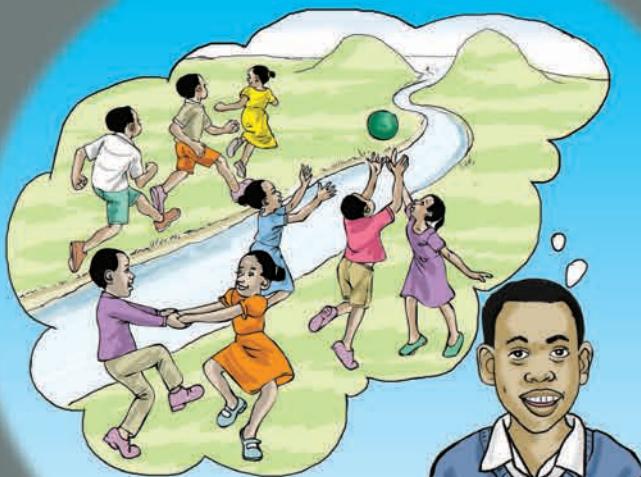


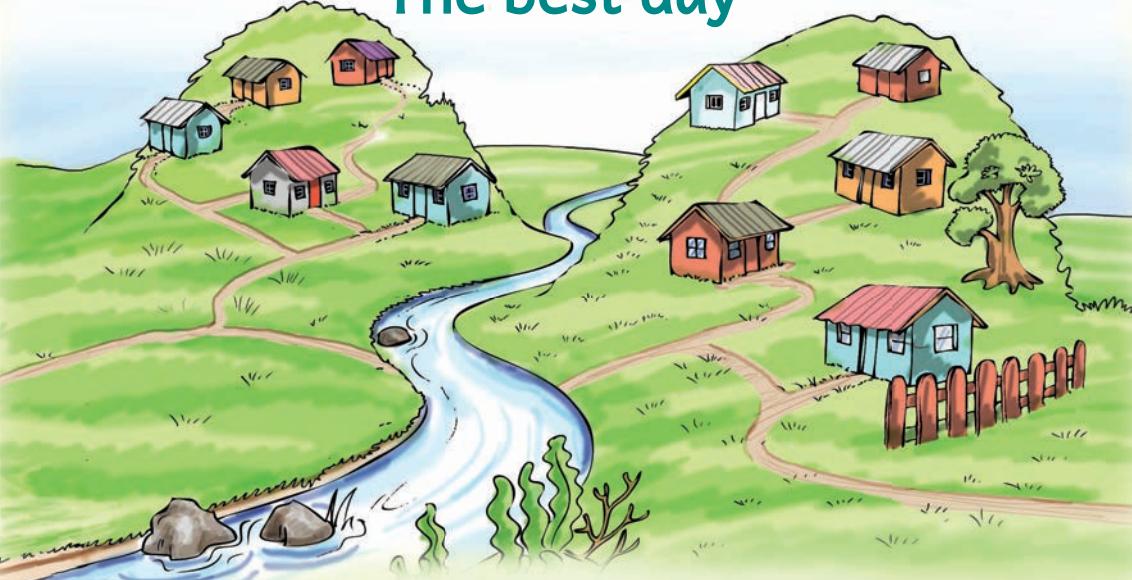


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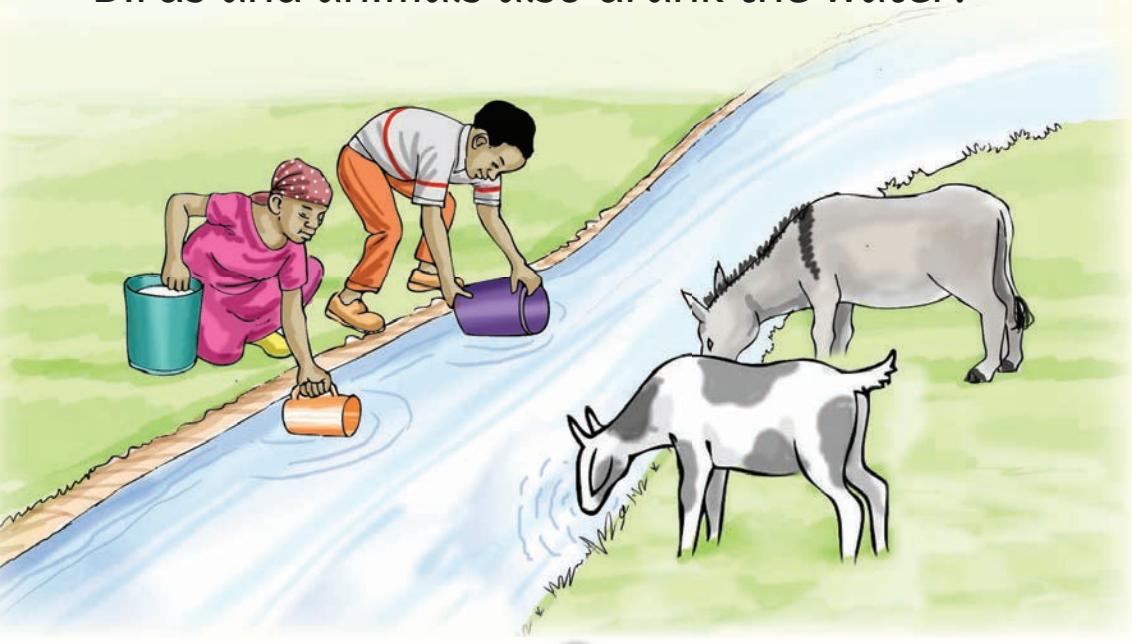
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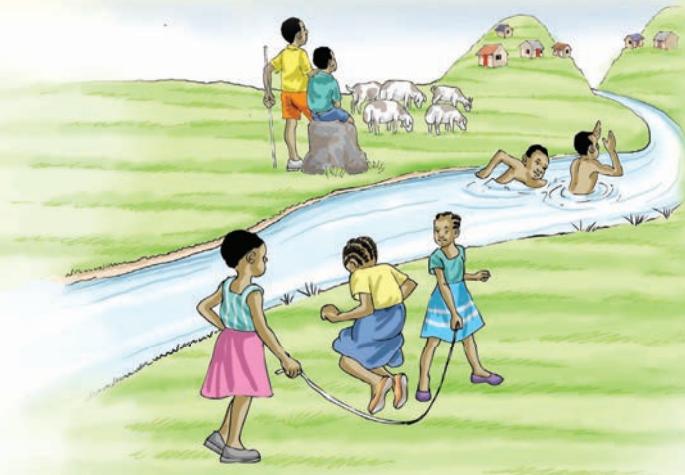
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There was once a village called Bado.
It was on the hills of Riwa and Wera.
The two hills faced each other.
Between them was a wide valley.
The valley was also called Bado.
Crops grew well in the valley.
Animals got grass from the valley too.

There was a big river in the valley.
It was called River Pala.
River Pala had clean water the whole year.
The people in Bado used the water from
River Pala in their homes.
Farmers of Bado also used the water in
their farms.
Birds and animals also drank the water.





Each of the hills had a school.

Riwa Primary School was on Riwa Hill.

Wera Primary School was on Wera Hill.

Children from Riwa Hill went to Riwa Primary School.

Those from Wera Hill went to Wera Primary School.

The children played together in the valley.

Sometimes, the schools played against each other.

On Saturdays, children took animals to the valley.

All the animals grazed together.

They all drank water from River Pala.

