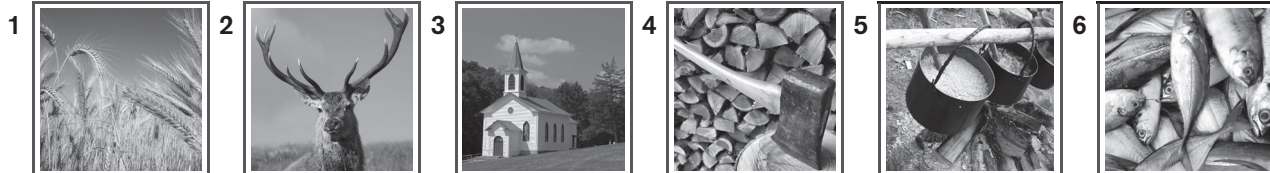


The 13 American Colonies

1a Read and match the words to the pictures.

wood church crops hunting fishing cooking over a fire



My name is Thomas and I live in Virginia. I am 13 years old. I live with my mother, father and sister, Elizabeth. We live in a small, wooden house in the village. My father and grandfather built our house. We get up at 5 a.m. I help my father during the day. We get wood and water from the forest near our house. We plant crops and we go hunting and fishing. I don't go to school. On Sundays we go to church in the morning and in the afternoon.

Thomas



My name is Elizabeth and I am 12 years old. Thomas is my brother. I work all day in the house with my mother. We look after the fire because it is important for cooking. My mother and I prepare all the meals. The family eats three times a day. We eat fish, meat, fruit and bread. I also help with the animals and the garden. I don't go to school.

Elizabeth

1b Read the texts again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where do they live?
- 2 What time do they get up?
- 3 What does Thomas do to help his family?
- 4 What does Elizabeth do to help her family?
- 5 What food do they eat?
- 6 What do they do on Sundays?

1c Write five sentences about a typical week in your life.

I get up at 7 a.m.

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

1d Work with a partner. Compare your lives with Elizabeth and Thomas, using *but* or *and*.

Thomas and Elizabeth lived in the 17th century but we live in the 21st century.