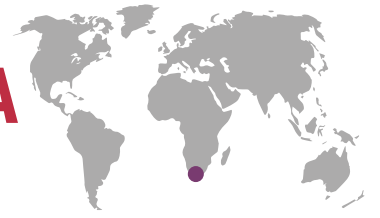


for children

hello

SOUTH AFRICA

How do you say hello in Zulu?



sawubona

(Say "sa-woo-BOH-nah")

My name is Joshua Osenge

Age: 10

Lives in: Durban, South Africa

I was born in South Africa. But we speak Swahili at home because my parents are from the Democratic Republic of the Congo; sometimes I want to go there when the war is over. It feels like we're far away from home, but my family had to start a new life here because there was war.

I'm in grade five. When I wake up in the morning I take a bath, brush my teeth, put my green school uniform on and eat breakfast while my dad watches the news. Then he drives me 20 minutes to school.

I study English, math, social science, Zulu, natural science, technology and music. After school I come to the Children's Care Centre (which MCC helps support), draw pictures and eat some food. I came here when I was younger too. When I'm not in school, I like to visit my friends and cousins, watch TV, study and play soccer.

My favourite food: barbecued meat with cornmeal porridge (*brai* meat and *pap*)

My favourite subject: math

What I want to be: a soccer player

SAY WHAT?

South Africa has **11 official languages**, a way of recognizing the many tribal groups in South Africa along with the two previous official languages of English and Afrikaans. What do you think it would be like to have 11 official languages? Often, people do speak more than one language, but not all 11. Zulu, which Joshua is learning in school, is one of the most widely spoken languages.

Can you write "hello" in another language?

_____ (language: _____)

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