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Tusome Early Literacy Programme

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Tom and Kato are seven years old.
They are good friends.
They live in Kagemi.
They go to Kagemi Primary School.
They are both in Class Two.

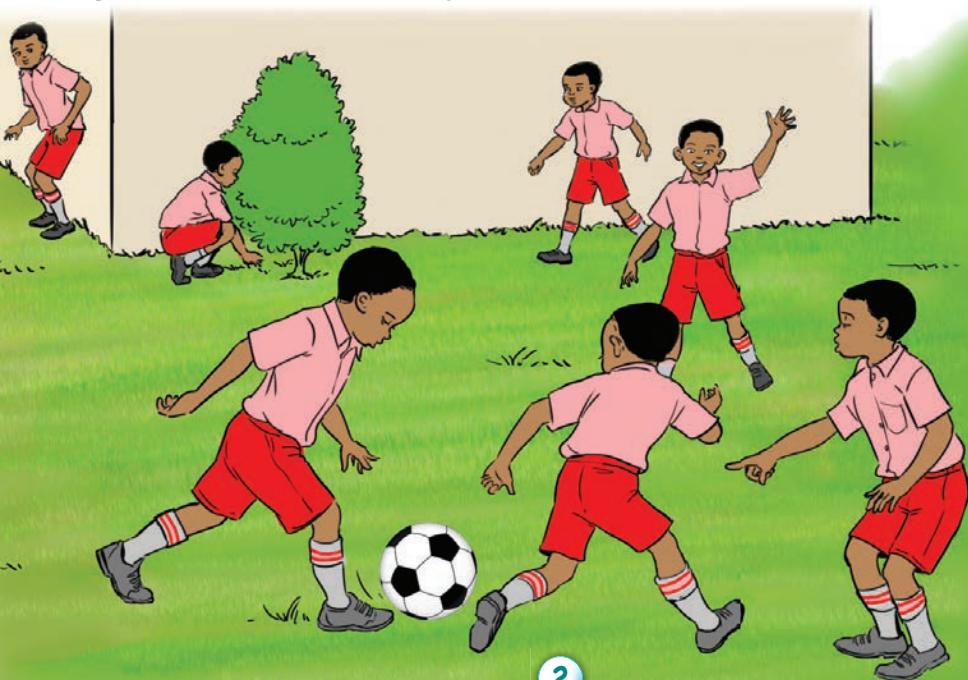
One day at break time, the children were playing in the field.

Some pupils played football.

Other pupils played hide and seek.

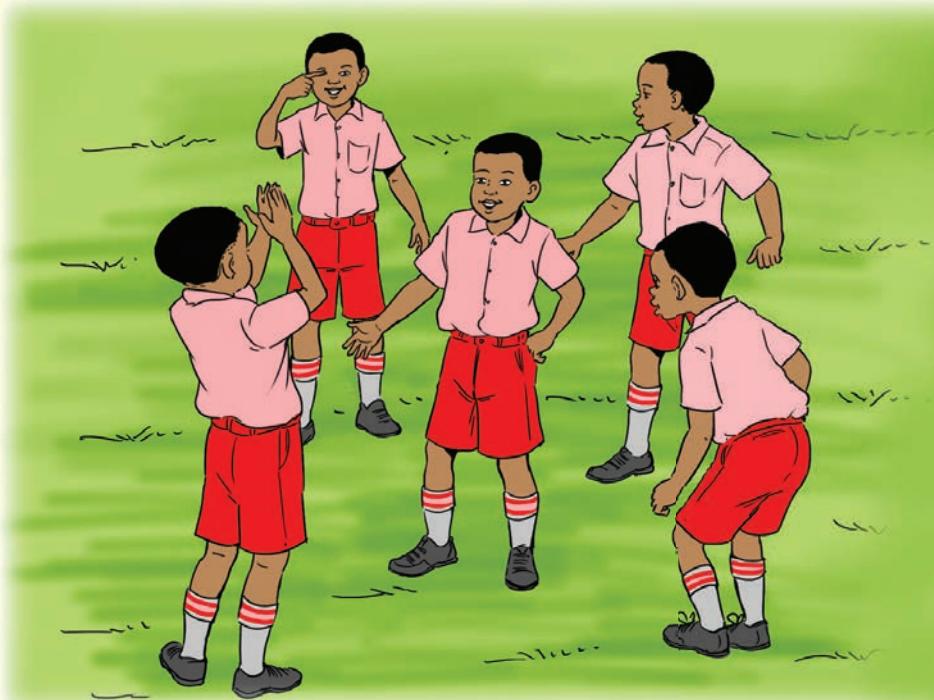
Tom, Kato and three other boys held hands in a circle.

