

for children

hello

SERBIA

How do you say hello in Romani?



sar hijan

(Say SAR-he-shan)

My name is Edvin Dramaku.

Age: 10

Lives in: Surčin, Belgrade, Serbia

I live with my father, mother and older brother; my grandfather and grandmother live downstairs. I have a parrot and a dog.

I am in grade four. I go to school in the morning; then I come home and have lunch. I study about one hour at home, and then I go do homework at the “Little School” for extra lessons. (MCC helps support the Little School, which serves students like Edvin who are from the Roma community.)

My favorite thing at school is playing, to exercise. I also like mathematics. What is interesting for me is how to multiply, how to divide. I like when there is a complicated problem for me to solve.

In the evening I spend time with my brother playing football (soccer). Red Star is my favorite team, and I have friends whose favorite team is Partizan. (Both teams are from Belgrade, Serbia.) We divide into our favorite teams and play against each other. On the weekends I study, and then I go with my grandfather to visit my aunt.

My favorite subject: mathematics

My favorite food: spaghetti with ketchup

What I want to be: a teacher

Find Romani words

- PENKALO (pen)
- KALJEMI (pencil)
- LJIL (paper)
- SKOLA (school)
- RAZRED (class)
- SIKLJOLA (study)
- CELAJA (play)



Word search

Romani is the language of Roma people, an ethnic group originally from northern India but found throughout Europe today. Students like Edvin who grow up speaking Romani then have to learn Serbian for school.

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