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**“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”.**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

*To Adama Sagara, Ne be fe!*

*To my parents, Kenneth Hall and Rochelle Dixie-Hall, your support has made this book possible, thank you.*

*To Joseph and Hawa, may you cherish and pass down the wonderfully rich language and culture of your father's people.*

*To my sister Greta, may God continue to show himself strong!*



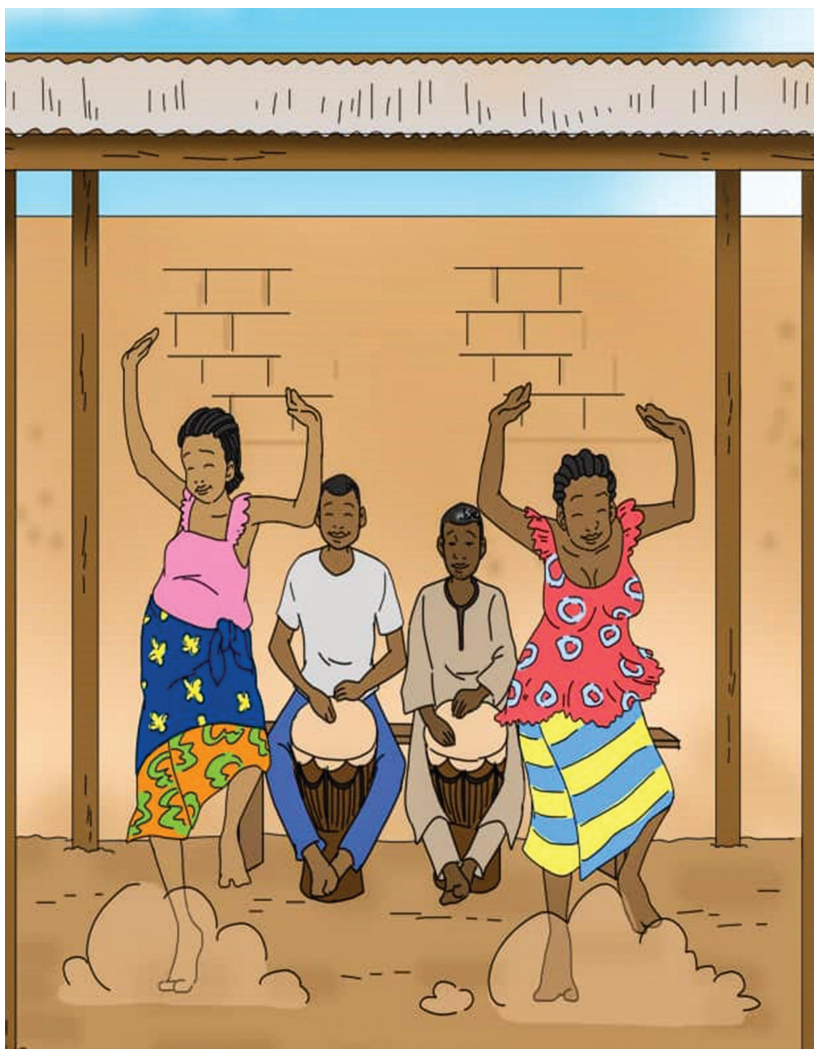


# 1

## Kelen

*(kel-lay)*

One river flows through Bamako, a city in Mali. It is called the Niger (nigh-ger) river.



# 2

## Fila

*(flah)*

Two dancers move to the rhythm of the djembes.



# 3

## Saba

(sah-bah)

Three women sell fruit at the market.



# 4

## Naani

*(nah-nee)*

Four babies wrapped carefully and lovingly travel on their mothers' backs.



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Duuru

*(doo-roo)*

Five fingers decorated with henna.

