

THE LAGOON AND THE OCEAN-SIDE

Lesson Forty-Four

Objectives: This lesson introduces you to some of the marine geography of Kiribati. While the land area of the group is small, the sea area is immense, and you will find that for many if not most of the people, life revolves around this aspect of the environment.

Activities: Study the narrative and the accompanying additional vocabulary. When you have learned it, prepare a short talk in your own words on the same subject.

**Translation
of Narrative:**

The Lagoon and the Oceanside

The islands of Kiribati are small, and surrounded by the sea which is huge.

There are two parts of the sea - the lagoon side and the ocean side.

The lagoon is mostly surrounded by island, with a reef in the west, joining the two ends.

The water of the lagoon is calmer and less salty than the ocean.

Even though the lagoon can be of enormous size, there aren't big waves like in the ocean.

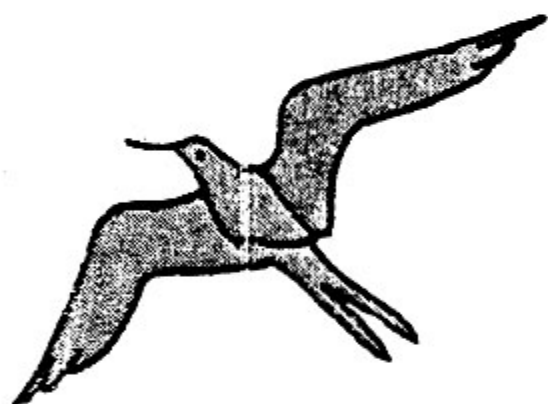
When the tide is low, dry ground can be seen, which you can walk across to the other islets surrounded by the sea.

Vocabulary:

island	bubble	barrier
islet	flood	wave
isolated by the sea	high tide	deep
ocean	low tide	shallow
lagoon	tide	

TE NAMA AO TANRAKE

Reirei Abwi Ma Aua



Narrative
for Study:

Te nama ao tanrake

A uarereke abam'akoron Kiribati ao a otab'aniniaki n taari
ae e ab'aab'aki.

Iai uoua iteran taari b'a te nama ao tanrake.

A katoobibia te nama angia nako, ao maeaoia bon te rab'ata
are e tomai taboia ma taboia.

E raoi riki ao e ora ma n aki bati n taari te nama nakon
taarin tanrake.

E ngae ngke e konaa n rangi n ab'aab'aki te nama ma bon
akea naao iai aika a tootoo n aron naon tanrake.

E konaa n nooraki aon te rab'ata ngkana e rangi n ora taari
ao ko konaa naba n nakonako iai nakon atim'akoro ake a
otab'aniniaki n taari.

Vocabulary:

abam'akoro
atim'akoro
bwenauakin taari
marawa (tanrake)
te nama

buraburo
te ieka
iabuti
ara
te ia

te rab'ata
te nao
marawa/nano
ora

Additional
Activities:

1. Look at the section on maps in The Special Skills Handbook. Take turns describing the geography of the various islands.

Outside
Activities:

What are the differences between the lagoon side and the ocean side with regard to shell-fish? Fishing? Swimming? Near which side do people dig their wells? Is one side preferred for building houses?

