

BE CAREFUL

Focus: Listening to Pupils

Synopsis

Chairman Rasheed sends Ibrahim to buy him herbs from Ahmadu. Ahmadu takes Ibrahim to his farm to get the herbs. While there, Ibrahim wonders why sometimes, some plants wither, dry up and die and sometimes appear very green. Ahmadu proceeds to explain it to him by telling him a story which he Ahmadu acts out with his voice:

The story is about the sky who feels obliged to supply rain and sunshine to the tree but the sky is stopped from doing so by the tree who considers the sky's sunshine and rain as waste products. Sunshine and rain lodge their complaints to Mother Sky on the tree's attitude towards their supply. Sky summons tree who in fact becomes insolent to the point of telling the sky he no longer needs his sunshine and rain. Sky withdraws its supply of its children. The tree begins to dry up and die off and begs the sky to restore its supplies.

Ibrahim understands in simple terms the dependability of plants on water and oxygen. He takes herbs back to Rasheed.