

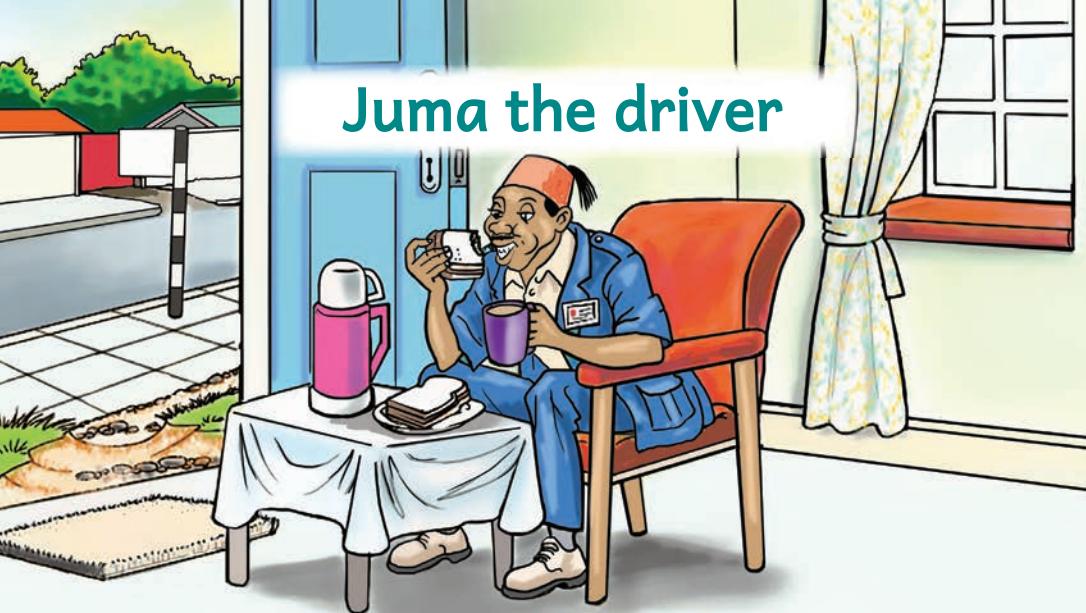


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Tusome Early Literacy Programme

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Juma lived in a small village.

He worked as a driver.

Juma woke up early every day.

He took a bath and wore his uniform.

He always took tea and bread for breakfast.

Juma's friend always gave him a ride to town.

Juma would then go to his van.

First, Juma would check if the van was okay.

If the van had a problem, he would ask Puma to fix it.

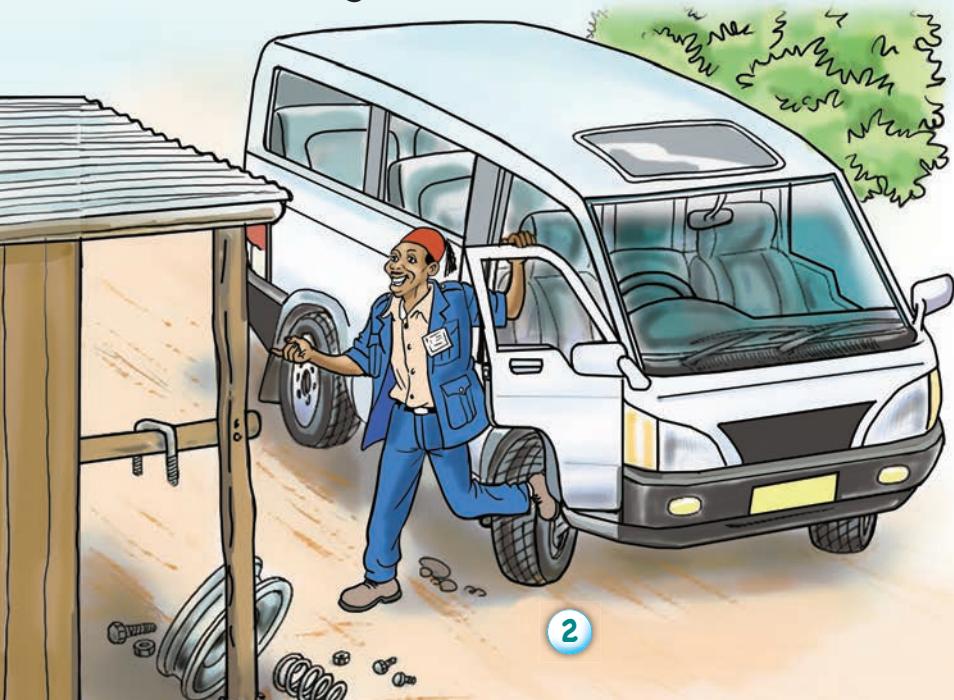
Puma knew how to fix the van.

Puma lived far away.

He would arrive late.

Sometimes, Puma took long to fix the van.

This would get Juma late for work.





One Tuesday morning, Juma woke up very early.

He had a long journey.

He took his breakfast very fast.

Juma put on his uniform.

He left the house in a hurry.

He jumped into a bus to go to work.

Juma slept as the bus moved on.

After one hour, the bus stopped.

Juma got out of the bus.

He went to his van.

He checked and found his van was okay.

He planned to get to the airport at 10 o'clock.

He wanted to take some visitors to a hotel.

He would then take them to the national park in the afternoon.





Juma got into the van and drove to the airport.