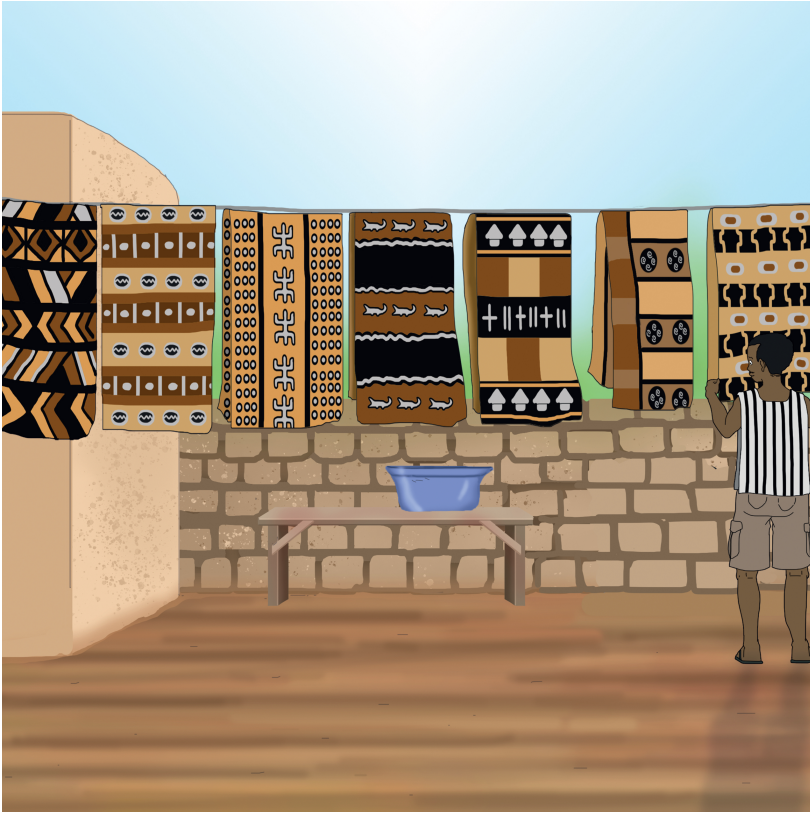


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Wooro

*(wor-roh)*

Six people wait to board the Sotrama.



# 7

## Wolonwula

*(wohl-lohn-woo-lah)*

Seven bogolan (bo-gah-lahn) pieces on display.

(Bogolan, sometimes called mudcloth is Malian cotton fabric that is dyed using fermented mud).



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Segin

*(shay-gin)*

Eights keys on the balafon.

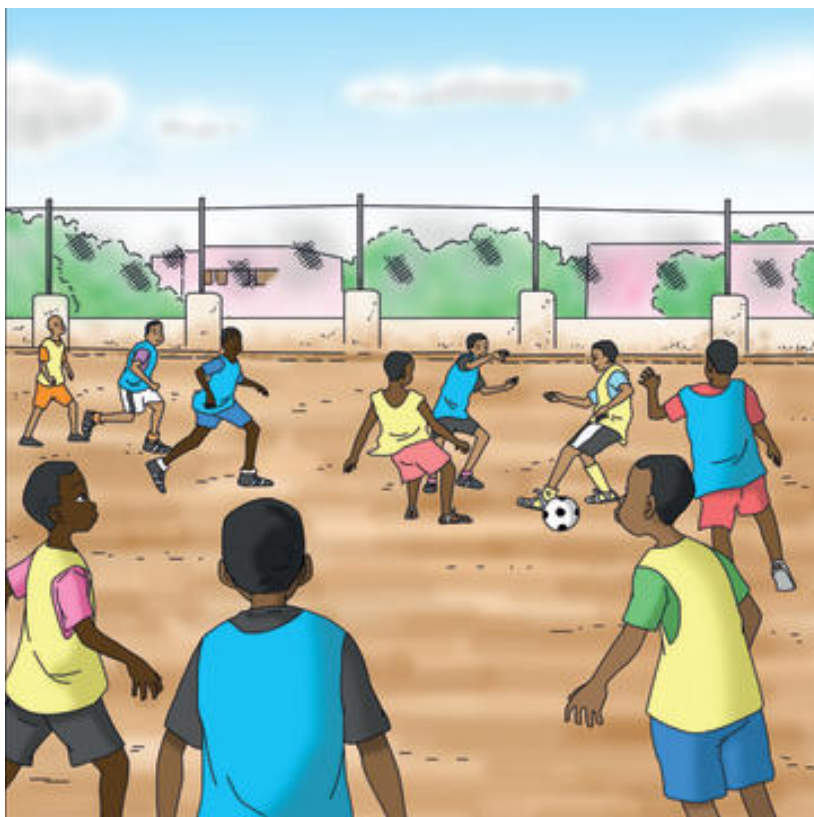


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Kononton

*(koh-nohn-tohn)*

Nine people at the Salon de Coiffure.



# 10 Tan

(*tahn*)

Ten children play a game of futbol.



Mali is the eighth largest country in Africa and the third largest producer of gold in Africa.

Ever heard the phrase "all the way to Timbuktu and back"? Timbuktu is an actual city in the northern part of Mali near the Sahara desert. Much of Mali is in the Sahara desert and is very hot and dusty.



Bamako is the largest city in Mali. There are many languages spoken in Mali. However, in Bamako, Bambara is spoken most frequently. In Bambara, the name Bamako means crocodile river.





