



# Tom the banana seller

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Tom carries a tray of ripe bananas.



Tom goes to the market to sell bananas.



People at the market are buying fruit.



But no one is buying Tom's bananas. They prefer to buy fruit from women.



“In our community, only women sell fruit,” people say. “What kind of a man is this?” people ask.



But Tom does not give up. He calls, "Buy my bananas! Buy my sweet ripe bananas!"



One woman picks up a bunch of bananas from the tray. She looks at the bananas carefully.





The woman buys the bananas.



More people come to the stall. They buy Tom's bananas and eat them.



Soon, the tray is empty. Tom counts the money he earned.



Then Tom buys soap, sugar, and bread. He puts the things in his tray.



Tom balances the tray on his head and goes home.



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