There were many cars and buses on the road.

He hoped he would not be late.

Juma got to the airport at quarter to ten.

He parked the van.

He sat in the van and waited for the visitors.

The visitors were late and Juma fell asleep.

“Hello!” someone called.

Juma thought it was a dream.

“Please, open the door,” he heard someone say.

Juma woke up and saw a man at the van window.

His visitors had come.

Juma opened the door.

The visitors got into the van.





Each visitor took a seat.

“Good morning, everyone,” Juma said.

“Good morning,” the visitors replied.

“My name is Juma.

I will be your driver today,” Juma said.

The visitors were happy with Juma.

Juma checked the van.

Juma drove out of the airport at half past eleven.

He wanted to be at the hotel by noon.

He drove straight to the hotel.

By noon, the van was at the hotel gate.

The visitors walked into the hotel.

Juma parked the van.

He then got into the hotel.





Juma and the visitors had lunch.

The food was very nice.

Juma had never eaten such nice food.

The visitors also liked the food.

A waitress took the plates away.

The visitors paid for the food.

Juma left to check if the van was okay.

By afternoon, Juma was ready to leave for the national park.

All the visitors got back into the van.

Juma drove the van to town.

He took the road to the national park.

One by one, the visitors fell asleep.

It was now three o'clock.

The national park was far away.





Juma wanted to reach the national park before the gates closed.

The gates at the national park closed at six o'clock.

He wanted to get there before then.

Juma drove faster.

His van went past many buses, lorries and cars.

Juma was speeding.

Some police officers saw the speeding van.

They followed the van.

Juma did not see the police car.

He just drove faster and faster towards the national park.

Some visitors woke up.

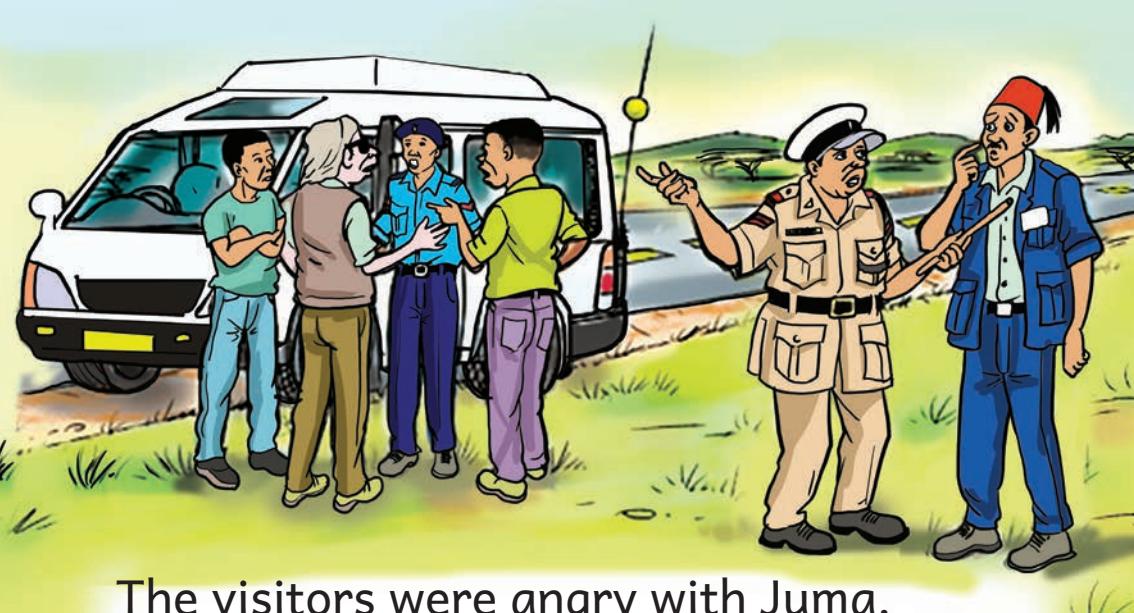
“STOP!” one visitor shouted.

“You will cause an accident,” another visitor said.

Juma slowed down.

He then stopped the van.





The visitors were angry with Juma.

Just then, the police officers arrived.

“Good afternoon,” one police officer said.

“Good afternoon, sir,” the visitors replied.

“Who is the driver of this van,” the police officer asked.

“I am the driver, sir,” Juma replied.

“You were speeding,” said the police officer.

Juma was taken to the police station.

After one hour, Juma was allowed to leave.

He was told to go to court on Monday.

The visitors asked the police officer to get them another van.

The police officer looked for another van.

He did not get any.

The police officer said Juma could continue driving his van. He asked Juma not to speed again.





Juma promised to drive carefully.
The visitors went back into the van.
They asked Juma not to speed again.
Juma drove slowly this time.
He was careful not to drive too fast.
“Better late than never,” Juma said to
himself.
He did not worry about time any more.



The bus arrived at the national park at half past six.

The gate was still open.

The bus was allowed into the national park.

The visitors stayed in a camp site until morning.

Questions

1. What was Juma's work?
2. Who would Juma call to fix the van?
3. Was Juma a good driver? Why?
4. Who took Juma to the police station?
5. At what time did Juma arrive at the park?

Juma the driver

Juma is a driver. He carries tourists from the airport and takes them to hotels and parks. One day he gets late to take tourists to a park. He drives too fast. He gets caught by the police. Will he make it to the park?



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