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Best and his family lived in a village near their grandparents' home.



His grandparents always wanted Best to live with them. He enjoyed spending time with them for they told him fascinating stories of the past.



His grandpa had a wooden bicycle that Best really liked. He was the only one in the village who had it.



One day, Best and his grandpa went to collect cassava leaves, sweet potatoes and green bananas for lunch.



His grandpa told him, “When I was six, I started making wooden wheels but failed many times.”



One day, I saw a metal bike. I imitated the idea using wood and that is how I made my first bicycle that I used to carry food from the garden.



That night, Best did not sleep. He kept thinking about how he would make his own wooden bicycle.



The next day, Best requested his grandfather to help him make his own wooden bicycle and he accepted.



Together with his grandpa, they started making the bicycle using wood, wheels, a hammer and a knife.



When the bicycle was completed, Best donated it to the community so that everyone could use it to carry heavy items.



The next day, Best's grandpa invited the village chairperson to come and receive the new wooden bicycle.



The village chairperson, the two members from the community and Best's grandpa expressed their gratitude to Best for his courage, creativity and support to the community.





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