

What is a

GOOD

Teacher?



Dad, who is your hero?

My hero? What do you mean?




In school we have to write an essay about our heroes... who is yours?



Hmm... well, Hassan, I'd say my hero is Mr. Jonathan, my P5 teacher.


A teacher?!
Why?

He always helped me a lot
whenever I didn't understand.

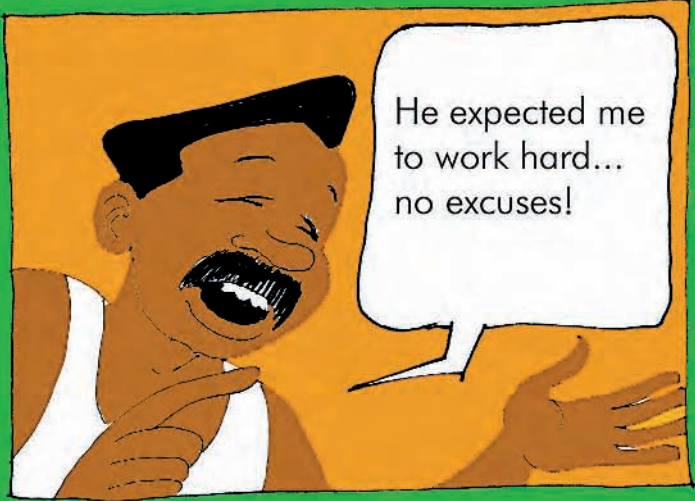
A comic panel with an orange background. On the left, a man with short black hair wearing a yellow t-shirt is looking towards the right. On the right, a man with a mustache and short black hair, wearing a white tank top, is gesturing with his right hand while speaking. A large speech bubble from the man in the tank top contains the text "He was kind... he treated us all equally." A smaller speech bubble from the man in the yellow shirt contains the text "Sure?".

He was kind... he treated us all equally.

Sure?

A comic panel with a green background. It shows a close-up of the man with the mustache and short black hair, wearing a white tank top. He is looking down and to the left, with a speech bubble containing the text "Yeah, but he was so strict!".

Yeah, but he was so strict!

A comic panel with an orange background. It shows a close-up of the man with the mustache and short black hair, wearing a white tank top. He is looking upwards and to the right, with his mouth wide open in a shout or laugh. His right hand is raised near his chin. A large speech bubble from him contains the text "He expected me to work hard... no excuses!".

He expected me to work hard... no excuses!

I always wanted
to please him.

He made me feel
like I could do any-
thing!



Really? My teachers
sometimes make me feel
stupid!



Many of mine did too.
That is why I loved Mr.
Jonathan.

He always
respected
me.



Did he ever
cane you?

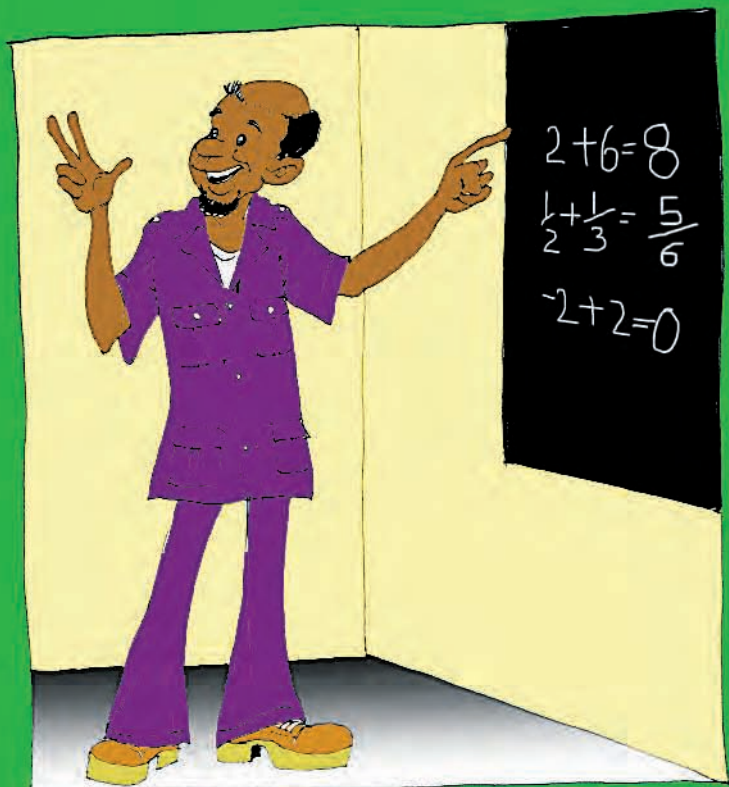
Ohh... I was caned by
others! But Mr. Jonathan
never used the stick.





