



TAPORI

is a worldwide friendship network which brings together children from different backgrounds who want all children to have the same chances. They learn from children whose everyday life is very different from theirs. They think and act for a fairer world by inventing a way of living where no one is left behind.

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Getting
involved
around us...

we have ideas!



Drawings : Noisy-le Grand - France, and Goma - Democratic Republic of Congo

Dear Tapori,

The Tapori Express boats you've built came to us with your messages, your ideas and your dreams.

When we go through difficult times, it is good to have dreams and to talk about them. But for that to happen, everyone should be able to share their feelings. So here are some ideas for doing this.

Sail your boats on Lake Tapori to carry children who want to get together with others, who dream of a better world by taking action.

Come on, all aboard – we are about to set off...

Water is a concern everywhere. How does it play a part in your everyday life?

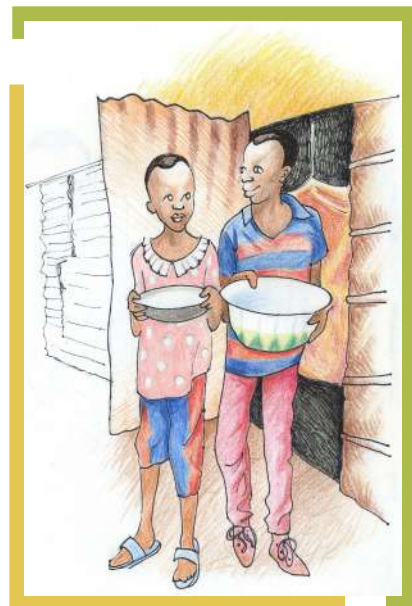
"We share it with our neighbours, friends and visitors because we have a tap at home and sometimes the neighbours come to draw water from my house."

Goma- Democratic
Republic of Congo



"At home, if there's no water, we wake up early in the morning to look for it in other neighbourhoods."

Central African Republic



"At home, to get water, We have to wake up every morning at 6 o'clock. I take the 10-litre can and my older brothers take the 20-litre cans."

Bukavu - Democratic
Republic of Congo



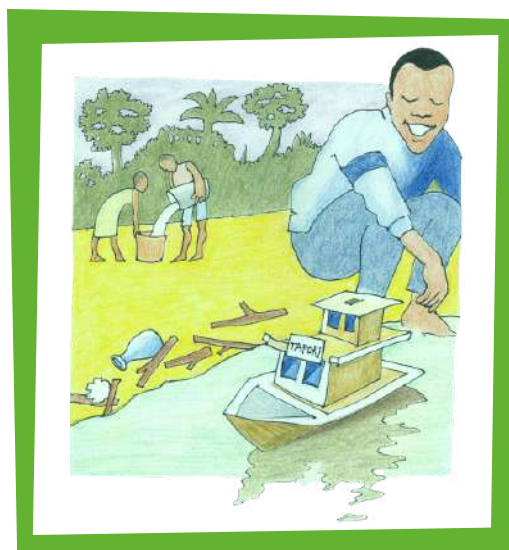
"When it rains, we can collect water for the flowers and vegetables. We can use the water we have already used to water the plants."

Mauritius



"It is needed for bathing or cooking, we want people everywhere to make better use of water from springs, the clouds, the sea, and from rivers, lakes and ponds."

Reunion Island



"If we have enough water at home, we share it with people in our neighbourhood who are short of water, so they can help us when we run out of it."

Goma- Democratic
Republic of Congo

In uvira, united to make adobe bricks!



In April 2020, heavy rain hit the town of Uvira in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Thousands of families lost their homes, washed away by the rivers.



The Taporu children participated in a "Mulari" solidarity action making adobe bricks. Taporu leaders from other groups also came. Together, they made 6,400 bricks of earth, which enabled the rebuilding of houses for several families. Everyone came with a tool: a can or a pot to store water; a hoe or a pickaxe to dig the earth.

How to make adobe bricks?



The materials you need:

- Clay soil
- Water
- Brick moulds

MULARI means "Community invitation" in Kifuliro. This language is used by the Bafuliru people in Uvira.

All you need to do is:

- 1 Take some clay and mix it with water to form a slightly firm mud.
- 2 Press the mud into the mould to make a brick shape.
- 3 Turn the brick over slowly and leave to dry in the sun for 3 days.



When's the best time to make the bricks?

In Democratic Republic of Congo, we have two seasons each year: the rainy season and the dry season. It is best to make the adobe bricks during the dry season when there is a lot of sun.

What about you? Are there activities you have undertaken together to help your community? Is there a word or an expression for this? **Tell us about it!**

On Lake Taporì...

Let's continue the journey on the Taporì Express!

