

## IN THE MARKET



The women in the market

**A-** While Sikiru was trying to shoot elephants in Kano, Hajo was having problems with her scooter. It was always breaking down. Yesterday she took it to a mechanic near the market. Bosede wanted to go shopping to buy some cloth for a new dress, so the two girls went to the market together.

**Mechanic** : There isn't much wrong with your scooter. The plug's dirty that's all. You should use this new plugs. They are imported from Germany, and they're much better. You should look after your scooter more carefully.

**Hajo** : I know I should, but I haven't had much time recently. I've been too busy.

**Mechanic** : Well, you should ask me to service it then. Do you want me to bring it to your house when I've repaired it ?

**Hajo** : Yes, thanks very much.



**The mechanic**

**B-** The two girls went into the market and wandered round, looking at everything. Bosede picked up some light blue cloth.

**Bosede** : What beautiful cloth ! It's lovely ! How much does it cost ?

**Market-woman** : It's five naira.

**Hajo** : That's too expensive. It isn't worth five naira.

**Bosede** : Is it printed in Nigeria ?

**Market-woman** : Yes ? It's made in the new factory near Kano.

**Bosede** : Well, it's a nice colour, but I can't afford it. How much is that with cloth ?

**Market-woman** : Look; I'll let you have the blue cloth for four naira.

**Bosede** : I can't pay more than two.

**Market-woman** : All right – you can have it for three.



**The clothes**

- C-** Hajo and Bosede bought the cloth and went off. Ten minutes later a tall man with three cameras round his neck came up to them.

**Tourist** : Excuse me. Is that cloth made in Nigeria, or is it imported ? You see. I come from America and I want to buy some cloth that's made in this country.

**Bosede** : Well, this cloth is made in Nigeria, and the cotton is grown here too.

**Hajo** : You can buy it over there, but you'll have to bargain with the woman. We had to pay three three naira for it.

**Tourist** : Is that all ? I paid eight naira for some Nigeria cloth in Ibadan last week.

Hajo : Well, you shouldn't bring your cameras with you when you come shopping. Everyone knows you're a tourist, and they'll charge you more !

### EXERCISES :

**A-** Choose the correct ending for these sentences. Write out the correct sentences.

- 1- Hajo went to the market to (a) buy some cloth.  
(d) meet someone from Africa.
- 2- Her scooter often breaks down because (a) hasn't got a plug.  
(b) she doesn't look after it.  
(c) she buy German plugs.  
(d) she can't get to work.
- 3- The blue cloth is (a) printed in Lagos.  
(b) sold in Kano market.  
(c) made in Nigeria.  
(d) imported from Germany.
- 4- The tourist wants to buy the cloth because (a) it's cheap.  
(b) it's a nice colour.  
(c) he can't afford it.  
(d) it's made in Nigeria.

**B-** Read this passage :

Everyday Ali comes to school late. He never goes in through the door. His desk is near the window, so when the teacher is writing on the blackboard, he climbs in through the window. Then he goes to sleep. In class he always wears sun glasses, so the teacher can't see he is asleep.

He sometimes talks to his friends and passes them notes under the desk. He never does any homework himself – he copies the work from another student. He never works hard, but he always passes his exams. How does he do it ?

Discuss with your neighbour all the things that Ali should do and all the things he shouldn't do. Make two lists.