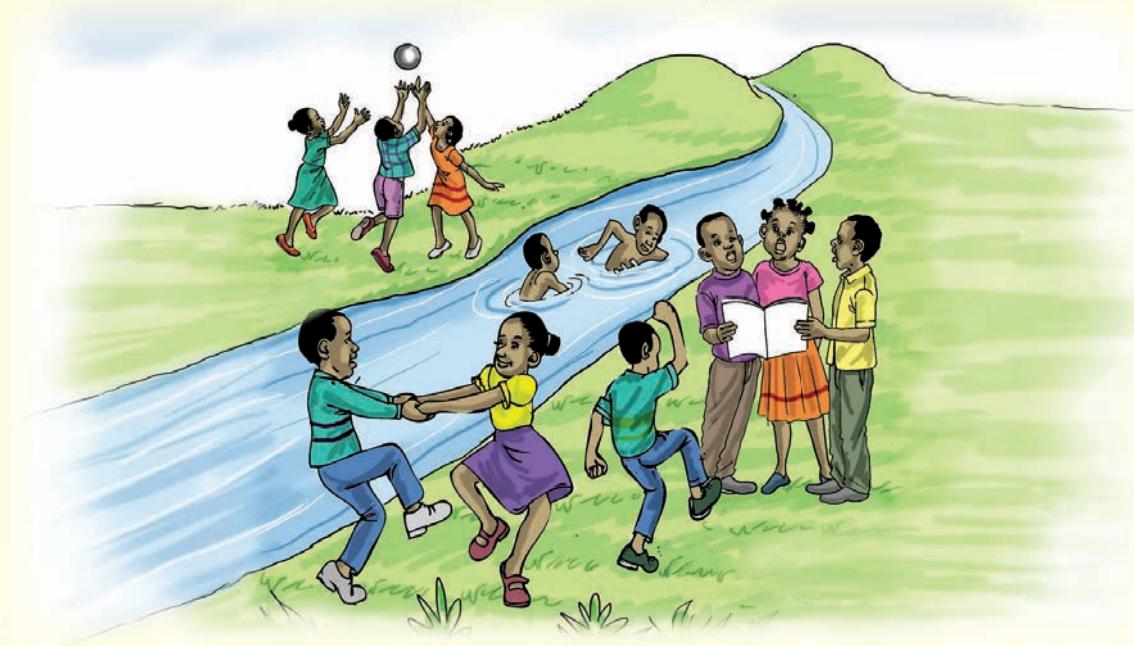
The children looked after the animals together.

They were friendly to one another.

The animals rested after grazing.

When the animals rested, the children played.





The children formed play groups.
They played different games.
They sang and danced.
They played 'throw and catch'.
They aimed at things and raced.
Some of them played 'bull fighting games'.
Finally, they swam in River Pala.
The children enjoyed playing together.

As they played, the children took turns to check on the animals.

A bird called ‘Hoya’ told them the time to go home.

It always sang in the evening.

The children knew the song.

