

PUBLIC HOLIDAY



Equal opportunities for pupils: We all worry when an external examiner is coming to our classroom but how professional is teacher Kwame in this situation? How does he make the situation disadvantage one of his pupils?

SCENE 1: ROADSIDE

- SFX: ROADSIDE AMBIENCE, EJIKE HAWKING CDs OFF
- TEACHER KWAME: Ejike, how are you?
- EJIKE: Teacher Kwame, I is fines, will you buys my CDs, I haves "You may kisses your bride."
- TEACHER KWAME: Give me, Oliver de Coque, this is the money.
- EJIKE: Teacher I doesn't gets that one. Go to oga Easy im shop to buys it.
- TEACHER KWAME: (Leaving) Ehm Ejike, Let us talk man-to-man
- EJIKE: Yes, Teacher Kwame.
- TEACHER KWAME: There will be public holiday tomorrow, no school.

EJIKE: (happily) Ah, thanks you so much teacher, I can sells my CDs till darkness of night. Bye, bye.

MUSIC BRIDGE

SCENE 2

**MARKET
MORNING**

MID

SFX: EJIKE HAWKING CDs OFF, FOOTSTEPS ON

TITUS: Is that not Ejike I see, Ejike, Ejike!

EJIKE: Good morns Oga Titus.

TITUS: Why are you hawking CDs when your colleagues are in school?

EJIKE: (surprised) school? But Teacher Kwame tells me that today is public holiday.

TITUS: How can today be public holiday when the external examiner is coming? Quickly, pack up your CDs and follow me to school at once.

EJIKE: Chei, anyways, okays Oga Titus, let us goes, I will shows you that today is publics holidays.

MUSIC BRIDGE

SCENE 3:

CLASSROOM

SFX: CLASSROOM AMBIENCE

- TEACHER KWAME: Children, is that true?
- CHILDREN: Yes Uncle.
- TEACHER KWAME: Good, now clap for yourselves.
- SFX: CLAPPING
- TEACHER KWAME: Yes, now, this important visitor will be asking you some questions and you will be expected to give her good answers.
- SFX: FOOTSTEPS, VOICES OFF TO ON
- TITUS: (OFF TO ON) Ejike, I thought you said there was a public holiday today, are these not your classmates with an external examiner in class?
- EJIKE: but...but them tells me that...
- TITUS: Just keep quiet and let me talk to the examiner. Hello madam, please allow this boy come in, he is meant to be in this class.
- EXT EXAMINER: It's okay, he can go right in.
- TEACHER KWAME: (Aside) O God! This boy is back to spoil things for me.
- EXT EXAMINER: Ehm Mr Kwame, did you just say anything?

TEACHER KWAME

No, nothing madam, I said nothing, Ejike, quickly take your seat.

SFX:

GIGGLES AND TITTER FROM CHILDREN

EXT EXAMINER:

Class, can somebody tell me the sum of 70 and 40.

SFX:

SILENCE

EXT EXAMINER:

You mean nobody can tell me the sum of 70 and 40?

EJIKE:

Ehm, ma, let me tries.

TEACHER KWAME:

Oh God, this boy again, I'm done for!

EXT EXAMINER:

Okay, yes you, what is your name?

EJIKE:

My names is Ejike alias Ejyks, the sum of 70 and 40 is 110.

EXT EXAMINER:

Very good, clap for him.

SFX:

CLAPPING

EXT EXAMINER:

So how did you do that?

EJIKE:

I just thinks it that if I person buys one CD for 70 and another CD for 40, then the person must be gives me 110, simple

TEACHER KWAME

I can't believe this.

EXT EXAMINER:

That's very good, class clap for him again.

SFX:

CLAPPING TILL FADE OUT.

END

It is important to value all our pupils, whatever their abilities. What can you do to make sure everyone has a chance to participate in your lessons?

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