A child from Goma explains where his boat goes: "This boat sails on Lake Taporì to carry children who want to get together with others, who dream of a better world by taking action, who want all children to have the same opportunities. If you also have the same dreams, come aboard because the journey's going to begin right away!"

During your journey, you will land on different islands. On each island, there are projects for everyone aboard the Taporì Express. To move forward, you will all have to use your tangrams together to face up to the challenge on each island...

use your tangrams to copy the models, and move from island to island!

Friendship Island

You have landed on Friendship Island. Two children from the Democratic Republic of Congo are proposing new challenges to the Taporì Express:

Esther from the Muhungu group: "Transport people including my friends to the end of the world to meet other children."

A child from Lutonde: "It will be a boat for all the orphans and our Taporì friends and we will meet there together to play, dance, and draw..."

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Copy this
to land on the
island!

Peace Island

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You are now on Peace Island. You can discover new challenges that children from Central Africa are giving the Taporì Express:

"Bringing peace to countries where there is war."
"Save people, and also bring war refugees back to their countries."

Social Justice Island

On Social Justice Island, check out the new challenges for the Taporì Express. These are from children of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

A child from Goma: "Fight against social inequality on the lakes and oceans of the world."

A child from Kasindi: "Carry the problems of people in extreme poverty across the lake so that they can forget all their suffering."

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Action Island

You dock on the last island, Action Island. Children from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Switzerland give the Taporì Express boats their final assignments.

A child from Taporì Kibwe: "Go to places where people live in extreme poverty: across Lake Kivu to Bukavu, across Lake Tanganyika to Uvira, and across oceans and seas to reach other continents."

Hyab from Rorschach: "Fish in the lake and in the sea."

The Taporì Express will continue their journey to reach other children. Feel free to write to us to give more challenges!

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Copy model 4!

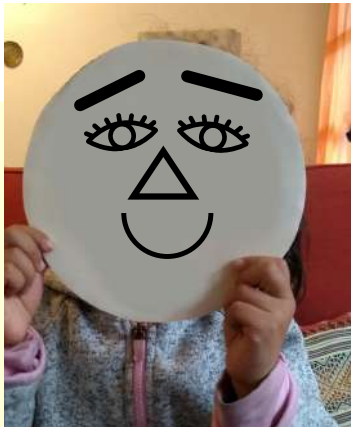


Let's learn to talk about our emotions



Right now, with the coronavirus and all the other problems, it's hard to stay calm! Often we worry about our family and friends. So we can take care of everyone and support each other, everyone needs to try and say how they feel. And this isn't easy! Let's try it together:

Emotions with changing faces!



I'm happy



I'm angry



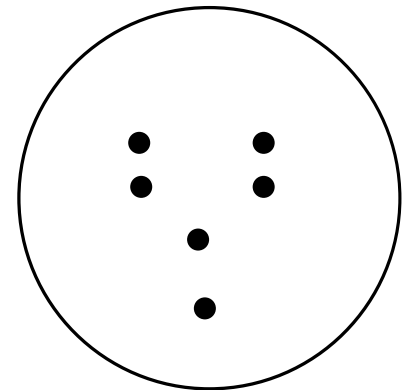
I'm unhappy

With cardboard and scissors, create lots of facial expressions!

- 1 From cardboard, cut out a large circle the size of your face.
- 2 On another piece of cardboard, draw a nose, eyes, mouth and eyebrows, as shown below, colour them and cut them out.
- 3 Attach these different parts to the large circle with something that lets them spin (paper brads, drawing pins, or paper fasteners).
- 4 Now you can spin these different parts to express all kinds of emotions!

Here are some of the emotions you can express: I'm happy, sad, angry, surprised, embarrassed, worried, disappointed, pleased, proud, confident, funny, etc.

You can also write these emotions on cards, pick one out and try to show the emotion on the face!



For the face cardboard circle, you can prepare small holes to fix the elements, like in the drawing: 2 for eyes and 2 for eyebrows, 1 for the nose and 1 for the mouth

Example of elements to copy:



