



## CULTURES OF THE WORLD

### KAZAKHS - MONGOLIA

#### LESSON 3 - LIFESTYLE



Pupil:  
11 - 15 years old



Time:  
45 minutes



What do you need:  
pen, coloured pencils, smart-  
phone, headphones, internet



Working method:  
individual, in pairs  
or in class

### 1. Semi-Nomads

Kazakhs do not have a **permanent** home or place of residence. They always move to make sure their cattle, such as goats, sheep, horses, and camels have enough to eat in the dry landscape. By taking good care of your cattle, you can be sure of enough food yourself. What does **semi** mean and what are **nomads**?

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### 2. Photo gallery

Take a look at the images below or on the website. Scan the photos with the Jimmy Nelson app and watch the videos. Describe in your own words how to build a ger/yurt.

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SCAN THE IMAGES



### 3. Facts

View the map and fill in the blanks

- During the cold winter months, the Kazakhs live in a house made of rocks, clay, and wood. A family mainly lives in the central room of the house. There is always a ..... burning on which food can be cooked.
- In the summer months, the Kazakhs live in tents, also called ..... or **yurt**.
- A ger or yurt can easily be built and dismantled for easy transport on..... or horses to the next place.
- A ger or yurt is made of a round ..... tented construction around which felt and wool are stretched.
- The traditional food is stew. Furthermore, the diet consists mainly of ..... and milk products from their own cattle.

What have you discovered about the Kazakhs?

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What subjects would you like to know more about?

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### 4. Smelly fuel

How do you make fire when there are only a few trees? In Mongolia, they thought of something. The **poop** of camels, goats, yaks, horses, and sheep burns very well if you let it dry. Do you have any idea why that is?

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### 5. Moving

The Kazakhs move often. They have to keep looking for fresh steppe to find enough food for their cattle. They need about two camels to move their ger and two horses for the rest of their possessions. Have you ever moved? How many camels do you think you will need if you have to move with your family?

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Do you need all that stuff or can you live with less and why?

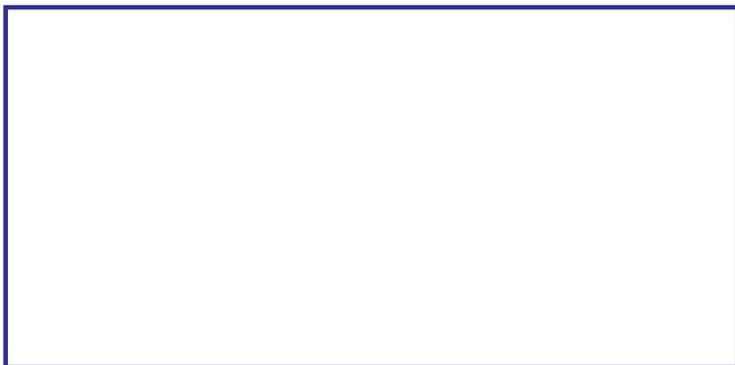
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### 6. Comic strip

Make a mini-comic about the Kazakhs. Your comic strip should contain the following things:

**Kazakhs - Eagle - Horse**  
**Mountian - Ger or Yurt - Camel**

Title: .....



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**Nomads are groups of people without a permanent place to live and who move from area to area. In sandy deserts, nomads look for places where there is grass and water for their cattle. Semi means partly or half. Kazakhs are semi-nomads, because in winter they live in houses on a fixed place.**

### 2. Photo gallery

Take a look at the images below or on the website. Scan the photos with the Jimmy Nelson app and watch the videos. Describe in your own words how to build a ger/yurt.

**By scanning the photos and watching the videos, the pupils are given a virtual journey of discovery.**

**A wooden frame is built up in a circle like a teepee (or a campfire). Subsequently, wooden roof battens will be placed on top. The wooden frame is then covered with fabric and felt.**

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View the map and fill in the blanks  
The words written in **BOLD** are the correct answers

- During the cold winter months, the Kazakhs live in a house made of rocks, clay, and wood. A family mainly lives in the central room of the house. There is always a **FIRE/STOVE** burning on which food can be cooked.
- In the summer months, the Kazakhs live in tents, also called **GER** or **yurt**.
- A ger or yurt can easily be built and dismantled for easy transport on **CAMELS** or horses to the next place.
- A ger or yurt is made of a round **WOODEN** tented construction around which felt and wool are stretched.
- The traditional food is stew. Furthermore, the diet consists mainly of **MEAT** and milk products from their own cattle.

What have you discovered about the Kazakhs?

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What subjects would you like to know more about?

**The students can refer to what they have seen in the videos.**

### 4. Smelly fuel

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**The cattle mainly eat grass and therefore there is a lot of grass in their manure. When you dry it, it turns into hay droppings and the hay burns well. This makes manure an excellent fuel to use for lighting a fire.**

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**Own interpretation. Possible answers could be that we, in the developed world, have a lot more possessions here than we really need. Perhaps children will realise that they can pass on things they do not need anymore to younger children.**

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**The students draw a comic-strip in the grid.**