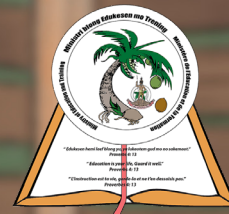


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Splat! Splat! Splat!

One Sunday morning, big rain drops began falling on Leon's roof.

"Oh well," said Leon. "Today will be a good day to stay inside and make a tasty soup."

Leon decided to make Tanna soup. He was hungry just thinking about it.

Tanna soup is made by mixing root crops from the garden, like manioc and green vegetables, with meat, all in one big pot. It was first made by people who lived in Tanna as a local dish. But now everyone makes it and calls it Tanna soup.





First, Leon peeled all the vegetables and root crops.

When he finished peeling, he cut up some beef and added it to the pot with the other ingredients.





Leon mixed everything together, added some water, and put the pot on the fire to cook. “It already smells so good,” he exclaimed.

As the Tanna soup was cooking, Leon sat down with his smart phone to scroll through his social media.

While he was distracted, the Tanna soup started to overcook. Leon suddenly smelled a very bad odour coming from the kitchen.



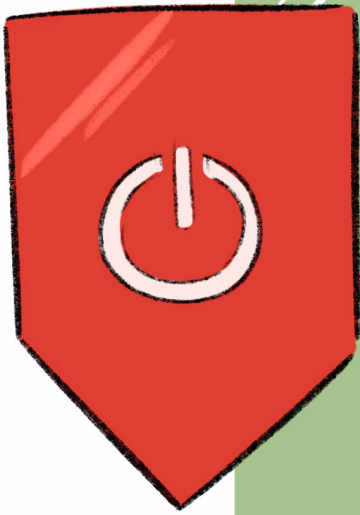


Panicked, Leon dropped his smart phone and ran to the fire. When he opened the pot, thick smoke billowed out. He was shocked to see his Tanna soup was ruined.

Leon realised that he had left the Tanna soup cooking too long. It was impossible to eat now.

He understood that next time, he should pay more attention to his cooking instead of getting distracted by his phone.





Although the soup was ruined,
Leon learned from his mistake.
He promised to be more careful
the next time he cooked Tanna
soup.

**You can use these questions
to talk about this book with
your family, friends and
teachers.**



Why did Leon decide to make soup?



**What are the ingredients for
Tanna soup?**



**Why did the pot boil over and
spoil the food?**



**Have you ever made a mistake
because you were distracted?**

**Think of 3 things you could do while
waiting for soup to cook that would
not be distracting.**

About the author

Nickson Tuaka was born in Tanna but now lives in Port Vila. He wanted to write a children's book to learn more about how to communicate with children and share lessons with them. He also thought it would build his skills. As a child, he enjoyed the Vanuatu Readers and custom stories. He enjoys sharing knowledge with friends and family to help improve their lifestyle.



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