

THE NAMING - CEREMONY



The new baby

A- Next day Bola's grandfather went to see Bola's cousin, Ademola.

Grandfather : In our family, my son, we always choose the name of an ancestor for a new baby.

Ademola : Yes, I know, grandfather. Did you go and see the Ifa priest ?

Grandfather : Of course. We always have to see him about important ceremonies.

Ademola : What did he say about the baby ?

Grandfather : Your baby's name will be Rissi. He told me she must never eat salt. You must take her to see him, when she's old enough.

B- Ademola : What did you have to give the priest ? I know he often asks people for a lot of money.

Grandfather : He doesn't usually ask me for money, but he always asks for something, of course. This time I gave him some kola nuts and some of my best yams.

Ademola : That was very good of you, grandfather.

Grandfather : By the way ... I hope there will be enough rice and meat for all the guests. I sometimes go to ceremonies where there isn't enough food.

Ademola : Don't worry, grandfather. That'll never happen in Bola's house. His mother always has enough food for her guests.

Grandfather : But is Bola's house big enough for all the guests ?

Ademola : Of course it's big enough. Don't worry.



The naming-ceremony

C- Later that afternoon, Ademola, his wife and their baby went to Bola’s compound, which was already full of people – friends, relatives and neighbours. The guests all wore their most beautiful and most expensive clothes. They brought presents, which they gave to the baby’s parent. Some of them gave her a name.

EXERCISES :

A- Listen to Yemi. She’s talking about what she does.

I always get up before 7.00.

I always go to sleep before 10.00.

I often to go market.

I sometimes go to the cinema.

I never hit my teacher.

Make a list of the things you do. Tell the class. Add some things that aren’t true, and see if your friends believe you !

Monday	Tuesday	Westerday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
X	X	X	X	X	X	X
X	X	X	X	X	-	X
X	X	X	X	-	X	-
-	-	-	X	-	X	X
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

B- Look at the story again carefully, and then complete the following sentences with one of these words :

always - usually - often - sometimes - never .

1- Grandfather ... goes to see the Ifa priest about important ceremonies. **2-** The priest ... asks People for money. **3-** The priest doesn't ... ask grandfather for money. **4-** Rissi must ... eat salt. **5-** Bola's mother ... has enough food in her house. **6-** People ... put coins on dancers 'heads. **7-** Relatives ... wear their best clothes to ceremonies. **8-** Grandfather ... makes long speeches.

Discuss your answers with your neighbour. There may be two possible answers.

C- Dr Akuabi wants to buy a new house.
What kind of house does he want ?
Make some sentences.

Examples :

- He wants a which is near the hospital.
- He wants a house which has got a garage.

near a school not too expensive not far from the shops a long way from the lorry-park on the main road four bedrooms a big garden a high wall
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Now write some true sentences about your house (or village or town).

Example : I live in a town which has got three mosques.

