

## WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

### Lesson Seven

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#### Objectives:

This lesson teaches you how to ask someone where they live, and how to tell someone where you live. This sort of situation should occur frequently in your stay in Kiribati, as it is a common topic of conversation; so try to learn it well!

#### Translation of Dialogue:

#### Where do you live?

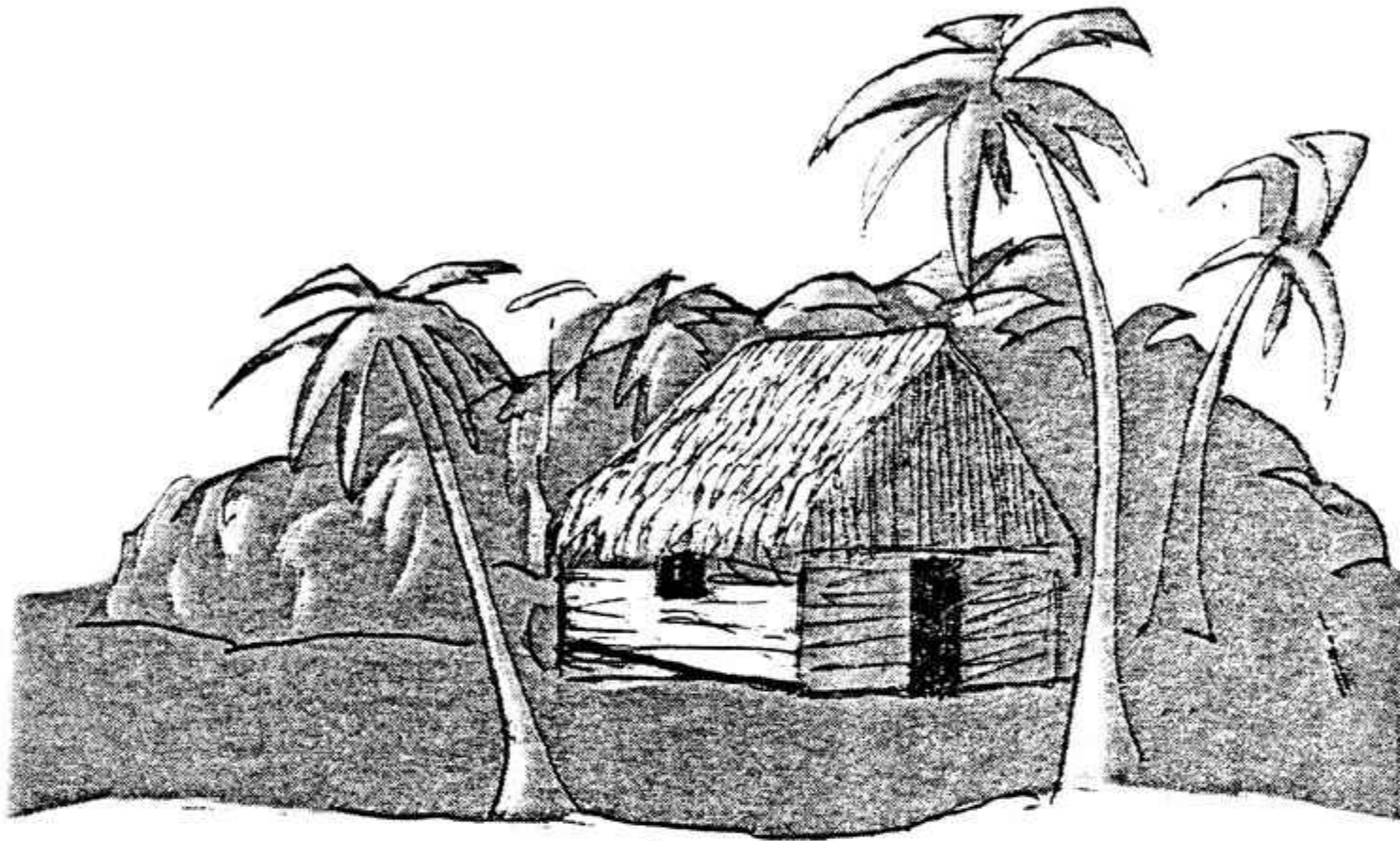
- Tom: Hello Henry! Where have you been?
- Henry: I've been away quite a while. This is my first return visit.
- Tom: Really! And where are you living?
- Henry: I'm living on Tarawa. I work for the Ministry of Education. What about you, do you still live in the same village?
- Tom: Not now. I live in Teoraereke. I'm just building my house there. I've just about finished thatching the roof. You should make time to see it.
- Henry: Yes, I'd like to see it. But where is it located?
- Tom: It's near the Maneaba at Teoraereke.
- Henry: Good. I'll make some time to see it.
- Tom: Enough then, we'll meet again.
- Henry: Yes, good-bye.

