

Reading using a digital device

Loise was staying at her rural home in Busia. With a strange pandemic in the country, she could not visit her friends in the neighbourhood. Schools had been closed, too. Then an idea struck her! She could talk to Jack, a cousin of hers living in Nairobi. Her father helped her make a call to Jack's mother that evening.

Soon, she was talking to Jack. They had so much to share. Jack was a member of their school debating club, just like Loise. They agreed to be exchanging messages through digital devices. It was going to be an exciting journey of discovery.

"Jack says we can exchange messages **online**. He has promised to share his parent's email address through your mobile phone," Loise said excitedly.

"It seems you need a mobile phone or **a computer**," her father answered.

Sure enough, her father bought her a new **tablet**. Immediately, Loise got down to work.

"I want to share with Jack some of the stories I have read from the Internet. How do I do it?" Loise asked.

"I will help you. You can share them using my **email** address," her father answered.

When Jack replied, Loise found out that there was an attachment. It was a storybook!

Loise hit the **download** button and read it in two days. She sent an email to thank Jack for the storybook. When doing so, she found that Jack had also shared a link.



“What is this, Father?” Loise asked, pointing to the link which appeared in blue.

“This is a link to a **website**. You can use this specific website to access and read free children’s books from the Internet,” Father answered.

Loise clicked on the link and found that many books were available.

Since then, she reads using a digital device then chats with Jack about the stories they have been reading. She keeps records of the books she reads. Her interest in reading as well as her reading speed have increased. She has also learnt new words to use when talking to her friends.

“This is fantastic!” Loise said. “Reading using a digital device is the way to go.”