Wow, Dad!
I wish Mr.
Jonathan could
teach at my
school!

Good Schools have
good teachers like
Mr. Jonathan!



**A good teacher can help children
develop to their full potential!**



So, what is a

A good teacher

They:

1. teach
creatively!

2 Understand
how we
learn!

3. use
positive
discipline!

good teacher?

has many qualities...



Good teachers are like my
teacher,



Teacher
Fortunate
teaches us
creatively!

She encourages self expression...

Try this colour...



provokes curiosity

Why do you think the maize grows better here?



She encourages me to ask questions,

But why do some plants turn brown?



and to think for myself

Is it because there's too much sun?

Or maybe not enough water?

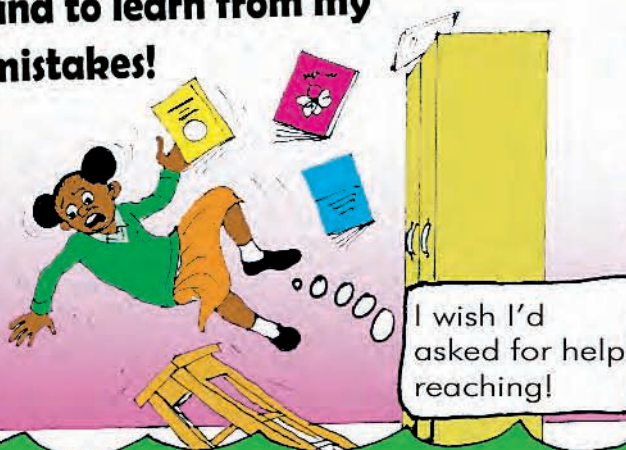


to try out new things

Oh, new
books I
haven't read!

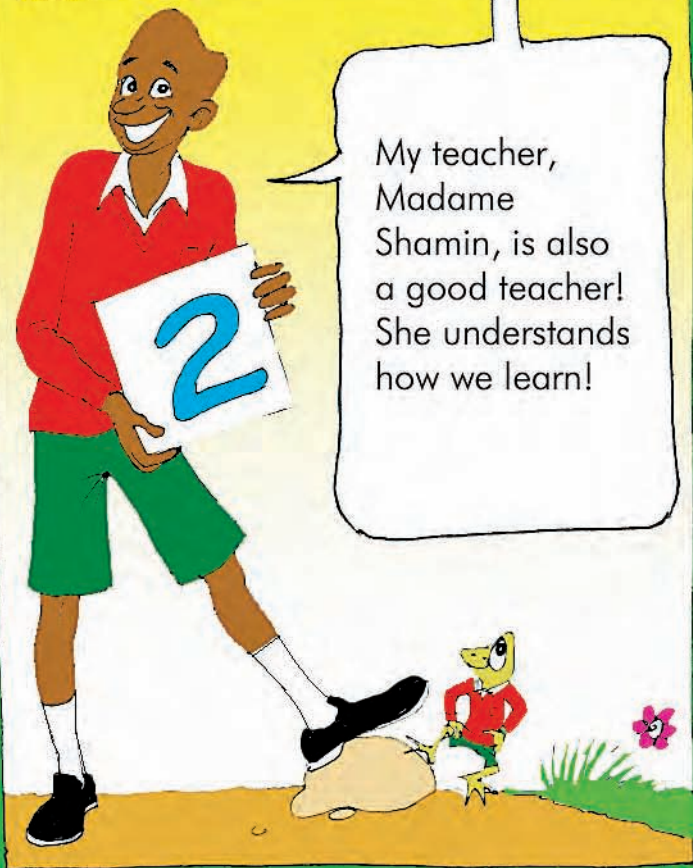


**and to learn from my
mistakes!**



Your teacher sounds great!

