

KUMBA AND JANGA'S TRAVEL



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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age-appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open-source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

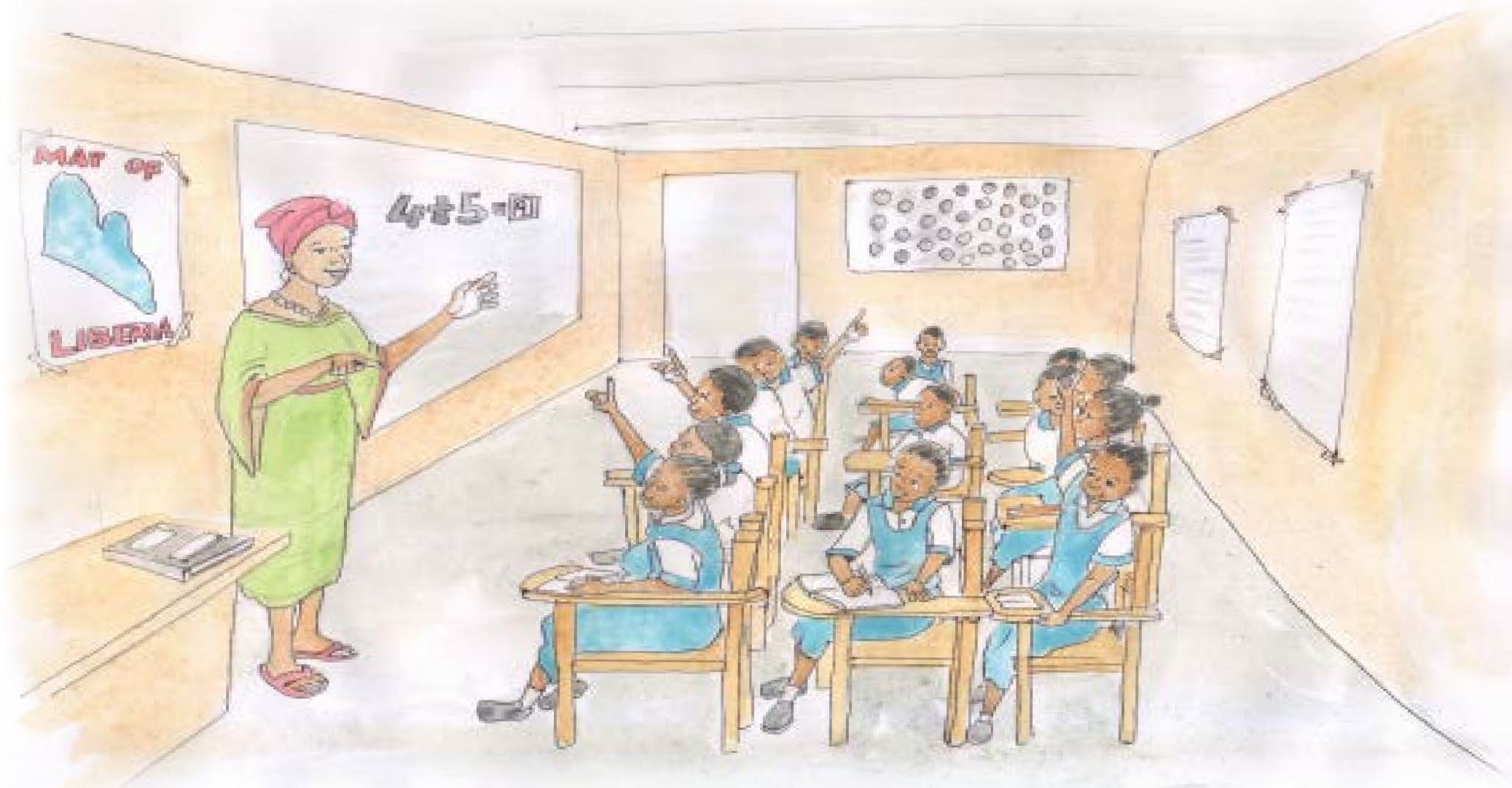
The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

