

Saturday Is Market Day

We got up before the sun to make the trip into town. My family lives in a little village in Africa. Every Saturday we go to town to sell our head scarves. Mama makes the scarves. Sometimes I help. They are the very best scarves you could buy. ●

Papa pulled the cart into the market as the sun came up. My sister Fusi and I laid out the scarves. We ate breakfast before our first customer came. ●

It was not long before we sold our first scarves. A woman and her daughter bought them. Soon we began to sell many more.

At ten, drummers set up near us. As they played, Papa and Fusi danced. Mama and I clapped along.

In the afternoon, one customer had me turn around and around. She was looking at the scarf I was wearing. I had made it myself. She bought my scarf!

It was a good market day. I am looking forward to next Saturday.

Skill This is a good place to stop and think about the characters and the setting. The story takes place in a village in Africa, and the main character is a child who helps her family sell scarves.

Strategy The writer seems to be telling the story in a daily order. This structure can help you better understand what happens and when.