owned by shop owners. Not all the shops who own a toilet.

29. Do you sell hairbands and hair ties?

There are hairbands which are sold by mobile vendors. However in school we keep very short hair and we cannot use them in schools.

30. Do you drink lots of water?

Some of the children in our school drink less water while others drink lots of water.

31. Where do you get your water from?

Main sources of water are boreholes, rivers and wells.

32. Do the boys and girls play football?

Nowadays girls play football in school. Both boys and girls might compete in football.

33. What are the shops called?

Some shops are called hawkers and groceries. You cannot find everything you want in some shops in the village.

34. What do you make your fires out of?

We mostly make fire out of firewood and a few families use charcoal.

35. Why do you carry stuff on your head?

It is very easy a lighter to carry heavy things on our heads.

36. Is it very dry there?

Yes at the moment it is very dry.

37. Does it get muddy when it rains?

It gets muddy when it rains. Some trailers get stuck if they pass dry weathered road.

38. Do you have to stay at home when it rains?

We are forced to stay at home when we don't have rain coats and umbrellas. We are allowed to be in class if rains stops before other pupils have knocked off. Sometimes we combine classes to allow those whose classes are under the trees.

39. What sort of food are you selling?

In the markets there are various food stuff like fish, beans groceries like soap, sweets biscuits, clothes and a few others.

A goat costs 30 pounds = 15,000 Kwacha

A bag of maize cost 7 pounds

A sweet costs 0.04 pounds

1 kg Sugar costs 70p

1 kg goat or beef meat is 1.4 pounds

Pork is 1.2 Kwacha per kilo

40. Do you sing and dance at the market?

We only sing if there are special occasions for example awareness campaigns.

This can involve environmental campaigns educational campaigns, sanitation campaigns and many others.