



## Tom the banana seller

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Tom carries  
a tray of  
ripe bananas.





Tom goes  
to the market  
to sell bananas.

People at the market  
are buying fruit.





But no one  
is buying  
Tom's bananas.

They prefer  
to buy fruit  
from women.

“In our community,  
only women  
sell fruit,”  
people say.

“What kind  
of a man  
is this?”  
people ask.





But Tom  
does not  
give up.

He calls,  
“Buy my bananas!  
Buy my sweet  
ripe bananas!”

One woman  
picks up  
a bunch of bananas  
from the tray.

She looks at the  
bananas carefully.







The woman buys  
the bananas.

More people come  
to the stall.

They buy Tom's  
bananas and  
eat them.





Soon, the tray  
is empty.

Tom counts  
the money  
he earned.

Then Tom buys  
soap, sugar,  
and bread.

He puts  
the things  
in his tray.





Tom balances  
the tray  
on his head  
and goes home.

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