

for children

hello

JORDAN

How do you say hello in Arabic?



marhaba

(Say "MAR-ha-bah")



My name is Yara Mohammad Alshamailah.

Age: 12

Lives in: Hisban, Jordan

I live in the village of Hisban with my mother, father and four sisters. My mother is the principal at my school, where I am in seventh grade. When I'm not at school, I like to draw or to play on the computer. I do computer programming as a hobby. Recently I won a competition for young programmers.

I joined the environmental club at my school this year (set up by the MCC-supported Green Schools project) because I wanted to help preserve the environment.

As part of the club, we have a schedule for irrigating the plants using gray water (water from other uses like washing hands) we conserve from our school. We also do checks around the school to make sure everything is working, that the water taps are all working and that there are no cracks or leaks in the water pipes so that we don't waste water.

My favorite food: **stuffed grape leaves**

My favorite subject: **mathematics**

What I want to be: **doctor**

Caring for the earth

As you read Yara's story, think about the things that you and your family or school do to preserve the earth. Yara is conserving water and using it to help her school garden grow. Can you name three actions you're taking now, or could take this spring and summer, to care for the earth?