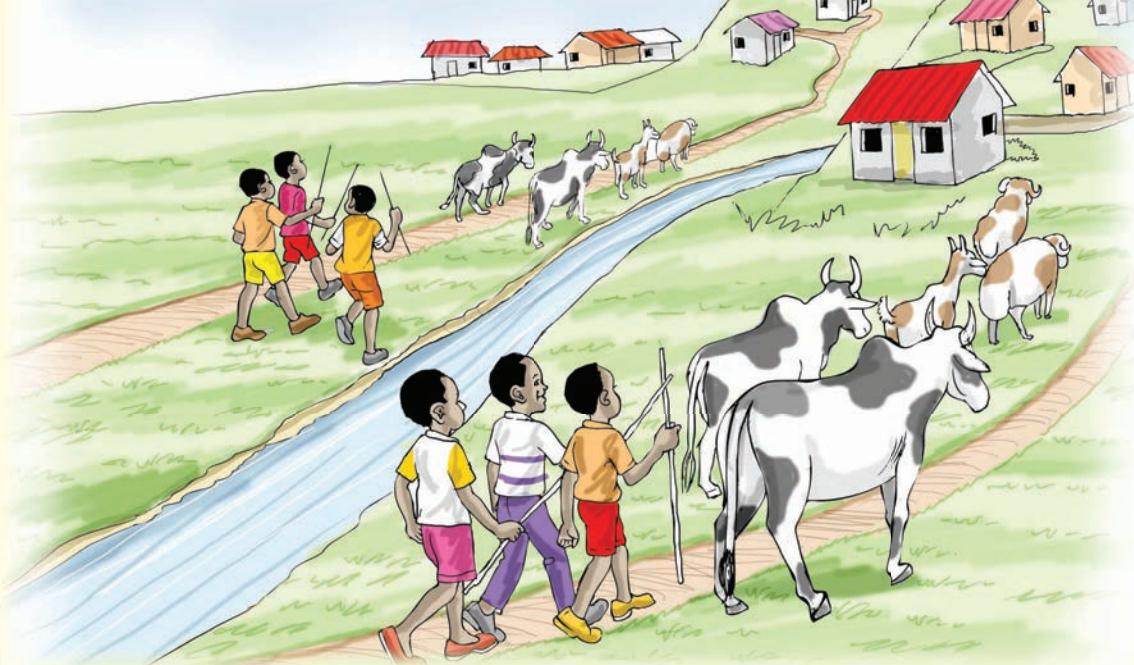
It said, “The hyena will eat. Take the animals home!”

Quickly, the children would take the animals home.

The children walked behind the animals.

They took two roads, one to Riwa Hill and another to Wera Hill.





The animals walked home in a line.
The children played music with their sticks.
They hit the short sticks on the long ones.
The children also danced on their way home.
One by one, the children reached their homes.
Those from near the valley were the first to
get home.
Those from far up the hills got home last.

At times, the grass on the hills dried.

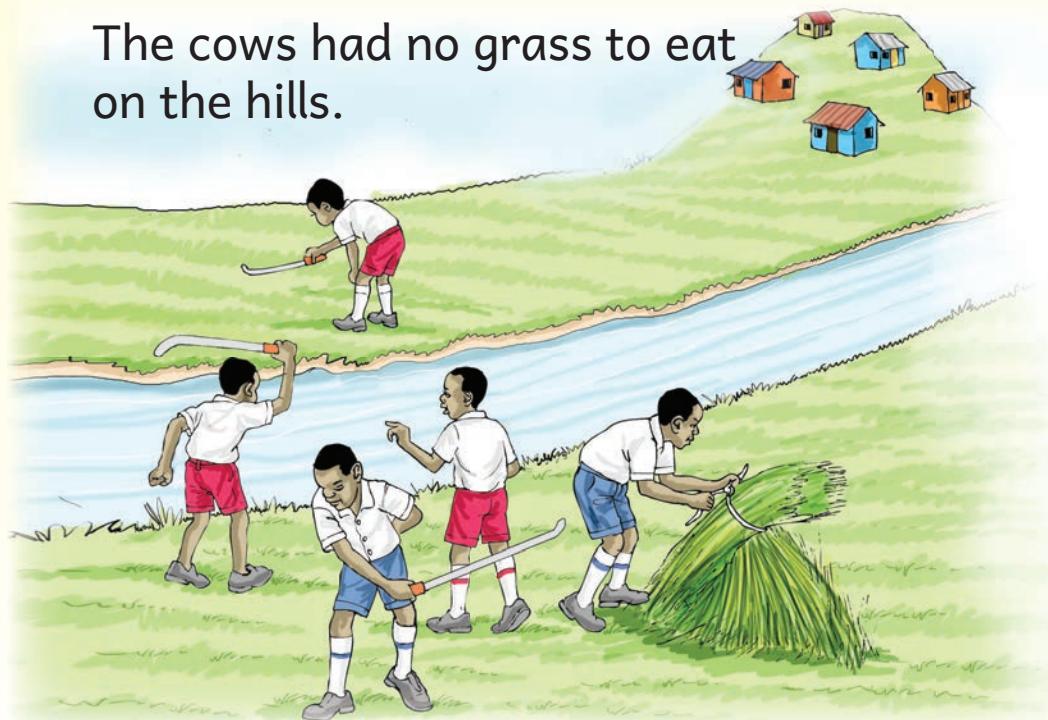
One day, boys from Riwa and Wera Primary schools met.

