

Worksheet 3B

Why is Florence Boadu learning how to grow pineapples?

Name:

Class:

You have to answer the question above – by doing some sorting!

Your aim is to give a full and satisfying answer (not just 5 or 6 lines). But the same time, you don't want to include irrelevant information. You will need scissors and a glue stick. Here's what to do:

1. First, read through the strips of text below. They are not in order, but they may give you clues about the answer.
2. Cut out the strips, and divide them into three groups, A, B and C:

Group A You think these strips will help you answer the question.	Group B These might help you answer the question. You are not sure yet.	Group C You think these strips are not relevant, and can be discarded.
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3. Now take the strips from group A. Arrange them in order, to build up an explanation that answers the question.
4. Next, look at each strip in group B. Do you think it will help your answer? If yes, slot it into a logical place in your explanation. If no, add it to group C.
5. When you are happy with your explanation, number each strip lightly, in pencil (in case you get them mixed up).
6. Then stick the question down on a sheet of paper, or into your exercise book.

Stick the text strips below it, in order.

The strips

It is hard work, carrying a bucket of water on your head. A litre of water weighs one kilogram. Florence's bucket holds about 16 litres.

Pineapples grow almost all year round.

Florence has not travelled much. But when she was 19, her brother took her to visit their uncle in Accra. It was very exciting!

Florence Boadu is 30 years old. She lives in a village in southern Ghana.

The government has promised that electricity will arrive in Florence's village very soon. She is really excited about that.

Growing cocoa is seasonal. When it isn't cocoa season, Florence and Kwami have no income.

Florence wants to make sure her children go to secondary school. She is trying hard to save money for their transport to the town, and things they'll need at school.

There was a big celebration when the new well was completed. Dancing and drumming went on until late into the night. People were so happy.

River water is not clean. It contains bacteria that can cause cholera and other diseases. It also contains parasites that can burrow into your skin.

The children go to the public school in the village. The teacher says they are good students. The oldest one, a boy, is really bright at maths.

Tourism is growing, in Ghana. It is a vibrant, friendly country. There are historic places to visit, and National Parks with wildlife, and markets, and beaches.

Florence had more time to spare as she didn't have to spend so much time collecting water.

Florence feels very hopeful about the future. And much of it is thanks to the new well! When electricity reaches the village, life will be even better.

Until recently, the village had no water supply. So every day, Florence walked about 5 km to the river, to fill a bucket with water for her family. She carried it home on her head.

The village has no electricity yet. So Florence uses firewood and charcoal for cooking, and boiling water. The children collect the firewood.

Florence's friend told her that he had read in the cocoa farmers' newspaper that a Farmer Field School was teaching farmers how to grow other crops so that they can sell them and earn money outside the cocoa season.

But now the village has a new well. The villagers helped to build it. The materials and technical support were given by WaterAid and Cadbury.

Florence's husband Kwami is a cocoa farmer. They have four children, two girls and two boys. The oldest is 12.

The new well is only five minutes' walk from Florence's home. Overall, it saves her more than two hours a day! She is so happy about this.

Florence applied for a loan through the Cadbury Cocoa Partnership, provided by a microfinance provider. She used it to buy the "suckers" (little plants taken from a mature pineapple) and equipment that she needed.

Florence has been thinking about the best way to use the time the well has saved her. She wants to earn money to add to those savings, to help her children through school.

Florence's children have often been ill with fever, from bacteria they picked up while splashing around in the river.

Florence went to the Farmer Field School and found out how to grow pineapples.