## A child like me

Read Ireen's story and answer the questions about how she lives and about your home too.





Ireen rests outside her home after collecting water for her family to cook and wash.



## Ireen's home

I live in Malawi, a country in the South East of Africa. Like all the other houses in my village, my hut is made of mud and covered with grass.

There's only one room and I sleep there with my whole family. This is also where my mum cooks, so it can be quite smoky inside.

Sometimes, when it rains, water trickles in the hut, making the walls and floor damp. We don't have lights so it's very dark even during the day.

I don't like staying in my house because it's small and gloomy. I prefer to be out and play with my friends, which makes me happy.

Highlight the words you don't know. Can you find any synonyms for these words? Where does Ireen live? In which part of the world is that? What do you think about Ireen's home? Would you like to live there? Why? How is your home? Can you describe your bedroom and your favourite place?