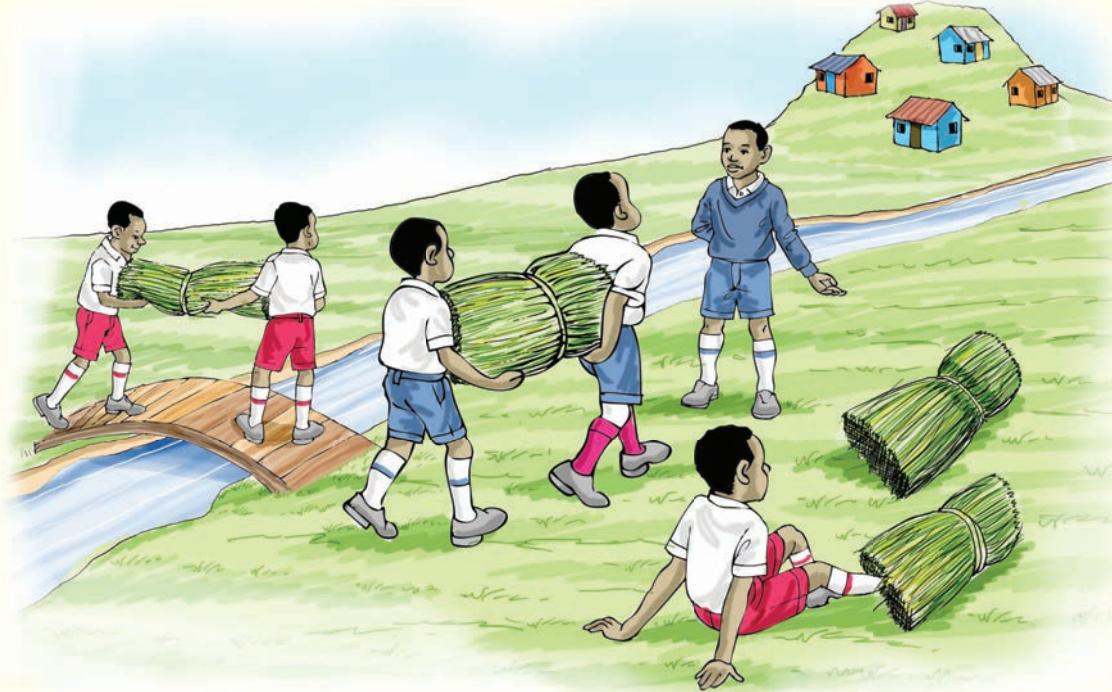
The boys met in Bado Valley.

They had gone to cut grass.

Each school kept two dairy cows.

The cows had no grass to eat
on the hills.





The Riwa team was led by Tito.

The Wera team was led by Babu.

All the pupils were in Class Two.

