

3. Marula oil

Look at the picture. Can you guess what these women are doing?



Read the story and answer the questions.

One day Talent and his friend Mbuso were talking after school.

“My grandmother and her friends have started collecting marula nuts,” said Talent. “They take the kernels from inside the nuts, and sell them.”

“That’s great,” said Mbuso.

“Well, they don’t get a lot of money from selling the kernels,” said Talent. “Marula kernels are used to make oil. My grandmother and her friends thought, ‘What if we make the oil and sell that? Then maybe we’ll get more money.’”

“That sounds even better,” said Mbuso.

“But you need a machine to press the oil out of the kernels,” said Talent. “I found out about it on the internet with my aunt’s phone. I found that there’s an organisation with an oil press that my grandmother and her friends could use. But it isn’t very near. It will cost them money to take their kernels to the machine. Will it be worth it?”

“We know how to find out,” said Mbuso, “We can work it out for them, thanks to things we’ve learned in our maths lessons!”

The boys went to see Talent's grandmother and her friends. They helped them to calculate how much money it would cost to turn their marula nuts into oil, and how much money they could make by selling it. Talent's grandmother and her friends realised that they could make more money by selling the oil.

A few weeks later, Talent's grandmother met the boys when they were walking home from school. She told them that they had really helped.

"Thanks for your help!" she said. "We're making more money now, just like you said." Then she gave each of them a bottle of marula oil.

1. What were the women doing with the marula nuts?
2. What happens to the marula kernels?
3. What idea did Talent's grandmother and her friends have?
4. What did Talent find out on the internet?
5. What did the boys help the women to work out?

Read this advertisement. Where does it come from? How did you decide your answer?

- a. a Zimbabwean newspaper
- b. an international website which sells food from around the world
- c. a notice in a shop window

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1. What can you use marula oil for?
2. Who produces this marula oil?