

# FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN A DUCK AND A DOVE



A long time ago a duck and a dove were friends. They agreed to eat together. One day the two birds saw a garden where there was a crop of delicious pigeon peas just ready to eat.

'Look at those delicious peas,' said Dove. 'Come on, let's go and eat some.'

Both birds knew that this was stealing and at first Duck said he would not go. Dove would not stop talking about the delicious meal they could have and in the end Duck agreed to go with him into the garden.

When the two best friends arrived in the garden, they started eating the pigeon peas straight away. Suddenly the owner of the garden appeared. Dove had seen him from a distance. He told his friend that he wanted to have a drink and he disappeared. Duck was busy eating as the dove flew away and he was caught. The owner of the garden was very angry and took Duck into the village to decide what to do with him.

The villagers beat the poor Duck. They beat him until his beak got flattened but Duck kept on apologising until in the end he was forgiven.

From that day onwards all ducks have flattened beaks and they live in the village where the people are. Doves live in the bush and fly away when people approach.

From Matenje Primary

1. Duck thought that Dove was his friend. What do you think?
2. The children from Matenje thought that the villagers should have talked to Duck instead of beating him. What would you say to Duck if you were the owner?
3. It is very difficult if your friend wants you to do something you know is wrong. What are the problems if you want to say you won't do it? What advice would you give to Duck?