

for children

hello

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How can you greet someone in Lingala?

Mbote

(Say "um-BOAT-tay")



My name is Angele Kingenzi.

Age: 11

Lives in: Kikwit, Kwilu Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo

I live with my mom, two older sisters and two younger brothers. We came to Kikwit when I was little because of fighting where we used to live.

One of my chores is to fetch water (at a well installed through MCC). This water is better than the water we used to get at the spring, which sometimes gave me stomachaches. We use the new water to drink, to clean dishes, to bathe and to cook food, like fish and cassava leaves.

Every morning when I wake up, the first thing I do is pray to God. While I am walking to school, I like to play a jumping game called *Nzango* with my brothers and sisters. (*Nzango* means "foot game" in Lingala.) I play it at recess with my friends, too.

My favorite food: fish

My favorite subject: French

What I want to be: computer scientist

Play Nzango!

Stand facing a friend.

- Decide who will be **player 1** (leader) and **player 2** (challenger) and how many jumps you will do in a round.
- Jump together, landing at the same time with one foot in front of the other. **Player 2** tries to predict what foot **player 1** will put forward.
- Player 2** wants to land with their front foot directly across from **player 1's** front foot. So, if **player 1** lands with their right foot forward, **player 2** wants to land with their left foot forward. If **player 2** succeeds, they get a point.
- If **player 2** lands with their front foot opposite (diagonal) from **player 1's**, **player 1** gets the point.
- If the players don't land at the same time, neither gets a point.



More than two people can play at a time.