My teacher,
Madame
Shamin, is also
a good teacher!
She understands
how we learn!



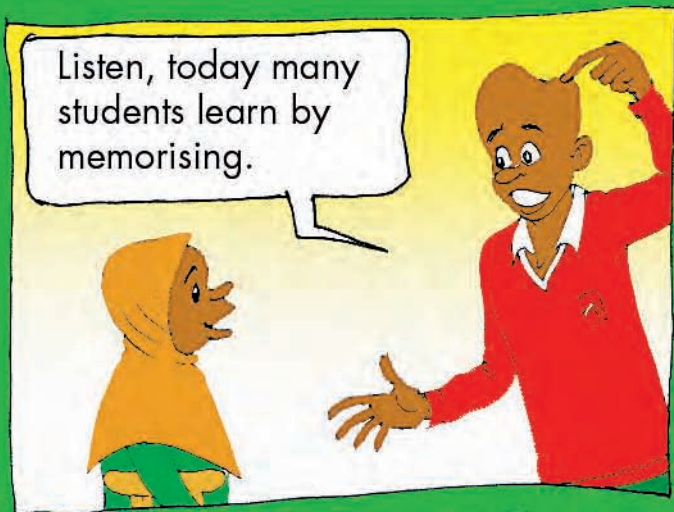
She knows that
teachers do much
more than lecture.



What do you
mean?



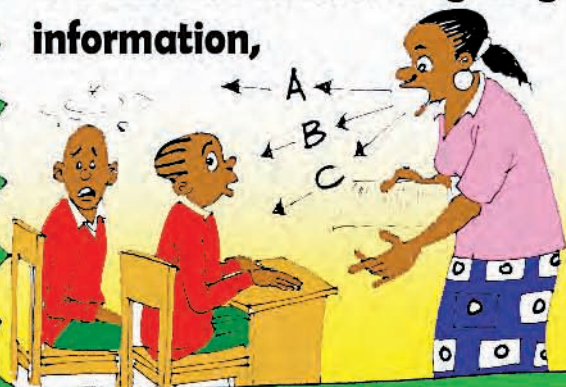
Listen, today many students learn by memorising.



Teachers rely on lots of note taking.

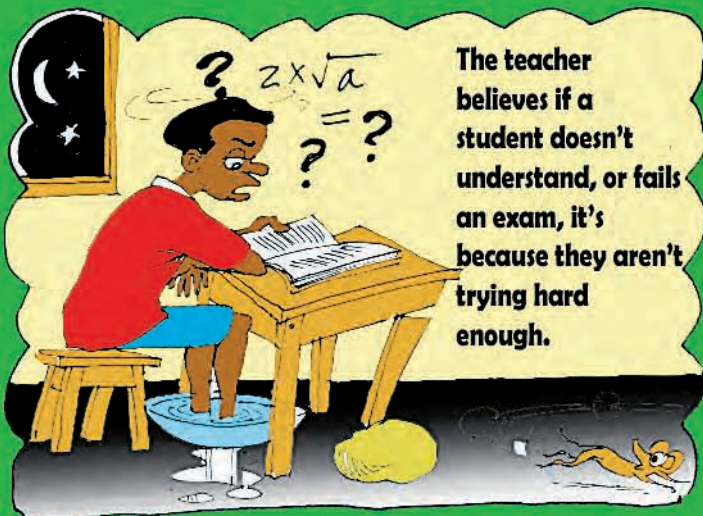


The teacher focuses on giving us information,



not on how that information is received.*





When the teacher feels angry,

These students are lazy!

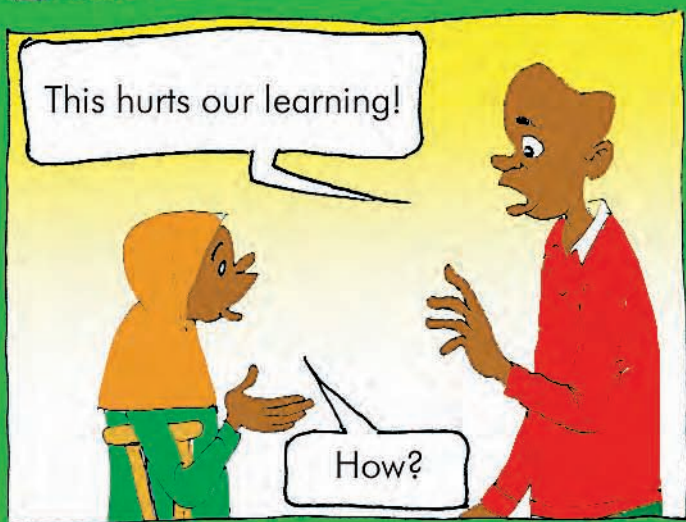
They don't respect my teaching!