The five boys wanted to play a game about parts of the body.





Tom was the first team leader.
He stood in the centre of the circle.
“Who can show us his head?” Tom asked.
Kato put his hands on his head.
Kato said, “This is my head.”



Kato was now the team leader.
He went to the centre of the circle.
“Who can show us his eye?” he asked.
“This is my eye,” one boy said.
He pointed to his eye.

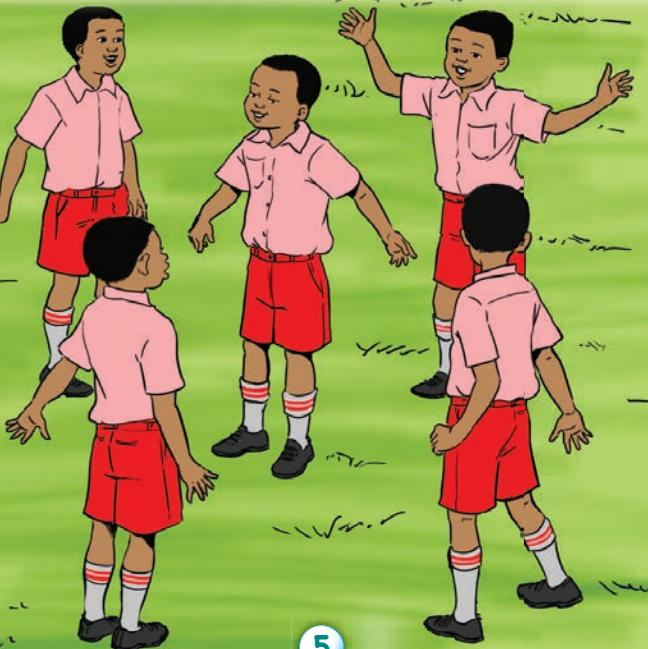
The new leader got to the center of the circle.

The children played this game in turns.

The leader asked a question.

The boy who got the right part of the body became the next leader.

Every break time, the five children would play the game.





One day, Teacher Asha came to the field.
The boys were playing ‘Parts of the body’.
They asked Teacher Asha to join them.
Teacher Asha joined the circle.
She held hands with the boys.

“Who can show us their right leg?” Tom asked.

Teacher Asha pointed at her right leg.

She said, “This is my right leg.”

Tom said, “You are right, teacher!

You are now the team leader!”



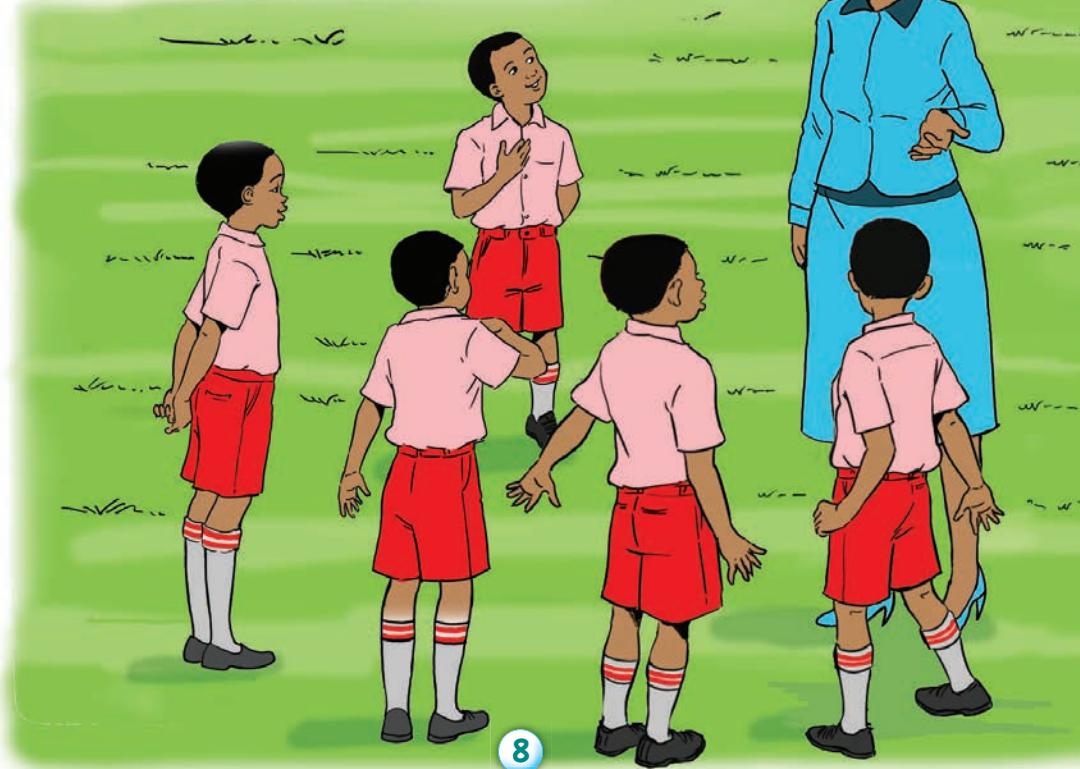
Teacher Asha taught the boys a new song.

