

## ሙዝ ሻጩ ቶም

### Tom the banana seller

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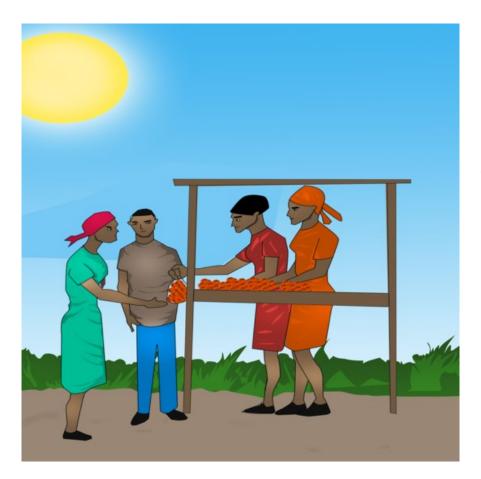
Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.



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Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.



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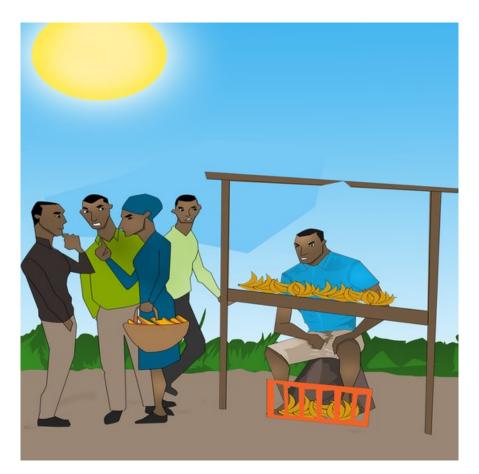
People at the market are buying fruit.



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But no one is buying Tom's bananas. They prefer to buy fruit from women.



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"In our community, only women sell fruit," people say. "What kind of a man is this?" people ask.



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But Tom does not give up. He calls, "Buy my bananas! Buy my sweet ripe bananas!"



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One woman picks up a bunch of bananas from the tray. She looks at the bananas carefully.



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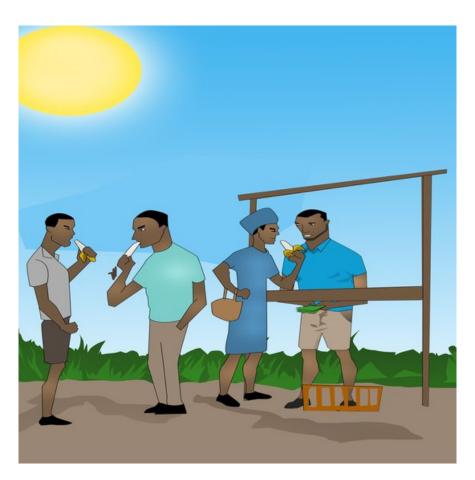
The woman buys the bananas.



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More people come to the stall. They buy Tom's bananas and eat them.



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Soon, the tray is empty. Tom counts the money he earned.



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Then Tom buys soap, sugar, and bread. He puts the things in his tray.



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Tom balances the tray on his head and goes home.



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