

for children

# hello

## CAMBODIA

How can you greet someone in Khmer?

## chom reab sour

(Say "chom reab so-ur")



In Cambodia, names are in a different order than in the U.S.

So we would call our friend "Reachsei" (pronounced reach-sai)

### My name is Ni Reachsei.

**Age: 10** **Lives in: Tram Dom village, Cambodia**

I live with my mom, my dad and my older sister, Reaksa. I also have a dog named Alok, who always runs to greet me when I come home, and we play together every day.

When I wake up in the morning, I help my mom wash the dishes and cook rice and then I go to school. I enjoy playing ball with friends. I also help collect cashew nuts from the cashew trees near our farm. My parents use the money from selling the nuts to buy food for the family.

My mom has taught me that trees in the forest are important for wildlife and producing oxygen and that protecting the river means there are enough fish for everyone to eat and sell.

**My favorite food: stir-fried chicken**

**My favorite subject: math**

**What I want to be: police officer**



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### The mighty Mekong

Ni Reachsei lives near the Mekong River, home to over 1,300 species of fish and one of the world's most diverse ecosystems. His mother is part of a team that helps care for this very special river.

**What amazing life might you see as you float on the river?**

Search for these plants and animals (just the green words):

IRRAWADDY **DOLPHIN**

WATER **SPINACH**

GIANT **CATFISH**

CHICKEN EGG **BANANA TREE**

GIANT **IBIS**

WILD **WATER BUFFALO**

FROG-FACED **TURTLE**

**FUN FACT:** Many smaller rivers connect to the Mekong. One of these, the Tonlé Sap, flows in different directions during different times of year!

