



## Mphatso's story

Meet Mphatso. He is 10 years old.

He lives with his sister and grandparents in Malawi.

Malawi is a country in Africa.



## Morning

"I wake up at 6am. First I wash my face. Then I go to work on our farm.

I don't go to school anymore. There is no one to buy my uniform, pens or paper.

## Afternoon

I make mats in the afternoon.

- First I cut the palm leaves from the fields.
- Then I dry them.
- Next I cut them into small pieces.
- Lastly, I weave the pieces together.

Every Thursday, I sell the mats at the market. I sell each mat for 20p.

I wish I could go to school with my friends.



## Evening

I usually wait until the evening to eat. Some days there is no food at all."

## Why doesn't Mphatso go to school?

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