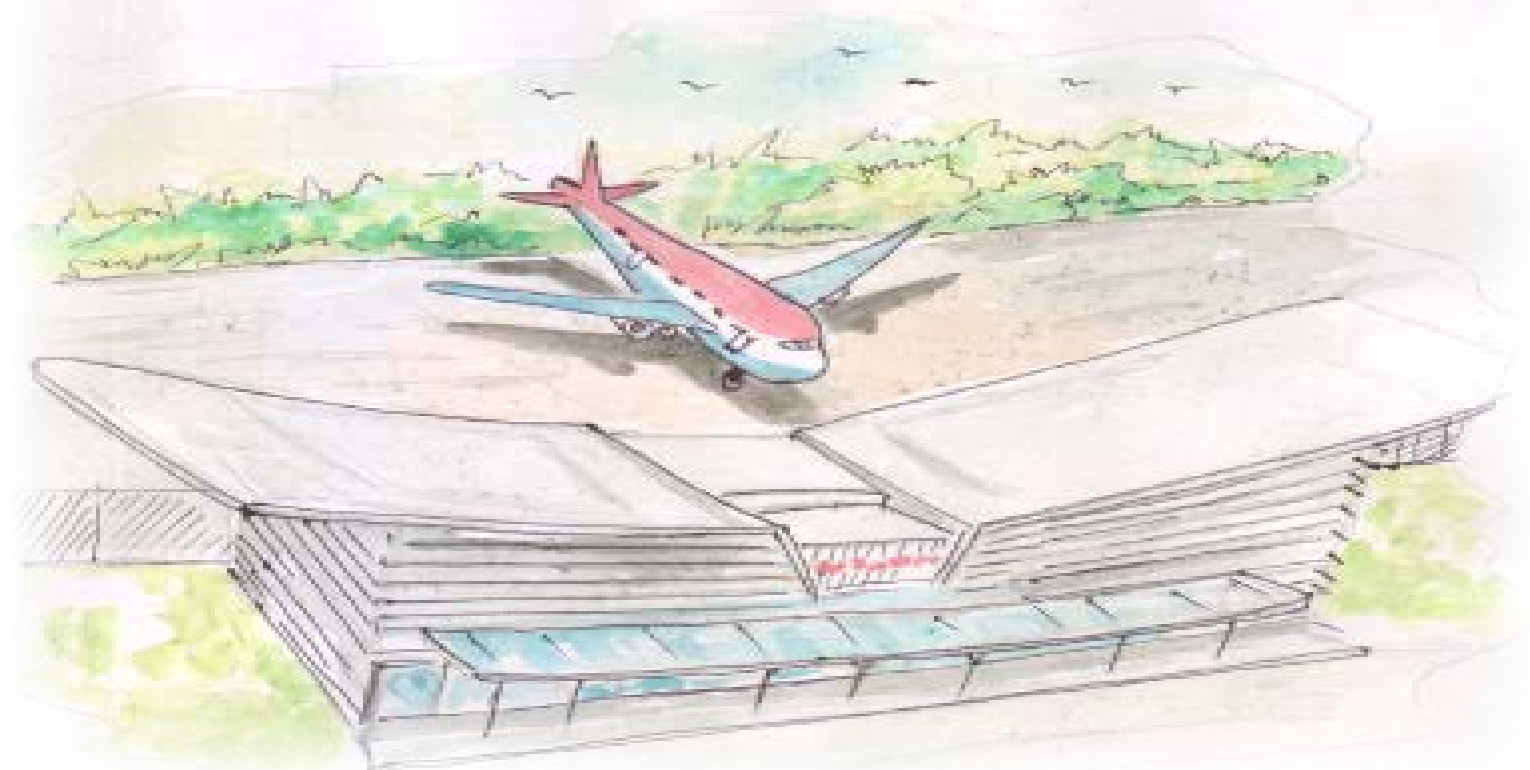
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Kumba and Janga are best friends. Kumba is a teacher and Janga runs a shop. Kumba loves ice cream. Janga loves plantain chips. Kumba is shy. Janga likes meeting new people.



But both of them love to travel. Janga's birthday is this week. She and Kumba are going to Harper in an airplane.



Janga is so excited. She can hardly sit still. The plane takes off, and they are in the air!" Look at the clouds," says Kumba. "That one looks like a doughnut."



The best friends arrive in Harper. Kumba has a surprise for her friend. A helicopter ride! "Weeeeeeee"! Janga shrieks "Look at the clouds," says Kumba. "That one looks like a man's beard!" "This is my best birthday. Thank you," says Janga.



Kumba and Janga are riding a canoe on Lake Shepard, near Harper. Kumba is a bird-watcher. So far she has seen king fishers, whistling ducks, and Egret but she wants to see the tern.



Nemlen, a fisher man went by in his canoe. He found Kumba and Janga. He told them of an island nearby. "You might see the tern there," Nemlen says.



Kumba and Janga got on a boat. It was filled with people, chickens, coconuts, and breadfruit. Kumba could not hear the birds. The noise on the boat is too loud.