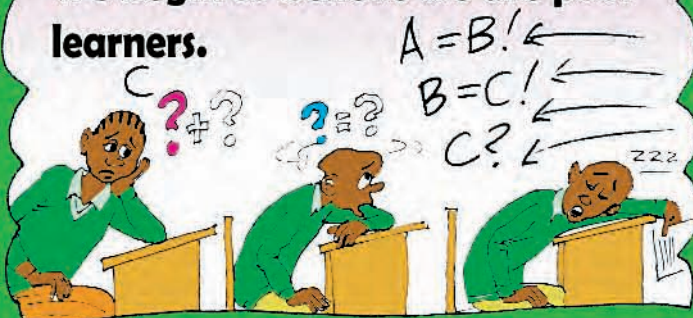
they may use fear and shame to motivate students.



This hurts our learning!



Because we get scared, we become quiet and lose interest. We begin to believe we are poor learners.



And that can follow us our whole lives!

If you can't learn this new accounting system by next week...

I can't learn it!
I'm just no good!



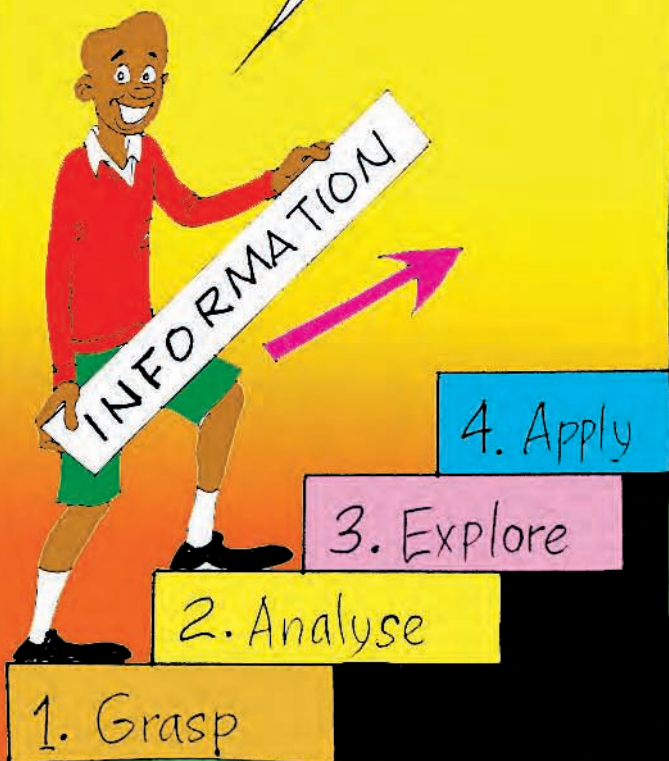
A good teacher knows that learning is more than memorising!



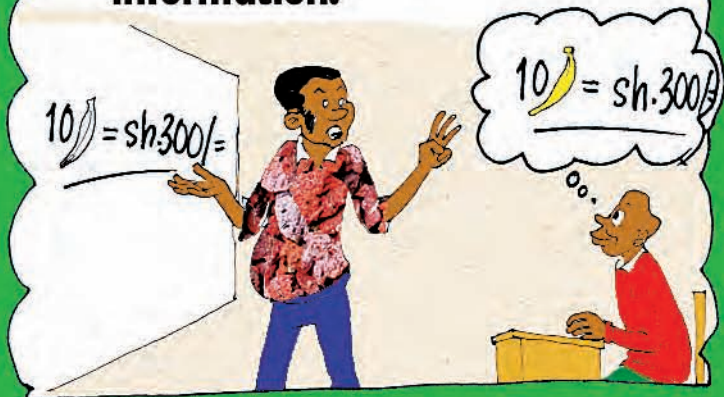
A good teacher helps us to know what to do with information... not just store it in our heads.



