

Haja's Poem



Say **hello** to Haja
and her older sister Mary.
Where they used to live was
very **loud** and very **scary**.

Near a dirty rubbish dump
full of things that made them jump.
They slept there with their **mother**
and David, their big brother.

But thanks to **Red Nose Day**
they didn't have to stay.
And now they have a **home**
and somewhere safe to play.



Haja just loves water
so she takes her purple **cup**.
She puts it in her bucket
and fills it up **and up**.

She **splashes** and she **splashes**
and she pours the water out.
It makes her very **happy**
and it makes her want to shout!

Then she gets a little hungry
just like **you** and **me**.
So she stops her favourite game
and she goes inside for **tea!**



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Haja's Story

Haja is a three-year-old girl who lives in Freetown, the capital city of Sierra Leone in Africa. For the first two years of her life she lived on a rubbish dump with her mum and older brother David. Living there was smelly, dirty and dangerous. The family used to make money for food by selling things like scrap metal that they found amongst the rubbish.

Now, thanks to a project funded by money raised for Red Nose Day, Haja and her family have moved into a home away from the dump and her older brother David is able to go to school for the first time.

Read the poem on the other side of this poster with your children and then choose from the following activities to help them engage with Haja's story and understand that the money they raise for Red Nose Day could help other children like Haja have the chance to live in a safe home and go to school.

Haja's Home

Haja lives in a tiny one-room house with her family. Ask your little ones to think about the kinds of things she does in her house and where she does them. How is Haja's home different from their own? If they only had one room to live in with their family, where would they sleep? Where would they wash? Where would they play?

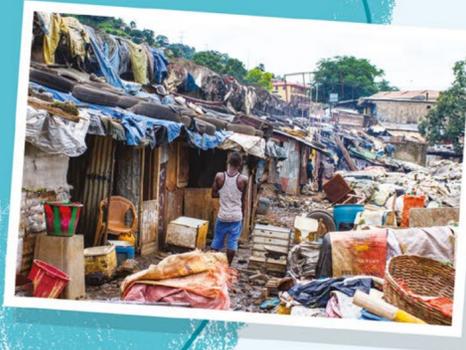
Find Haja's Home activity ideas at rednoseday.com/haja

Haja and Me

Develop your children's understanding of the world by using our 'Haja and Me' photo cards to help them compare Haja's life in Sierra Leone with their own life in the UK.

There are eight photo cards covering different aspects of Haja's life, from her family and home to her favourite game and food. Encourage the children to talk about the photographs using the prompt questions supplied. How is their life similar to Haja's? How is it different?

Download a PDF of the questions and photo cards at rednoseday.com/haja



Help children like Haja by raising money this Red Nose Day.

Haja's Poem Listening Cards

Improve your children's attention and listening skills with our downloadable listening cards that link to key words from the poem 'Haja's Story'. Give each child a card and share the poem with them. When they hear the word that matches their card, ask the children to hold it in the air. Each card also includes a drawing or colouring activity for the children to enjoy.

Get the listening cards at rednoseday.com/haja



Playing with Water

Playing with water is Haja's favourite thing to do. Talk with the children about whether they enjoy playing with water too. What do they like about it? What games do they enjoy playing?

Our Playing with Water activity card suggests some simple ways you can draw inspiration from Haja's water play to help your children play co-operatively and develop mathematical understanding.

Download the activity card at rednoseday.com/haja

Find more free resources online at rednoseday.com/nursery

As well as the activities here, you'll find loads more ideas for fantastic nursery fundraising and things you can do to help your children understand why they're raising money this Red Nose Day.



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