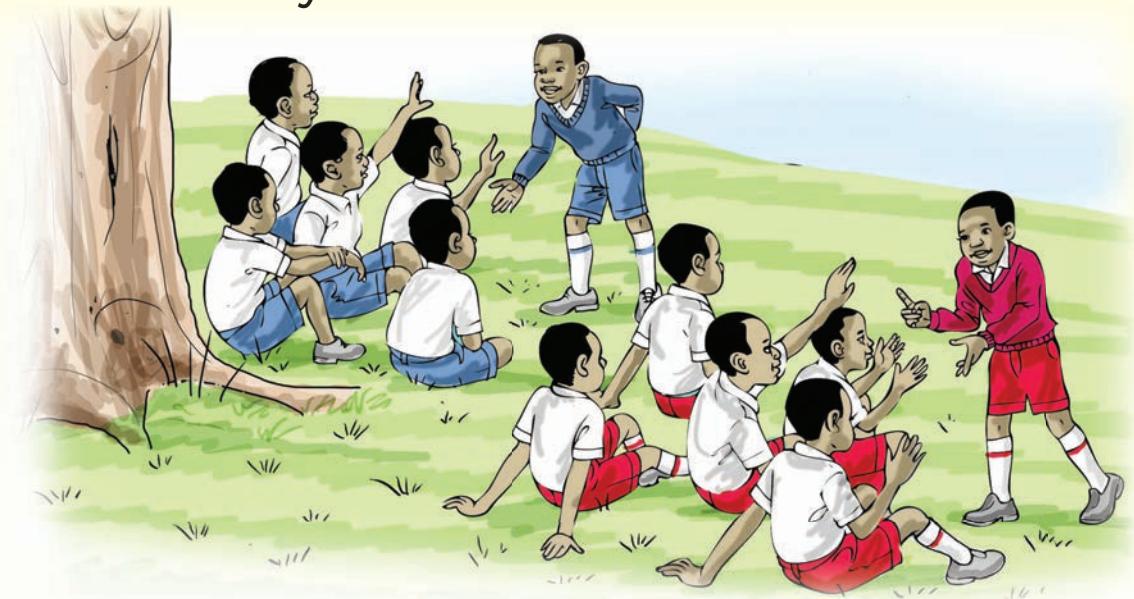
Tito and Babu knew each other.

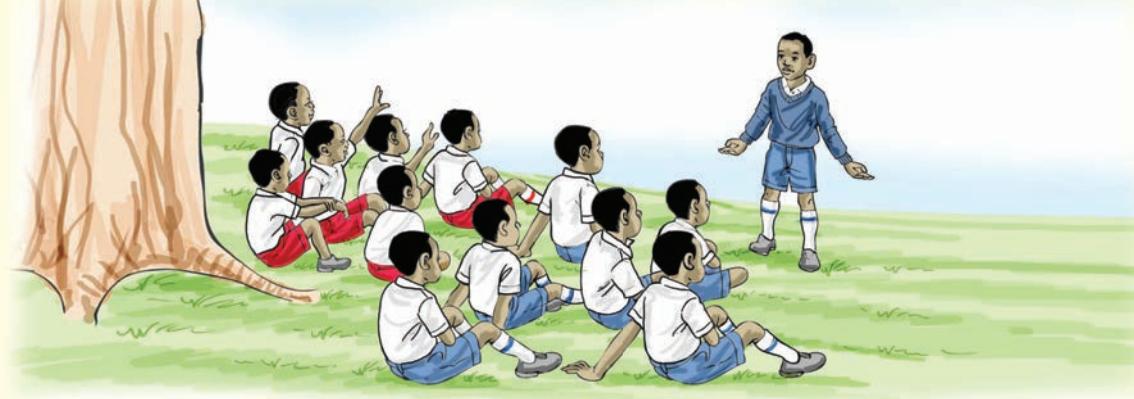
They were friends.

The children cut a lot of grass.

They felt tired and sat down to rest.

The boys sat under a tree and talked.
One of them asked, “What day is it today?”
Another answered, “Today is Monday.”
Some talked about the best day of the week.
Others talked about the days they did not like.
Then Tito said, “Let’s name the first three school days of the week.”





“Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday!” all the boys said.

Then Babu asked, “Which are the last four days of the week?”

“Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday!” the other pupils replied.

Tito and Babu thanked their teams.

The game went on.

Points were given for correct answers.

“Which day of the week don’t you like?” a pupil from Riwa asked.

“Monday!” a pupil from Wera answered.

“We take animals to the valley on Saturday.
We play a lot on Sunday.
We go to sleep very tired on Sunday.
Then, on Monday we must go to school.
But we are still tired,” another pupil from
Wera added.