A good teacher helps us learn in 4 stages.



First, we need to grasp the information.



But secondly, we need to analyze it.

If 10 bananas cost 300/=, how much will 1 cost?

$$10 \text{ bananas} = \text{sh.}300/=$$

$$1 \text{ banana} = \text{sh.} ?/=$$

We need to compare it to what we already know

and decide what is useful,

$$10 \text{ bananas} = \text{sh.} 300/=$$

$$10 \text{ cookies} = \text{sh.} 400/=$$

I want 6 bananas, how much will it cost?

and what makes sense.

10 bananas
are 300/=

But I'll give you half for
only 200/=

Should I buy it?

Does everyone sell bananas at the same price?

How much will 1, 50/= bananas cost?

Thirdly, we need to explore



If I have 500/=, how many bananas can I buy?

and find out what this information means.



Finally, we need to apply our knowledge...



How much money do I need to have every week if I want to buy 10 bananas every day?

$$\text{sh. } 300/- \times 7 = ?$$

to take what we learned

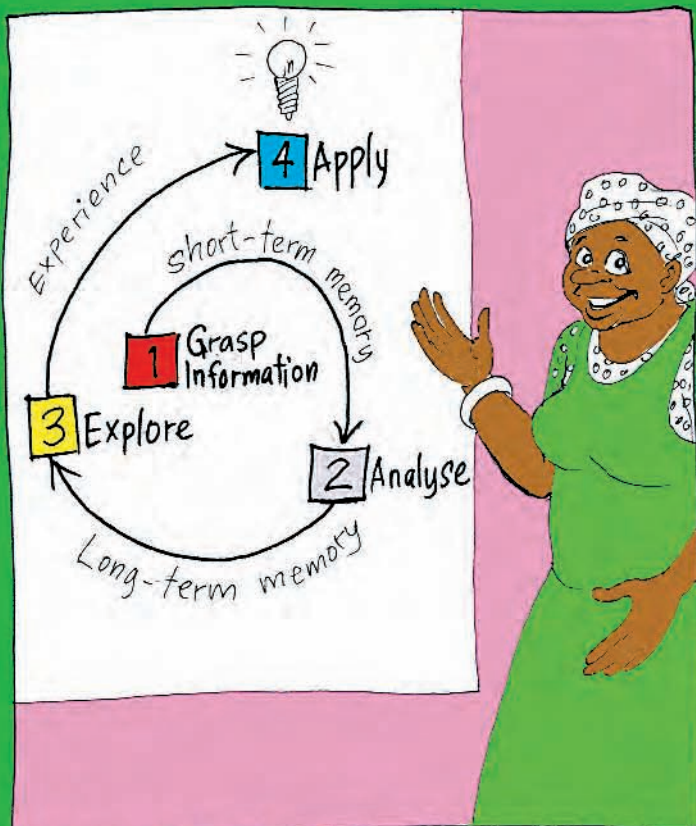
How much money could I save if I bought 5 bananas every day instead of 10? What would I do with the money?



**and imagine what we
can do with it!**



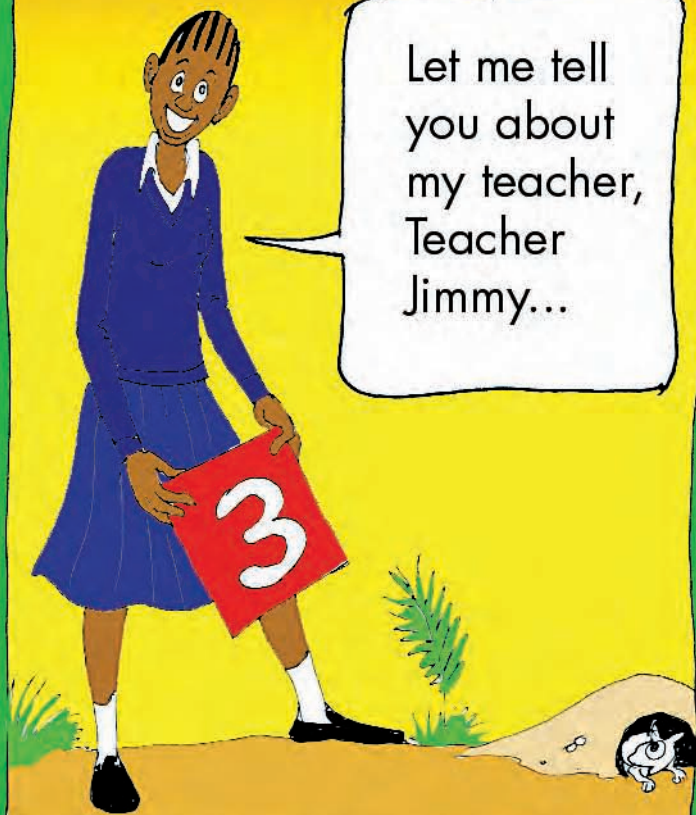
**Learning is a
process that
requires skills.**



