



THE CATCH



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I'm Bayo. Can I grab
more than just a big fish—
can I grab my chance, too?



Vocabulary



look after



win



competition



prize



money



go canoeing



lucky



humid



smell



confidently



shyly



rich



race



soft



minute

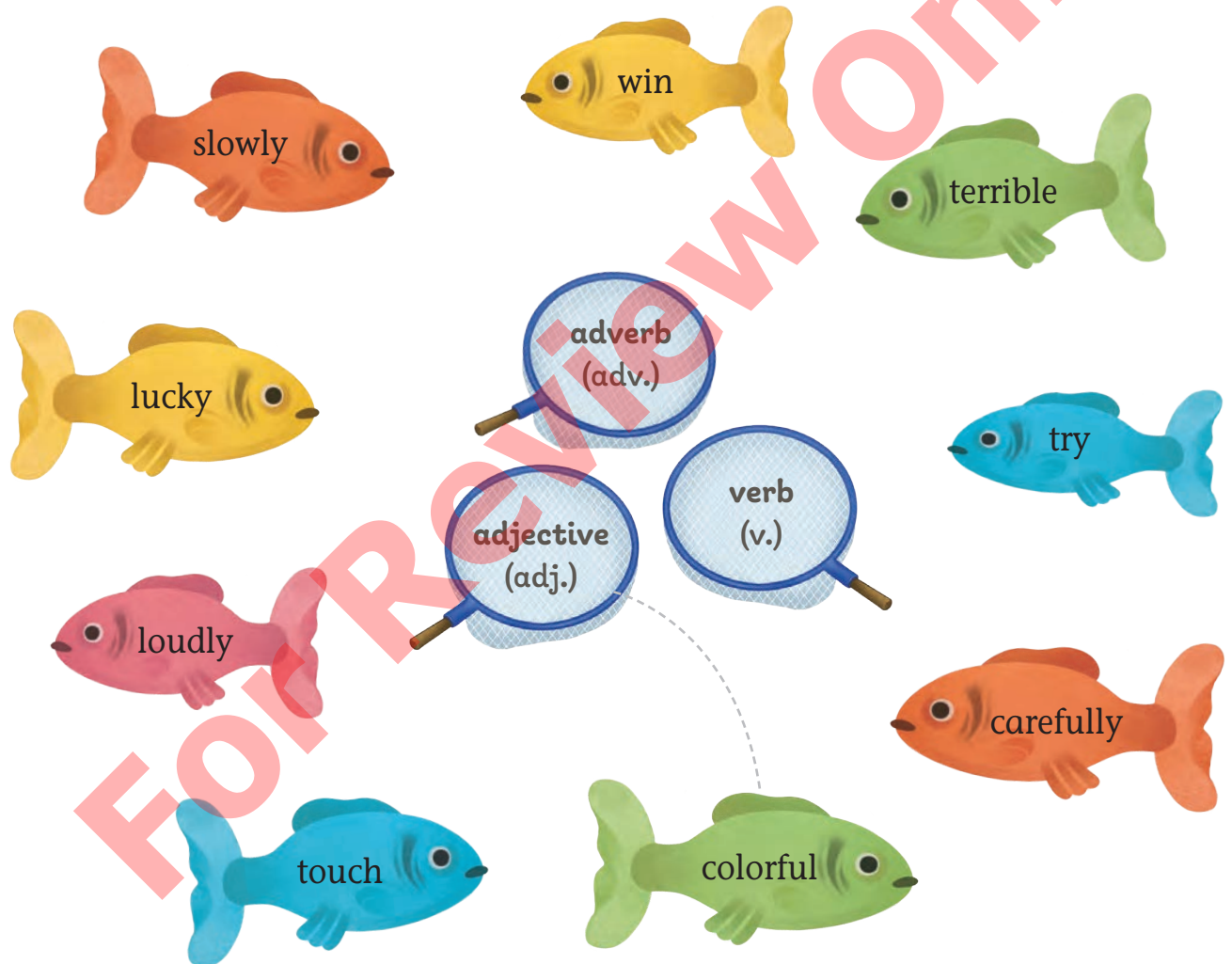


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Warm-Up Activity

Read and match.

Catch each of these fish with the right net. The first one has been caught for you.





My name, Bayo, means “to find joy.”

But joy, my friends, is not always easy to find.

My family is poor, so my father says I can no longer go to school.

I will have to stay home to help with the vegetable garden, and to look after my younger brothers and sisters.







This is why I have to win the fishing competition at the festival next month.

That won't be easy, either.

Thousands of men will be at the river that day, and they will all be trying to catch the biggest fish.

They will all be trying to take home the huge bag of prize money!







Don't get excited, my friends.

I'm afraid I'm not good at fishing at all.



I've never gone canoeing with a net,
and I don't even have a piece of rope!

On the day of the competition, I'll just have my hands and feet.

Although many people catch like this,
I'll still have to be very lucky, won't I?



After-Reading Activities

A. Read the news report about this year's fishing festival and then circle TRUE or FALSE.

DAILY NEWS

by Nafisa Igwe
Argungu, Kebbi State

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Local Boy Catches Everyone's Eye

The yearly four-day Argungu Fishing Festival ended yesterday in fine style when a local 12-year-old, Bayo Okonkwo, went home with this year's big prize of ten million Nigerian naira (around US\$8,000). Bayo, who had no net or fishing rod and used only his hands, shyly told reporters he was just really lucky to win the competition. When asked what he planned to do with the money, young Bayo smiled happily and said he would use it to help his family and to pay for school. His winning fish weighed 36 kg, just three kilograms less than himself!

The first Argungu Fishing Festival was held in 1934. Every year, people from all over the world visit the Mata Fadan River in northern Nigeria to enjoy all the action. During the festival, canoe races, music shows, and swimming competitions are also held.



1. In 2024, the 100th Argungu Fishing Festival was held.
2. Bayo's big catch was almost as heavy as himself!
3. The Mata Fadan River is in the south of Nigeria.
4. Bayo caught the winning fish on the fourth day of the festival.
5. The festival isn't just about fishing. There are lots of other activities, too.

TRUE FALSE

TRUE FALSE

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