

A Teacher and Her Hobbies

English translation:

A: With the current state, what do you think should be done to encourage the youth to pursue careers in the teaching field?

B: Umm if schools increase, such that the number of students decreases in a class, then teachers will be able to manage the students easily. If they [government] also increase the salary of a teacher, that enables them [teachers] to afford a standard life with their families. Parents who have a vision, who think about the future of their children, are now sending their children to private schools. Private schools in this country are quite expensive but these are the schools where you can find better education.

A: Can you explain the difference between private schools and government schools?

B: Government schools are the ones that employ teachers who are not happy with their salaries. The class enrollment is very large. There are so many children in one classroom. At a private school, a teacher gets a better salary and the number of students per class is manageable. There are few students, a maximum of ten students per teacher. A teacher is able to help all the students at any time.

A: So when you are not teaching, can you tell me about your hobbies?

B: Haha, I have so many hobbies. I love to sew a lot. I sew things like household materials such as curtains, chair bags, and many other things. I also love to garden, grow vegetables, maintaining the yard, flowers and taking of trees in the yard, making sure that the trees are watered and they produce fruits for consumption. I also like to take care of broilers that I sell to people who want them.

A: Okay. What do you grow in your garden?

B: I grow a lot of things. During the rainy season, we grow maize, pumpkins, groundnuts, sweet potatoes, and many other things, even okra and so on. When it is not the rainy season, during winter, we grow vegetables such as carrots, tomatoes, onions. That is what we grow during that time.

A: Do you sell what you harvest in the garden or you keep it?

B: We grow things like tomatoes and if we grow a lot of them as well as onions and vegetable leaves for relish, we sell them. Crops like maize, we keep them so that we can consume them because there are times when we experience drought. So if we dispose, we will not have food to eat. The good thing about maize is that when we take care of domestic fowl, we can use the maize as food for the fowl.

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