A good teacher helps children develop the skills needed for all 4 stages.

That's a great way to learn!

Let me tell
you about
my teacher,
Teacher
Jimmy...



He's a good teacher because he uses positive discipline!



Teacher Jimmy never uses the cane!



He helps us to learn from our mistakes

How would you feel if someone stole your books? How would you study?



He teaches us to make good decisions



because he cares about our development.



And when we make mistakes, Teacher Jimmy uses positive discipline to help us understand what we did wrong...

Stella, you will apologise to your classmates for disturbing class. And I'm shifting your seat to the front.



He never uses fear or shame;

Your performance has improved!
Your essay was very good!



he has fair and firm rules

I expect all of you to follow these rules. Are they clear?



CLASS RULES

1. Be on time
 2. Respect each other
 3. Complete Homework
- Thank you!

and when we break the rules, we know what the consequences will be.

Stella, you're late with your work again. I think you know the rules

Yes, sir. I have to stay after class and finish it.



Your teacher is a good teacher!

Let me tell you
about my
teacher, Ms.
Harriet! She is
a good
teacher too!



Ms. Harriet is a good teacher because she takes pride in our school!



She takes pride in our environment



and in her profession.



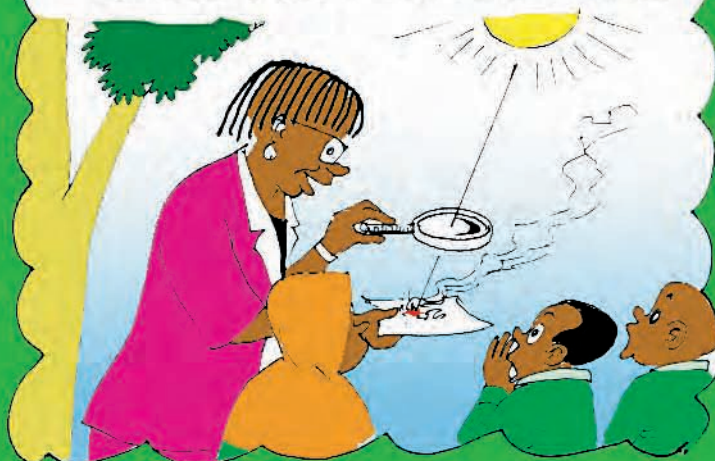
She is clever and keeps learning new skills.



She looks for information everywhere



and uses her mind all the time!



