

for children

hello

DR CONGO

How do you greet someone in Swahili?



Jambo

(Say "JAHM-bo")

My name is Dorika Pascal.

Age: 12

Lives in: Mubimbi Camp, the Democratic Republic of the Congo

I live with my mom, and I have four brothers and two sisters. Before I lived in Mubimbi, I lived in Ufamandu (a village about a three-day walk from Mubimbi). We were chased, then we came here. (Like Dorika and her family, many families in the eastern part of DR Congo have had to leave their villages because of fighting and armed conflict. In the camp, MCC provides food, helps families grow crops and supports the education of Dorika and other children.)

Because of COVID-19, we have missed months of school, and I've had a lot of fears and worry about whether I will study again. (As of February 2021, school was not in session to prevent the spread of COVID-19.)

Finding peace

How many of these words for peace can you find?

X	X	J	T	X	S	J	O	P	K
H	L	W	I	V	H	Z	J	E	I
N	Z	Q	S	M	A	V	U	A	M
C	D	W	A	H	N	S	Y	C	I
W	Z	X	N	A	T	A	P	E	A
I	P	T	T	M	I	L	N	A	N
O	A	M	I	A	K	A	N	C	Z
A	I	C	P	N	C	A	G	J	H
X	X	R	A	I	U	M	F	N	O
U	Z	H	B	N	L	E	F	P	W

Find the words: amani (Swahili); paix (French); salaam (Arabic); peace (English); santipab (Lao); paz (Spanish); kimia (Lingala); shanti (Hindi)

When school meets, it is from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a tea break and porridge provided by the school. We are done with classes at 4 p.m. and play at school until 5 p.m.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, I would wake up each morning, sweep, clean dishes, take a shower and go to school. I liked studying geography because I could write about the Democratic Republic of the Congo and France. After school, I would wash my clothes, then go play. I draw lines with a stick and jump from box to box.

What I want to be: nurse midwife

My favourite food: fish and fufu (a staple food made from cassava or corn flour)

My favourite subject: geography