They sang, ‘Head, shoulders, knees and toes;

Knees and toes, knees and toes;

Head, shoulders, knees and toes;

Mouth, ears, nose and eyes.”





“Who can show us their heart?” Teacher Asha asked.

The boys were silent.

Then Kato touched his stomach and said,
“This is my heart.”

“No, Kato. That is not right.

That is your stomach,” Teacher Asha said.



“Who can show us his heart?” Teacher Asha asked again.

One boy touched his head.

He said, “I put my heart here.”

“That is not correct. We put a hat on our heads, not a heart,” Teacher Asha said.

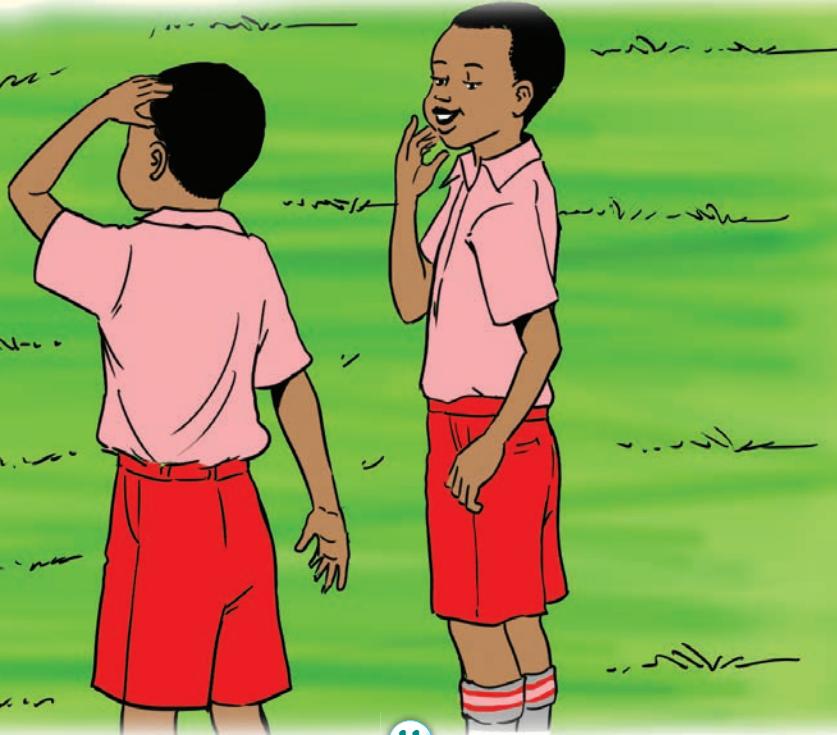
“Who can show me their heart?” Teacher Asha asked again.

No boy could show the teacher his heart.

Tom said, “Teacher, my heart is missing.”

Teacher Asha and the other boys laughed.

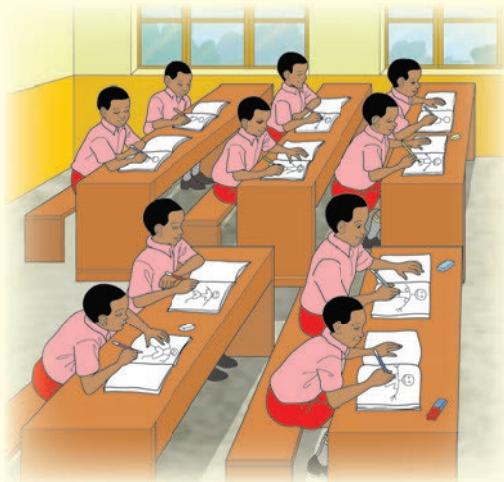
“Your heart is not missing,” she said.



“We all have a heart.

Our hearts are inside our chests,” Teacher Asha said.

The bell rang and the boys went back to class.



Teacher Asha said, “Let us draw a picture in our books.

Draw your body and name all the body parts you can remember.”

Questions

1. How old is Tom?
2. What is the name of the game the boys played?
3. What do we put on our heads?
4. Where are our hearts?
5. Draw your body and name the parts.

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Tom and Kato are at school. They play a game together with three other friends. Teacher Asha joins them and they play together.



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