She is involved in the classroom,



with the administration,



with parents

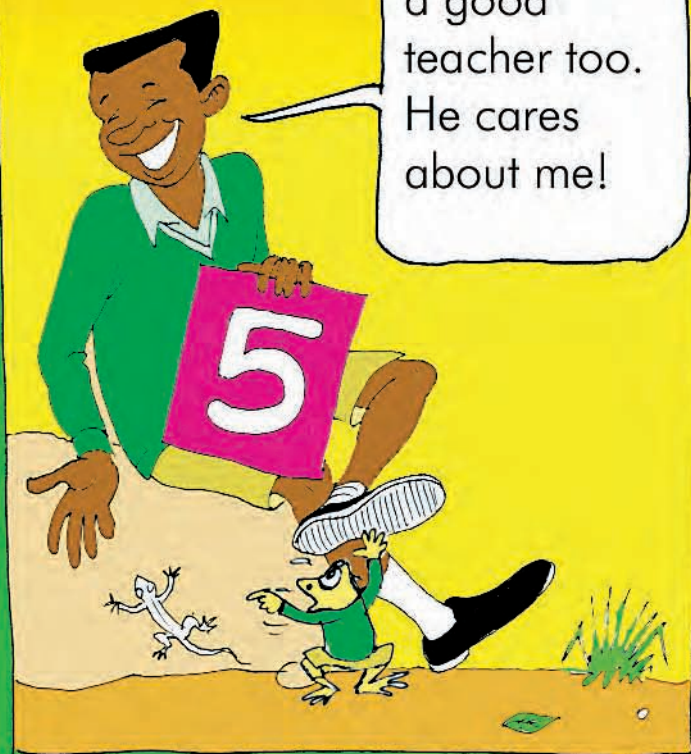


and with the whole community!

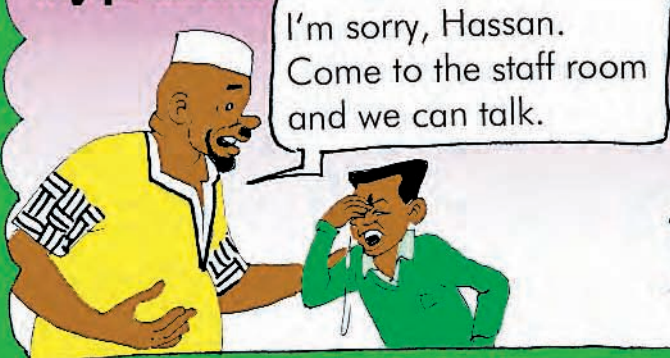


That's great!

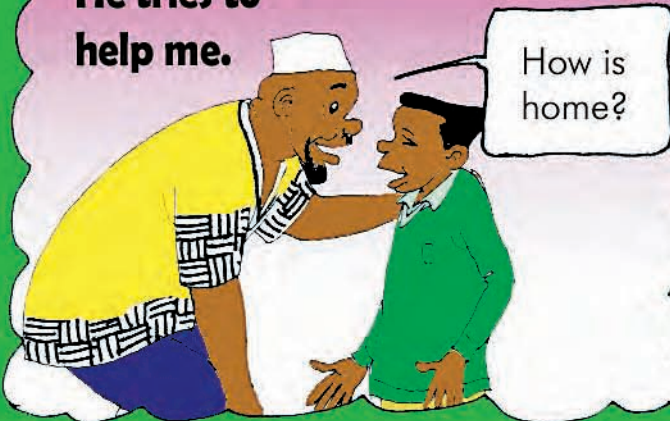
My teacher,
Mr. Ahmed is
a good
teacher too.
He cares
about me!



He has time for me. He listens to my problems.



He tries to help me.



**He encourages not just success,
but effort!**

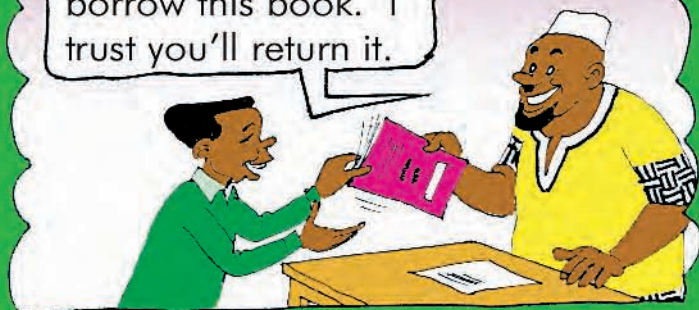
Well done, Hassan!
Last term you were
number 22!

Exam Results

10. Juma
11. Bettina
12. Salima
13. Hassan
14. Tomas
15. Jojo
16. Katono

He respects me.

Hassan, you may borrow this book. I trust you'll return it.

