

A PARTY ON THE BEACH



The Beach

A- Last Monday was a holyday. Hajo and her friends went to the beach on their scooters. Before she went, Hajo did her hair very carefully and then put on her smartest dress and her most expensive ear-rings. They took a radio and a record-player with them. When they got to the beach, they sat down under some coconut trees. A few tourists were swimming in the sea. In the distance they could see some fishermen pulling in their nets. Out at sea there were a lot of boats waiting to come into Lagos harbour.

- B- Bosede** : I wonder where Bola is. I can't see him anywhere, can you ?
Hajo : He ought to be here by now. Anyway, let's wait for him here.
Bosede : Hey, Hajo, can you see that tall man over there – the one with a board ?
Hajo : Oh yes, he's the American we met in the market yesterday.
George : Hi there ! You're the girls I met in the market, aren't you ? Can I join you ?
Hajo : Yes, come and sit down. We're waiting for our cousin. Bola, but he hasn't come yet, so we're going to have our picnic now.

C- About half an hour later

- Bosede** : If I had a lot of money, I'd go to America.
George : Well, if you came to America, I'd show you round.
Bosede : I suppose you live in a skyscraper, don't you ?
George : Oh no. I live in a small house near Washington.
Hajo : How marvellous ! If we stayed in Washington, we'd meet the president, wouldn't we?
George : Well, you might meet him, but I doubt it. America's a big country, you know.
Hajo : If I went to America, I'd go and see a space-rocket.
Bosede : Be careful, Hajo. They might put you inside one and send you to the moon !

EXERCISES :

A- Are these sentences true or false ? Discuss your answers with your neighbour.

- 1-** Hajo went to the beach to meet George. **2-** George hasn't met the girls before. **3-** There was nobody else on the beach. **4-** Bosede wants to visit America. **5-** George lives in a skyscraper.
1- Bosede wants to go to the moon. **7-** Sikiru doesn't often write to Hajo. **8-** Bola will come to the beach after the picnic.

B- What would you do if I gave you a hundred francs ?

“ If you gave me a hundred francs, I’d (I would) buy some coca-cola. “

What would you do if I gave you a thousand francs ?

What would you do if I gave a million francs ?

Think about your answers and discuss them with your neighbour.

C- Answer these questions in groups. Then discuss your answers with the whole class.

1- What would you do if there was a fire in the school ?

“ If there was a fire in the school, I’d “

2- What would you say if you met the American President ?

“ If I met the American President, I’d say “

3- Where would you go if you had three months ‘holiday and lots of money ?

4- What would you do if you went to the moon ?

5- What would you do if you saw a snake/ a thief / an accident ?

Can you think of other questions like these to ask your neighbour ?