

DZIWE AND THE RADIO



Dziwe lived in Khobwe village. One day he borrowed a portable radio from one of his friends. Although Dziwe had many friends who were going to school, he never went to school himself.

He listened to several programmes from the radio he borrowed. He enjoyed it very much but he could not understand how it worked. How could the voices of people come from inside the radio? In the end, he decided to dismantle the radio to find out who was actually speaking inside it. He took it apart until the radio was destroyed beyond repair but he couldn't find anyone speaking. His friends were surprised and laughed at him.

Dziwe's friends told him that it was only the voice of the announcer at the radio station that was transmitted by sound waves which travels at a very high speed. Dziwe was amazed. After that he decided to go to school to find out more about science and technology.

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- What is the difference between Dziwe and his friends?
- What do you think Dziwe's life is like? Think of three things he would not have had in his home.
- Children in Malawi do not always go to school, even primary school. They often have to help their families with work in the fields or look after their younger brothers and sisters. Sometimes people think there is no point in continuing their education because they feel it will not make any difference to their lives.
- What do you think the writers of the story were trying to do by writing it?
- What does this story make you think about your own education?
- Do you think this story has an important message for the country of Malawi?