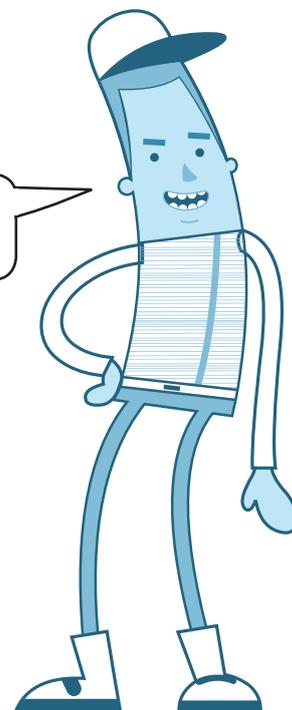


Name: _____

Calling all active citizens

How many countries do you know?



Let's play a game

Think of a country. Now think of another, which starts with the last letter of the previous one. How many countries can you write down in this way before you get stuck? (You can use an atlas or globe to help you.)

What's going on in the world at the moment? Look at a children's newspaper, news website or news programme on the television and fill in the chart below.

What places are in the news?	Why are they in the news?	Is it a positive or a negative story?

Use a globe or map to find the countries you have heard about in the news. How else can you find out information about what's going on in the world?

How can you be an active citizen?



Name: Jelisa Johnson
Age: 10
Lives: London, UK

People around the world are doing things to try and make the world a better place. Jelisa's Brownie group made and sold cakes to raise money for charity.

What kinds of things do people do to make the world better?

What do you wish for the world?

What could you do to help make your wish come true?

Complete and decorate this 'promise' card. Then put it somewhere to remind you what you will try to do.

To help make this world a better place, I promise to

Signed:

Date:

Jelisa's story



This is Jelisa Johnson. She is ten years old and lives in northwest London.

Jelisa has three sisters and two brothers. She is in year five at school and is very sporty. She says, 'I want to be a gymnast at the Olympics!'

Jelisa and her friends are in the 2nd Sudbury Brownie pack. Brownies is a weekly club for girls aged 7 to 11. 'I like Brownies – it's fun,' says Jelisa. 'You go on trips and do arts and crafts and cooking.'

When you join a Brownie pack you make a promise to help other people. Jelisa's Brownie group has been learning about the lives of people in other parts of the world, and they decided to make cakes and sell them to raise money for charity. Jelisa says, 'I wish everyone could have proper homes, water, education – all the things we enjoy here.'

The Brownies sold the cakes they made to their friends and families.

'Children can do things to help others – they can give clothes, shoes, raise money, give to charities,' says Jelisa.

Jelisa's friend Niamh says, 'And children can write to the prime minister too. Children have the same right as anyone else.'

Jelisa and her Brownie group are being 'active citizens'.

All over the world people are doing amazing things to transform lives and make the planet a better place for themselves and for others. Sometimes this means speaking up when something is unfair and sometimes this means doing something practical.