

PLAINTAIN SELLER

Focus: Motivating Pupils

Synopsis

Linus wants his daughter Ngozi to win the prize for the sprinting events at the school inter house sports but she has no motivation to do so.

Ngozi, Linus' daughter loses out in the first round of the hundred meter sprint to his chagrin. He laments the loss of the reward she would have got and how it would have helped them. As they prepare for the second round, Kwame, her teacher says she must win the race for her school house. Linus asks to speak to his daughter in private. Kwame excuses them. Linus buys her a drink as a reward for her effort in the first round. Ngozi is happy. He then tells her to assume every other sprinter hawks plantain just like her (since she hawks plantain for her mother after school hours) and that in her mind's eye she should imagine there is someone waiting at the finishing point who wants to buy all the wares of the winner and how helpful such money from the sales can be to the family. She adheres to it and comes first in the second round, making them proud.