Then he sat down.

It was Wera’s turn to ask a question.





“Which day of the week do you like most?”
a Wera pupil asked.

A pupil from Riwa answered, “Saturday
and Sunday!

On both days we take animals to the valley.

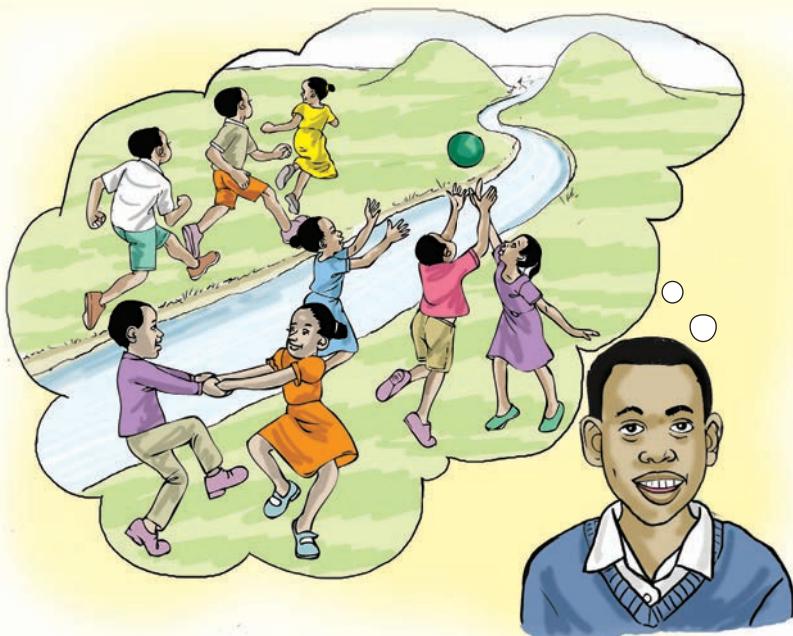
We graze the animals there.

We meet and play.

We play many games,” the Riwa pupil went
on.

Many pupils agreed with him.

The boy went on and said,
“We sing and dance.
We throw and catch.
We aim at things and race.
We swim in River Pala.
We learn many things in the valley.
We also get fresh air.”





Tito and Babu walked away from the others.

They talked to each other.

Then they joined the other boys.

A pupil from Riwa said, “I like Wednesday. It is the middle of the week.

A pupil from Wera said, “I like Thursday a little.

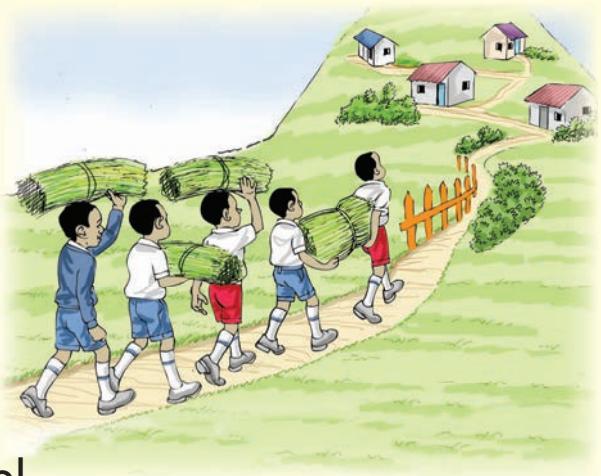
It is close to Saturday and Sunday.”

Nobody talked about Friday.

Then a pupil from Riwa stood up.

He said that Friday was the last day of school.

The boys felt happy. They carried grass back to their schools.



Questions

1. What was the name of the village?
2. What was the name of the river?
3. Which days did the pupils like most?
4. Why do you think the pupil from Wera did not like Monday?
5. Which day do you like most? Why?

The best day

There are two hills with many homes on them. A big river flows in the valley between the hills. Children from both hills play together in the valley.



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