

Word Bank

Use the word bank to fill in the blanks in the essay below.

students

differences

exercising

community

voice

News by Neyde

My name is Neyde, and I am a child reporter for Radio Xia-Xia, a radio channel that brings news to other kids in Mozambique. On the show, we introduce important issues like children's rights and social issues that affect our community. I like to encourage kids to share their thoughts and ideas at home and school. It's important to speak up because even young kids can make a big difference in the world. I'm no different from other kids — I go to school and love spending time with my friends. Anyone can be a child reporter, including you!

Looking Past Differences

Today, I want to introduce you to my class. There are about 62 _____ in my class, and we are all friends. Whether someone has a disability or is different does not matter — we all get along. Everyone comes from a different background, but we find similarities while also learning about our _____. When my teacher sees that any of the students are about to get into an argument, she steps in and asks why they are upset. By doing so, she is able to help us explain and solve our problems.

Strengthening the Mind and Body

At school, I study mathematics, Portuguese, science, social studies, physical education, art, and trade education. My favorite subject is social studies because I learn about how my parents lived during the colonial times and how things have changed since then. I also think that physical education is important because through _____, we learn how to strengthen our bodies and get healthier. In my physical education class, we sometimes jump rope, and other times, we sing and do exercises.



Neyde is a child reporter for Radio Xia-Xia.

Empowering Others

Social issues can be found anywhere, from family to school to your _____. It's a great idea to look around you and think about how issues related to children's health, education, and safety may affect you. As a child reporter, the most important thing about empowering others is making sure everyone's _____ is heard. ●

Did You Know?

- * Mozambique is a country in Southeast Africa.
- * Citizens of Mozambique are known as Mozambicans.
- * More than 52% of all Mozambicans are younger than 18 years old.

'Round the World on Radio

Neyde isn't the only one making her voice heard through radio! All over the world kids host their own programs to talk about issues that are important to them.



Peru

Hosts of Habla Huambriello (Speak up, Kids!), a radio show in Peru, interview Isabela Moner, a UNICEF Supporter and actress. Habla Huambriello is a radio program produced and hosted for and by youth. Together they discuss challenges youth face.



Haiti

With the help of equipment and mentoring provided by UNICEF, Jean Laybem, a Haitian teenager, produces stories on the rights of all children to receive good medical care.



Laos

Open Hearts, Open Airwaves is a radio show that broadcasts all across Laos, providing information that is useful to kids and families, like healthy eating tips. Youth who host the show also go into villages and share information in fun ways, like plays and competitions.



Afghanistan

Hassina presents a weekly radio program called Child's Home Radio. Many Afghans live in remote places where radio is the only type of media that can reach them, so programs like Child's Home Radio are important in getting news to them.

Do It!

If you were to host your own radio show, what would it be about?

What would you like your community to take more action on?