Kumba and Janga spend hours on the island trying to find the tern. But they had no luck. Uh-oh! The boat had left without them.



Kumba and Janga find a canoe tucked behind a tree. "Are you sure you know the way back?" ask Kumba. Whuush! Whuush! Janga Peddles and peddles and peddles. She peddles from the lake and into the wide sea.

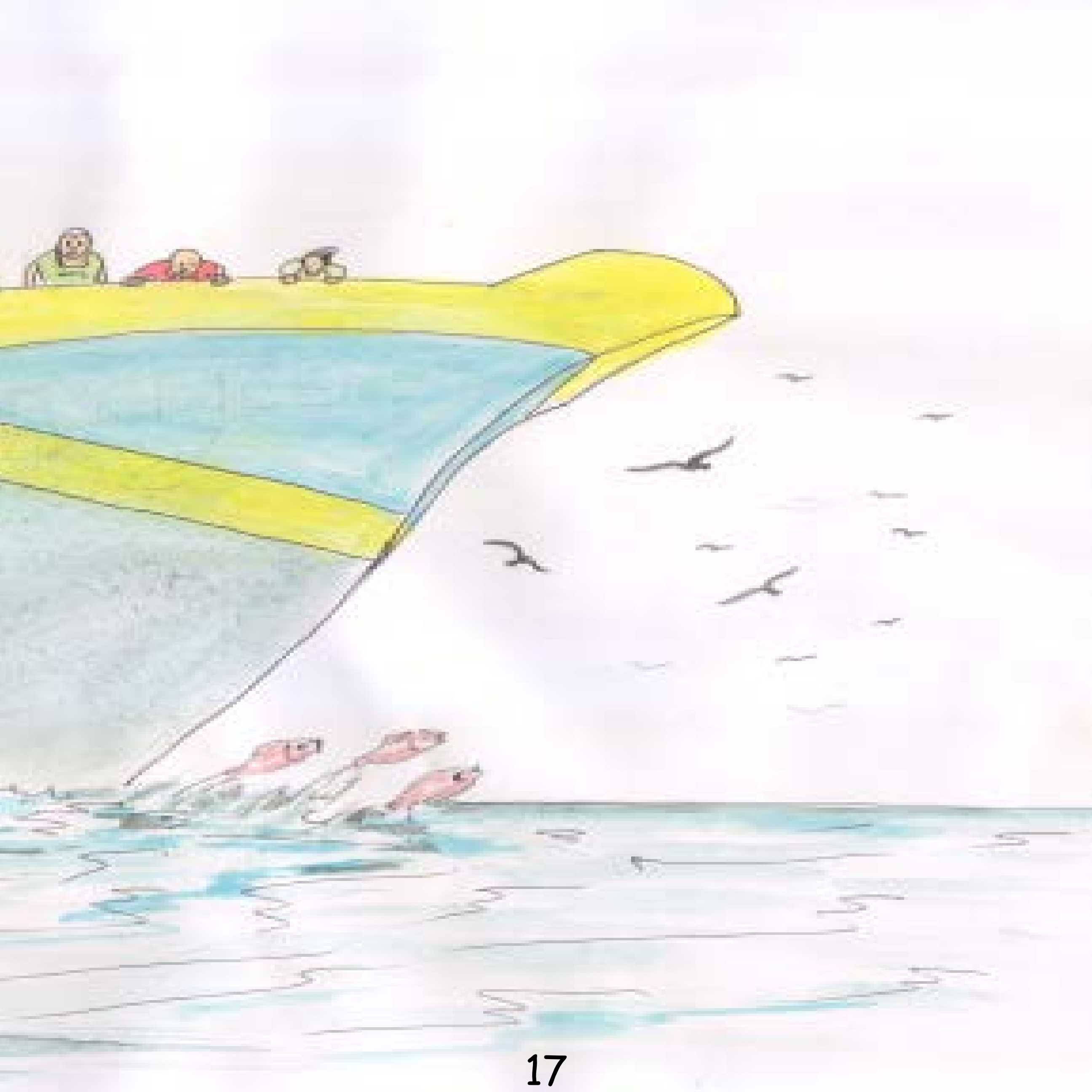




Boooooooooong! There was a cargo ship carrying goods from Monrovia to Harper. It stopped for them. Kumba and Janga had a ride back to Harper. They were sad that they had not seen the tern but relieved to be safely on the ship.







Reading Level: Intermediate - Advance (Age 4 -6)

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Synopsis

Travel with Janga and Kumba as they go to the South East of Liberia for an exciting vacation.