#### Activities:

Study the dialogue well. When you understand it, answer the questions on the following page. See if you can think of additional questions on the dialogue and ask them of your class.

KO MAEKA IAA?

Reirei Itiua



Dialogue  
for Study:

Ko maeka iaa?

- Toma: Ko na mauri Eneri! Ko mena iaa n taai aika a nako?
- Eneri: I a kamani kiitana ikai. Ai bon tib'a okiu aei.
- Toma: E koaua! Ao ko maeka iaa?
- Eneri: I maeka i Tarawa. I mm'akuri n te Bootaki n Reirei. Ao ngkoe, ko boni maeka naba n am kaawa aarei?
- Toma: I a aki ngkai. I a manga maeka i Teaoraereke. I a tib'a katea au auti iai. E a kani bane rauna n toka. Karekea am tai n nooria.
- Eneri: E eng, I rangi ni kan nooria - b'a e mena iaa?
- Toma: E kaan ma te m'aneaba i Teaoraereke.
- Eneri: E raoiroi. N na karekea au tai n nooria.
- Toma: E tau ti a manga boo.
- Eneri: E eng, ti a boo.

## Translation of Questions:

Questions

Where does Henry live now?  
 Where did he live before?  
 And his friend, where does he live now?  
 Has he lived there long?  
 Who lives in Teauraereke?  
 Who lives on Tarawa?  
 Is the thatching of the house finished?  
 Is Tom's house near the maneaba?

Additional  
Activities:

Ask the additional questions of your class, and take turns answering them. Make up similar questions about where people live and put them to your class. Try changing the pronouns: "Where do I live" "Where does he live?" "Where do we live?" and so on.

Note:

Names of places must be preceded by the locative particle i in sentences like "I live in America" - "I maeka i Amerika." When you speak of coming from a place, use mai: I roko mai Teauraereke. = I come from Teauraereke.

Outside  
Activities:

You should try to put into practice your new conversational skills with people you meet. Ask them about others. Find out where people you know in common are from. How long have they lived there? And before that?

Translation  
of Additional  
Questions:

These questions should be fairly transparent by now. Only one or two words are new. Get in the habit of referring to your glossary and/or dictionary if you have one. Keep up your listing of new vocabulary on the pages provided. Vocabulary is the key to the language!

Questions  
to Answer:

Titiraki

E maeka iaa Eneri ngkai?  
 E maeka ngkoa iaa?  
 Ao are raoraona, e mena iaa ngkai?  
 E a maan ni maeka ikekei?  
 Antai ae e maeka i Teoraereke?  
 Antai ae e maeka i Tarawa?  
 E a tia ni bane raun te auti?  
 E kaan te m'aneaba nakon ana auti Toma?

Additional  
Questions:

Taian Titiraki Riki

Ko maeka iaa?  
 N te kaawa ke n te marenaua?  
 E ngaa ae ko tangiria riki?  
 I maeka n te kaawa.  
 I maeka iaa?  
 E maeka n te marenaua.  
 E maeka iaa?  
 Iai ae ko kinaa ae e maeka ikai?  
 A maeka iaa am utuu?  
 Ao im'aain aanne?