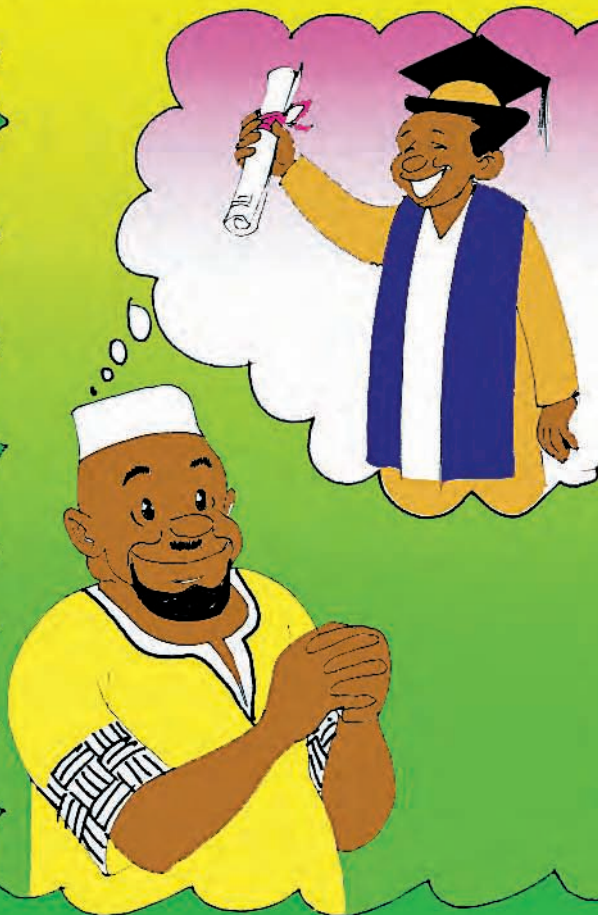


He wants me to succeed

Go! You can do it!

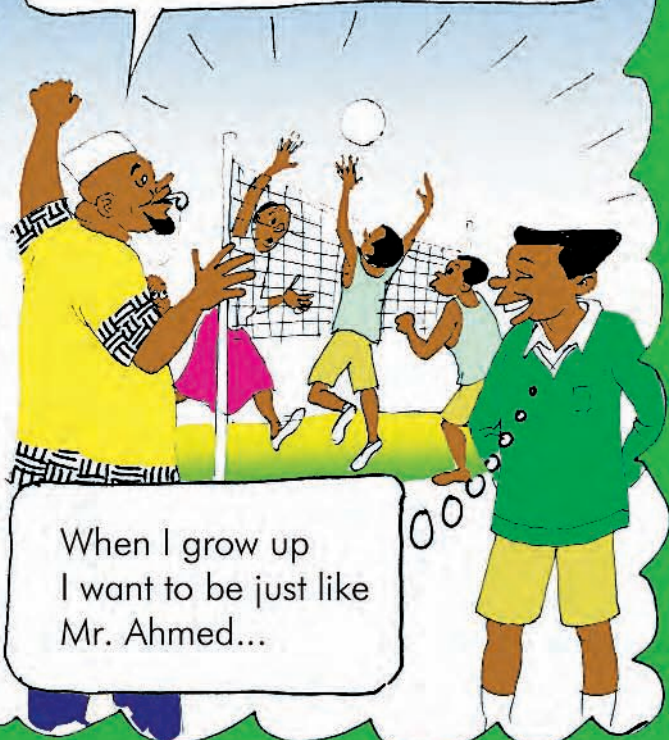


and takes pride in who I become.



Mr. Ahmed is my role model!

Well done team!!!!



When I grow up
I want to be just like
Mr. Ahmed...

Good teachers



are our heroes!!!!



A Good School has

We teach
creatively!

We understand
how children
learn!

We use
positive
discipline!



Does your school have

good teachers!

We take pride in
our school!

We care about
our students!



are good teachers?





What can you do to be a good teacher?

- Help students after class!
- Take interest in students!
- Encourage questions!
- Try new teaching methods besides lecturing!
- Study new things for yourself!
- Meet with parents!
- Compliment students for trying!
- Throw away the cane!
- Be a role model!
- Share and discuss your experiences with other teachers!

How to use this booklet:

- Make a list of what a good teacher is for you.
- Ask friends or colleagues to make the same list and compare.
- Read this book together with other teachers or students in your school. Discuss what it means to be a good teacher.
- Teachers: read one section a week during staff meetings and discuss how to use some of the ideas.
- Discuss possible challenges to achieving these goals. Make a list of how they can be overcome.
- Students: read one section a week with your friends. Try to identify good teachers in your school.





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