Mouth



Nose



Eyes



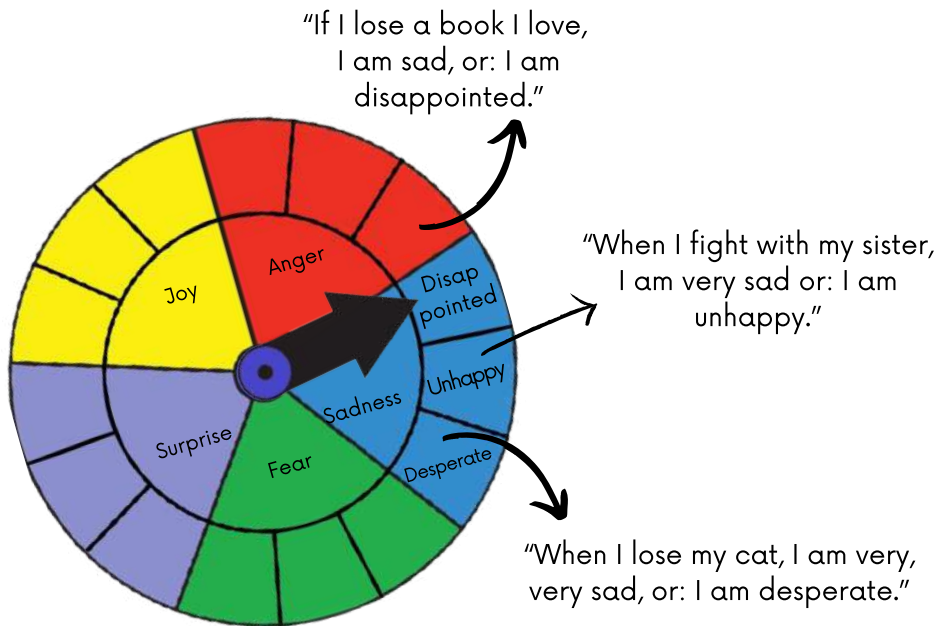
Eyebrows



Paper fasteners

A "wheel of emotions" to say how you feel

Make your "wheel of emotions" on a large piece of cardboard, with different coloured parts for 5 emotions as on the drawing. Add an arrow to spin in the middle. Using everyday situations, try to find new words to talk about emotions more precisely. You can find examples of words in the "Emotions Dictionary". Then write these new words in the spaces provided on the wheel.



Emotions Dictionary

Joy: cheerful, delighted, happy, in a good mood, joyful, peaceful, calm, enthusiastic, confident, delighted.

Anger: annoyed, irritated, angry, enraged, furious, cross, displeased.

Fear: wary, paralysed, worried, fearful, frightened, shocked, terrified, scared, anxious

Sadness: hurt, upset, desperate, disappointed, sorry, unhappy, sad, sorrowful, preoccupied.

Surprise: curious, interested, amazed, astonished, amused, excited, impatient, surprised, startled.

Two suggestions of games with the wheel of emotions

These are games best played with others. Everyone can play - children and adults!

Game 1 - Emotions barometer

Everyone shows how they feel today by turning the arrow on the "wheel of emotions". Eg.: "Today I feel sad" or specify: "disappointed" or "unhappy", or "desperate". You can also say why you feel that way, but you don't have to.

It takes time to express our emotions! If you play this game every time you get together, it will get easier and easier.



Andiel playing the Emotions barometer

Game 2 - How does it make me feel?

Someone presents a situation to the group and, in turn, everyone says how they react using the "wheel of emotions".

Suggested situations:

- "My class is going to be split into two groups and I am not going to be with my friends for the day."
- "My parents are going to take us swimming on Sunday."
- "The teachers ask me a lot of questions about my life." (*)
- "The teachers always punish me by stopping me going out for play time, which is the only thing that makes me want to go to school." (*)

You can invent and play with your own situations!

(*) These situations were from children of the Tapori group in Ventilla, Spain!

Welcome to Taporì

Noisy-le-Grand, France

Hello,

How are the Taporì clubs? Our names are Chams, Henri, Adam, Elisabetha, Océane, Manuel, Angel, Lìga, Jad, Lou and Jennifer. We are 6, 7, 8 and 8 and a half years old.

Our group is called "The super Taporì kids of Noisy-le-Grand"

We live in France.

Goodbye Taporì. See you soon.

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Bangui, Central African Republic

The Taporì Children's Parliament



This group of children aged 8 to 16, started on 28 November 2020 in Bangui, Central African Republic. Every child has a space to express themselves in freely and to support each other in friendship. This group's mission is to befriend children who have no friends, to leave no child behind, and to defend their rights.

To convey their messages, members of this Parliament use radio broadcasts, visits to disadvantaged children, meetings in private and public schools, cultural activities, celebrations of World Children's Day and the International Day of the African Child, etc.

A group under the microscope: Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo

Discover the life of Taporì children

Goma is a city in the east of the country, a region regularly subject to violence. On 12 April, young people from two ethnic communities clashed. Houses were burnt down and families fled to the south of the city, only to return a few days later when the situation calmed down.

For a long time now, through their meetings, Taporì children from different communities have been getting to know and respect each other. They never stop demanding peace. Perhaps that is why there has been less damage in the avenue where they are.

Don't hesitate to write messages to the children of Goma!

Info flash

On the evening of 22 May, the Nyiragongo volcano near Goma erupted. Major tremors continued for several days. Once again the population had to flee the city...

#BENI#
J'EXIGE LE RETOUR
DE LA PAIX DURABLE
DANS LA REGION
DE BENI. (*)

(*) I demand the return of lasting peace in the Beni region!