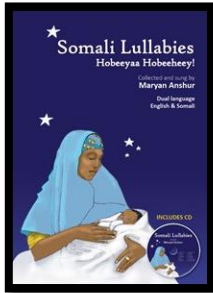


If you can't go out, why not travel the world from home?

This week we travel to Somalia (Somaliland).

## A Nation of Poets

'Every adult in Somalia is a storyteller'. Until relatively recently, Somali was an oral language (not written down), so information and stories were shared mainly through poems and often, through song.



Visit Mamalisa website using the link below to listen to one of the lullabies taken from this book. There is an English translation to use as inspiration for singing or making your own lullabies.

<https://www.mamalisa.com/blog/somali-lullabies/>

Which lullabies did your mum, dad or grandparent sing to you?  
Can you make your own?

Telling a story through poetry, song or rap is a powerful way to bring it to life, look at this link for inspiration: <https://www.theschoolrun.com/inspire-your-child-write-poetry>

Watch Said Salah Ahmed's bilingual story **The Lion's Share** read in Somali:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f7EHQRd7JJl>

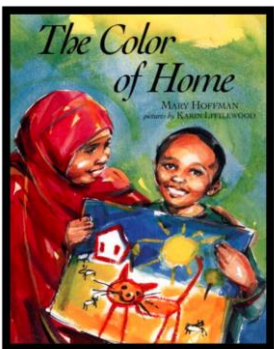
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This video is very informative- suitable for key stage two.

[Somalia: A Nation of Poets | PBS](#)

## The Colour of Home



This story, by Mary Hoffman, is about a boy, Hassan who has to leave Somalia in a hurry. It tells of the colours of his home and how he gets used to his new home in England.

## Nomadic Lifestyle



Rural Somalia is historically a nomadic society; tight family groups would take care of livestock such as goats or camels and travel from place to place. Follow these links to create some art inspired by native animals at sunset.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kp0xiQb516M>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4a9Wdw3LKOQ>

## Salaam Alaykum

Somali is a rich language belongs to the Cushitic branch of the Afro-Asiatic language family. There are many ways to say 'hello':

- "See tahay" (How are you?)
- "Is ka warran?" (What's the news?)
- "Maha la shegay?" (What are people saying?)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgN1luyr\\_Zo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RgN1luyr_Zo)

## Find out more...

- Can you find Somalia on a map or globe?
- What are the main features of Somalia?
- What can you learn about Somalia's history?

There are no limits to what you can discover!