







Big blue bus

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There was only one bus in Ebei's village. It was big and blue. It was very noisy.



One day, Ebei's mother said, "Tomorrow we will go to town to buy your school uniform."



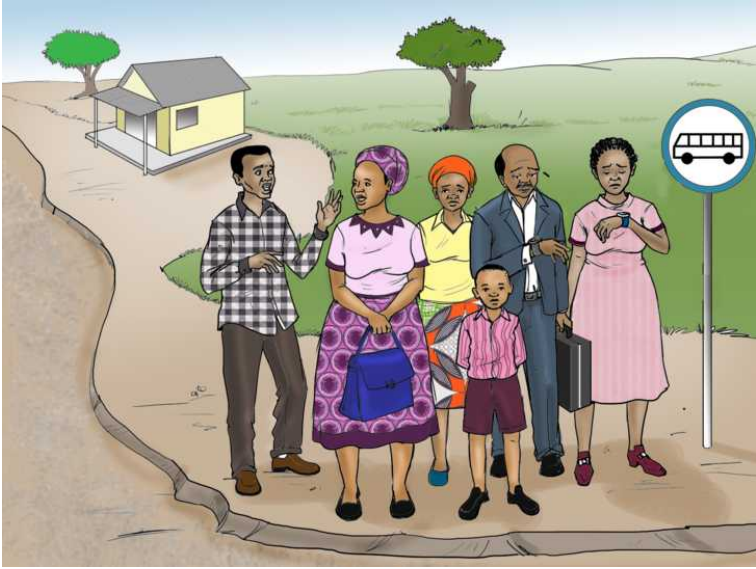
Ebei was very excited. They would travel in the big blue bus. He could not sleep that night.



Ebei was already dressed when his mother came to wake him.



Ebei and his mother walked to the bus stop. They waited for the big blue bus. But the bus did not come.



Other people arrived at the bus stop. They complained because the bus was late. “Has the bus left us?” they asked.



Ebei was worried. "We will not be able to go to town. I will not be able to get my uniform," he thought.



Some people gave up and went home. But Ebei cried and did not want to go. His mother comforted him. "We will wait a bit longer," she said.



Suddenly, they heard a noise. They saw dust in the air. The bus was coming!



But this bus was not blue. It was not big. This bus was red and small. The waiting people looked at this bus. They did not get in.



“Get in! Get in!” shouted the driver. “We are very late today,” he said.



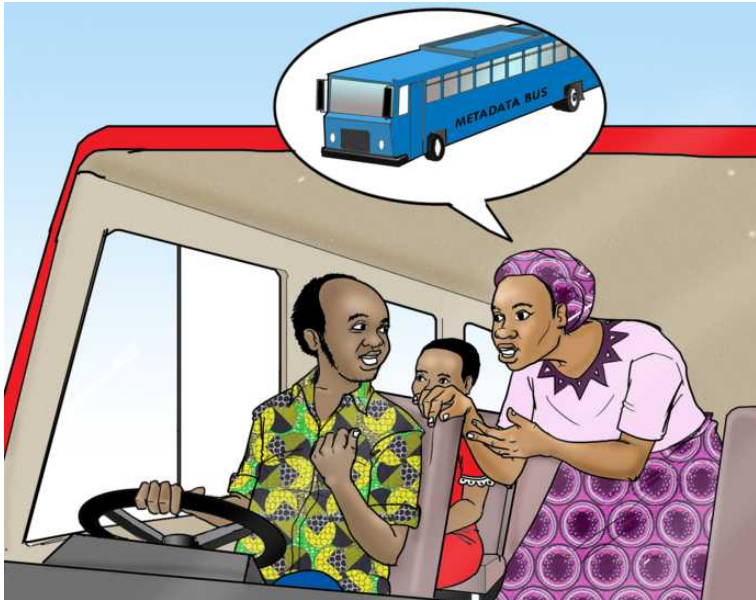
Ebei and his mother got in first. Soon everyone else got in the small red bus.



Ebei looked out the window. He saw more people at the bus stop.



Even more people were running to catch the bus. But they were too late. The bus was full. The red bus left for town.



“Where is the big blue bus?” asked Ebei’s mother. “It broke down,” replied the driver. “We are fixing it. It will come tomorrow,” he added.



Ebei did not care about the colour of the bus. He did not care about the size of the bus. He was happy because this bus was going to town.



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