

The Boy Who Learned

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Pre-reading questions:

- What are some things you bring to school every day?
- What happens when you do not bring these things to school?



Alphonse **woke up** every morning to walk to school. He attended Kabwende Primary School in Kinigi,

Rwanda. Alphonse was in P6.

When Alphonse walked into his classroom, he saw all of his classmates reading. The teacher stood by the **chalkboard** and read with the students. Alphonse was **sad** because he did not have his book.





Alphonse said, “I do not have my book with me.”

His teacher said, “You must bring it tomorrow or you will be **punished**.” Alphonse could not read with his classmates that day, so he looked out the **window** at the cows.

After school, Alphonse **realized** that he did not learn anything that day. His friend said to him, “School was very good today.” Alphonse did not **agree**.



Alphonse learned a lesson when he saw his classmates with their books. He **understood** that he could not learn without his book.



Alphonse discovered that the more you see, the more you understand

The next day, Alphonse went to school with his book. He was ready to learn, and he was very happy.



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