

# S.3 LITERATURE IN ENGLISH PLAYS

## Lesson Two

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# OKIYA OMTATAH OKOITI- Voice of The People

CHARACTERIZATION

# Nasirumbi

- ▶ Nasirumbi is a teacher of Kiswahili and Maths at Bakhita's Academy and a civil activist working with a group of women called Mother's Front.
- ▶ She is assertive even when dealing with Boss who is the Head of state.
- ▶ She is determined in the way she puts up a good fight against the destruction of Simbi forest even when her job, family, friends and life are put at risk.
- ▶ She is patriotic in the way she fights for a good cause in the Mother's Front.
- ▶ Nasirumbi is brave/courageous in the way she fights for the preservation of Simbi forest. Despite the strong resistance from government, Nasirumbi puts up a courageous fight.
- ▶ She is strong willed in a way that she goes for what she wants and works hard about achieving the desired goal.
- ▶ She is also intelligent as revealed through the way she deals with the resistance put up by Boss and Sibuur. The first time Nasirumbi meets Boss reveals a lot about the former's intelligence. "Destroying Simbi is neither right nor prudent." "Where's the commitment to protect the environment which you always preach?"

# Boss

- ▶ He is the Head of state (Fountain of Honor) in the country and responsible for the destruction of Simbi forest for the Resort Paradiso Africana Project.
- ▶ He is a corrupt leader who exposes himself through the telephone conversation with Mr. Fix It staying in London. Boss buys an expensive villa for his wife as a birthday gift, using money from the tea export earnings. He also thrives in bribery right from the first meeting with Nasirumbi when he offers a bribe worth one hundred thousand in form of a donation to the Mother's Front, he bribes Indondo through D'alangi and Sibuur, and the supposed spy from the World Bank.
- ▶ He is dictatorial in the way he uses power to suppress and oppress his opponents. He also uses the court to silence his opponents. He also plans to deal with the white woman to pay all the money she wants.
- ▶ He is manipulative in the way he deals with those opposed to the Paradiso project. He finishes off the press when Nasirumbi uses the Voice of the people to preserve Simbi forest.
- ▶ Boss is strong willed as revealed through the resistance he puts up against those against the project. He bribes everyone, uses too much power and misuses his position to make sure he achieves his goal.

# Assignment

Using examples from the play, “*Voice of the People*,” explain how Boss is;

- ▶ (i) cunning.
- ▶ (ii) rude.
- ▶ (iii) brutal
- ▶ (iv) hypocrite.
- ▶ (v) greedy

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