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Answer the questions.

1. Find at least three examples that Peter gives that show how difficult his life was.
2. Which of the sentences are true? Correct the false sentences.
 - a. Peter's family did not have enough food to eat.
 - b. Beans were cheap.
 - c. When it rained, Peter's house was warm and dry.
 - d. Peter was often sick.
3. Which TWO of the following did Peter remember about his school days?
 - a. Pupils ran outside during the class breaks.
 - b. There were many desks in the classroom.
 - c. He had many teachers.
 - d. He studied only two days a week.
 - e. Most pupils didn't have a textbook or a place to sit in class.
4. How did Peter feel when he began getting school meals? Which words show this?
5. How is Peter's world today different from the world of his childhood?

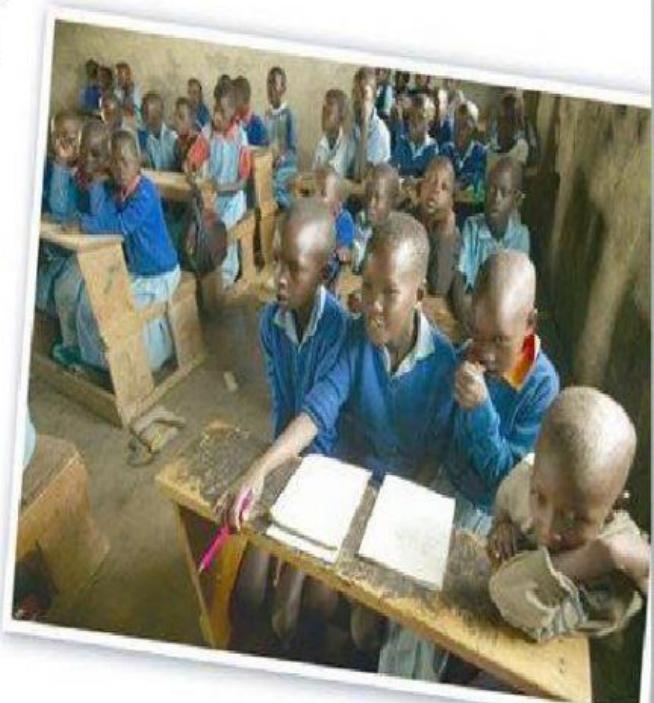
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Peter was the top student. Which two adjectives below describe him?

hard-working *careful* *competitive*

funny *smart* *friendly* *interesting*



HOW POVERTY AND HUNGER

Adapted from an interview by Martin Penner

How poor were you as a child?

Peter Mumo: Very poor. We were a family of eight, with very little money for our basic needs. We did not have enough food or water. We had no electricity, no clothes, nothing. Our house was very simple. We struggled¹ to live.

5 What did you eat?

Peter Mumo: We lived on one meal a day of corn and beans. There weren't many beans and they were expensive, so we didn't eat a lot of them. My family suffered from hunger and we were all very thin.

What was the worst part of your childhood?

10 **Peter Mumo:** Our house had mud walls and a grass-thatched² roof. It leaked a lot when it rained. It rained a lot. With rain we got mosquitoes. These mosquitoes caused malaria. I was the most in danger of catching malaria in my family. Much of the family's money was spent paying my hospital bills.

What do you remember about school?

15 **Peter Mumo:** We shared one textbook among ten pupils, and three or four of us shared a desk. Others sat on the floor. We had one teacher for all the subjects, and to make it even harder, we studied on an empty stomach all day! During class breaks we ran out to the nearby baobab tree to look for fruit.

When did school meals arrive?

20 **Peter Mumo:** While I was in class 4 (age 9), the teacher told us that an organization called WFP (World Food Programme) and the government were starting a 'school feeding' programme. All the pupils got a cup of hot porridge for breakfast and five biscuits to take home in the evening. It was the best thing that happened to me and to all the pupils in my school. Our parents now had to worry less about where our next meal would come from.

25 How did the school meals help you?

Peter Mumo: They gave me energy and a reason to work hard and hope for the future. I'm sure the programme also helped improve my health. The school meals continued through to class 8. I was the top student in my class. This meant I could go to one of the best secondary schools in Kenya. Then in 2007, I went to Moi University Engineering School. I graduated 30 with a degree in December 2012.

How are things going for you now?

Peter Mumo: Compared to where I come from, it's a different world. So much has changed. Today, I work as an engineer for a company in Nairobi. I can afford to eat whenever I feel like it. No more poverty! My future looks very optimistic.

¹struggled /كافحنا

²grass-thatched /عشبي

