

Marvellous Maasai



Aim

- I can understand what the Maasai culture is like.

Success Criteria

- I can describe 3 things about the Maasai people and culture.
- I can begin to understand some similarities and differences between the Maasai culture and my own culture.

Key Words



Maasai tribe

culture

tradition

jumping dance

warriors

competitive

mud huts



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- The most popular reserve in Kenya is the Maasai Mara National Reserve, which can be found in the south west of the country. It is named in honour of the Maasai tribe who live in the area.
- The Maasai Mara National reserve is famous world over for its large amount of wildlife, including all members of the 'Big Five'.
- The name 'Mara' means 'spotted', which is what the land looks like from a distance with trees, clouds and grass!



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What is culture? Can you describe some things about your own culture?

We are going to look at what the Maasai culture is like...



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Who are the Maasai people?

The Maasai tribe live in the African savannahs.

The Maasai tribe share the same ideas and way of life.

They use the land as their home and all live together.



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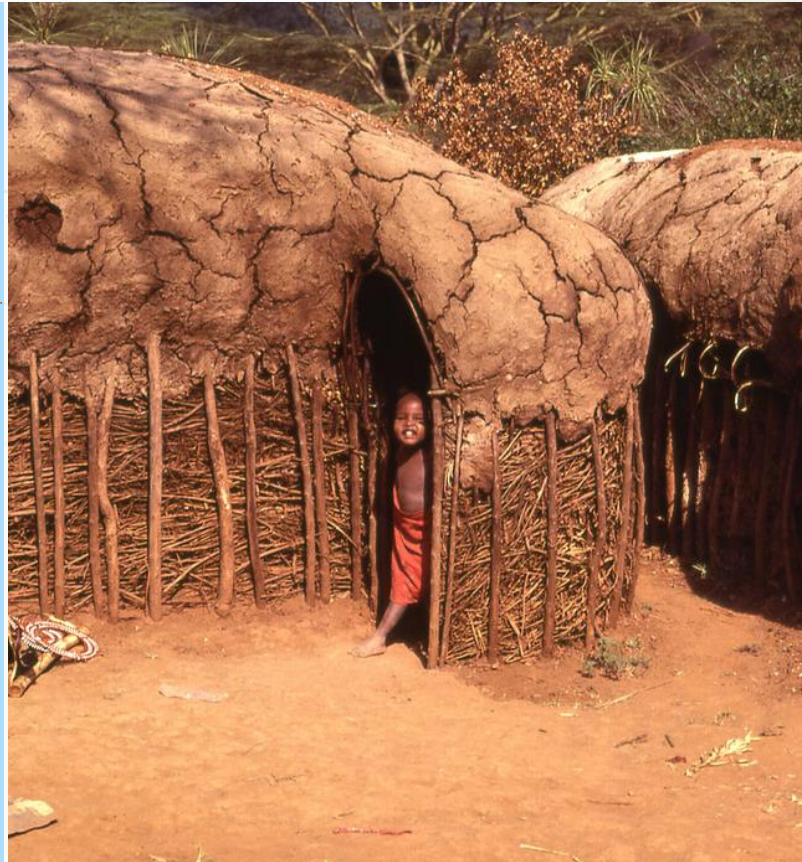
Where do they live?

The Maasai live in the Maasai Mara, which is a very large savannah and home to many of the great species of wildlife and plants.

The Maasai people live in mud huts made by the Maasai women.

They are made from mud, sticks, grass and cow dung.

The Maasai families live with their animals too. They are very careful to protect them from the big predators that roam the savannah.



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Ways of Life: Farming

The Maasai people own large herds of cows, goats and sheep.

Animals are very important to the Maasai people. They drink the blood and milk from the animals and use them for meat too.



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Ways of Life: Leading the Tribe

Maasai men are traditionally in charge of their tribe.

They wear bright red clothes. Red is their favourite colour.

The Massai men go out to hunt animals to provide food for their families.



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Ways of Life: Maasai Women and Children

Maasai women traditionally look after the children in their families.

They wear lots of jewellery, such as beads. The more beads that they wear, the richer they look.



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Ways of Life: The Jumping Dance

The Maasai tribe love music and dance; both are very special in the Maasai culture. They sing lots of songs together and wear their best clothes.

The Maasai men perform a special dance, called the jumping dance, when they are showing off to women!

Tourists that visit the reserve often enjoy watching the jumping dance.



