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Rosalia's story (Angola)

Thirteen-year-old Rosalia Zita's story is typical of many young Angolans.



Her family was displaced during the country's long years of conflict, and she lost her father to malaria. She also missed many years of primary schooling because of the destruction of schools and social infrastructure. But the recent renovation of Rosalia's school building is now bringing hope for a better future.



Rosalia is now enrolled in grade 4 at Primary School 103 in São João, Huembo. Her school's roof and walls were repaired last year, thanks to Schools for Africa. With the renovated facilities, Rosalia and her schoolmates – 959 boys and 975 girls – can attend school all year round, even during the rainy season.

Rosalia goes to school every morning from 9:00 to 12:30, then spends the afternoon caring for her extended family, cooking, cleaning, feeding the younger children and selling flowers with her sister to earn some extra money. Her brother's job as a stone cutter brings in the equivalent of 37€ a month – not enough to feed the family.



Rosalia studies hard, doing each day's homework in the evening when her domestic chores are finished. She wants to become a teacher, but since she can't afford to buy textbooks of her own, she has to copy the lessons from classmates. A Portuguese language textbook costs around 22€ – more than half the family's monthly earnings.

Adapted from http://schools-for-africa.com/results/32_angola.htm.

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16. Rosalia Zita's life is…

A. nice and easy for a thirteen-year-old girl.
B. different from other children's stories in Angola.
C. not very common for children in Angola.
D. very difficult for a thirteen-year-old girl.

17. How did Rosalia's father die?

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18. Rosalia could not go to Primary school before because…

A. the school was destroyed in the conflict.
B. her family was displaced to another country.
C. her father died in the war.
D. she had to take care of her family.

19. Rosalia and her classmates can now go to school during the rainy season because…

A. it only rains during the night.
B. they attend school only in the morning.
C. the school roof and walls are new.
D. *Schools for Africa* take them to school every day.

20. When Rosalia comes back home from school…

A. she does her school homework first.
B. she helps her brother cutting stone.
C. she goes to buy flowers with her sister.
D. she helps her family with the housework.

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21. What does Rosalia have to do before she can do her homework?

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22. Why doesn't Rosalia have any textbooks?

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23. The price of a Portuguese language textbook is…

A. very expensive for Rosalia's family.
B. much more than 22€.
C. higher than her family's salary.
D. impossible to pay in Angola.

24. All these statements are true, but which one really summarizes the text?

A. Rosalia has got a very hard life after school.
B. Rosalia had an extremely hard life in the past.
C. Rosalia's life is hard but it's going to improve.
D. *Schools for Africa* has brought Rosalia some hope.

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