

Tethered Goats, Less Work

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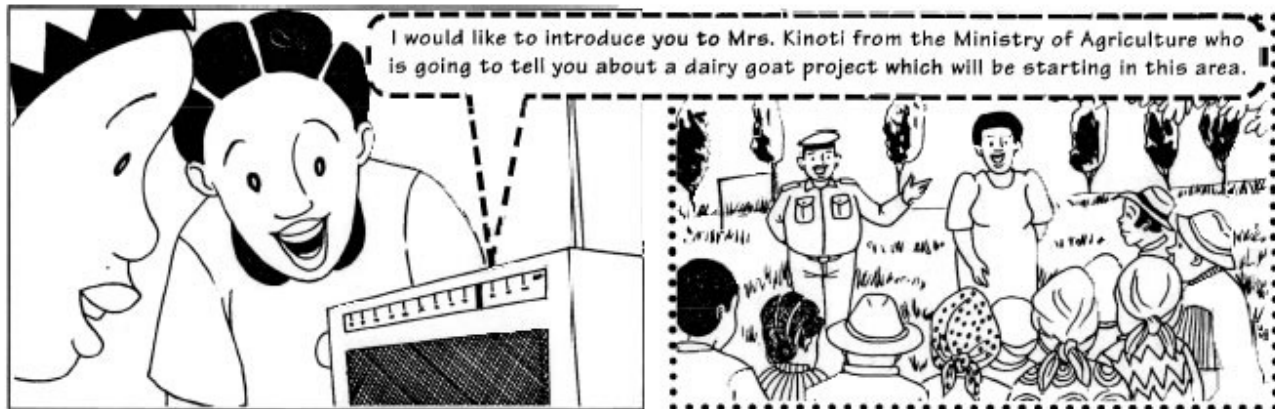
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At the local primary school.

I know that many of you will not have enough money to build a goat house like this or have enough time to look after the goats while they are grazing ...

... so instead you can tether them so that they can graze by themselves but not stray into other people's crops.



Remember that a goat should always be tethered by the neck and not by the leg. Tethering a goat by the leg can hurt the animal so that it will not be able to walk. Make sure your tethering rope is 6 to 7 feet long.



Make sure that you tether your goat in a place that has plenty of grass to eat but where it cannot cause damage to crops or be hit by cars.



Make sure that you give it water during the day.



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Your goat will produce more milk if you allow it to graze all day and not just for part of the day.
So take it out for grazing first thing in the morning and bring it home in the evening.



Make sure that the goat kids are tethered near their mother during the day so that she can feed them.

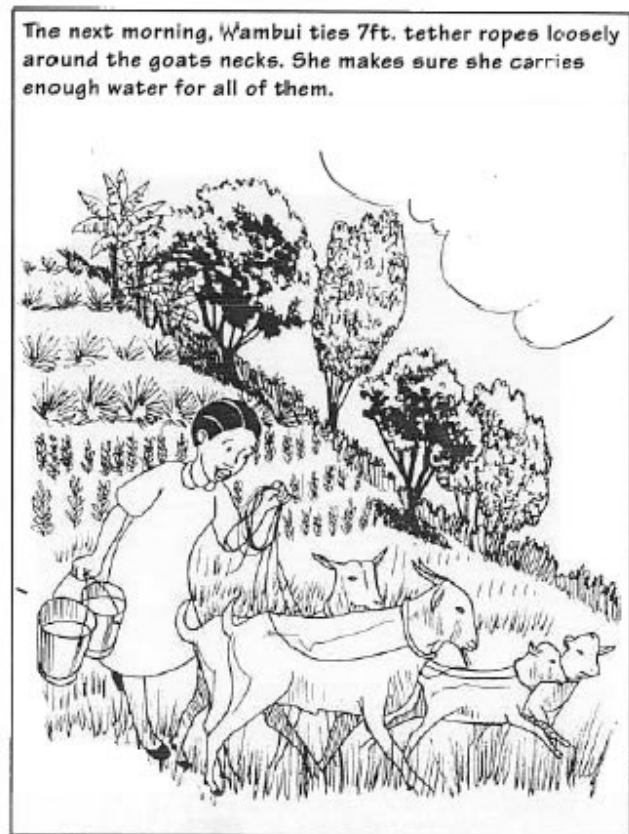


Try to take your goat to a new tethering spot everyday so that your animal gets new grazing.



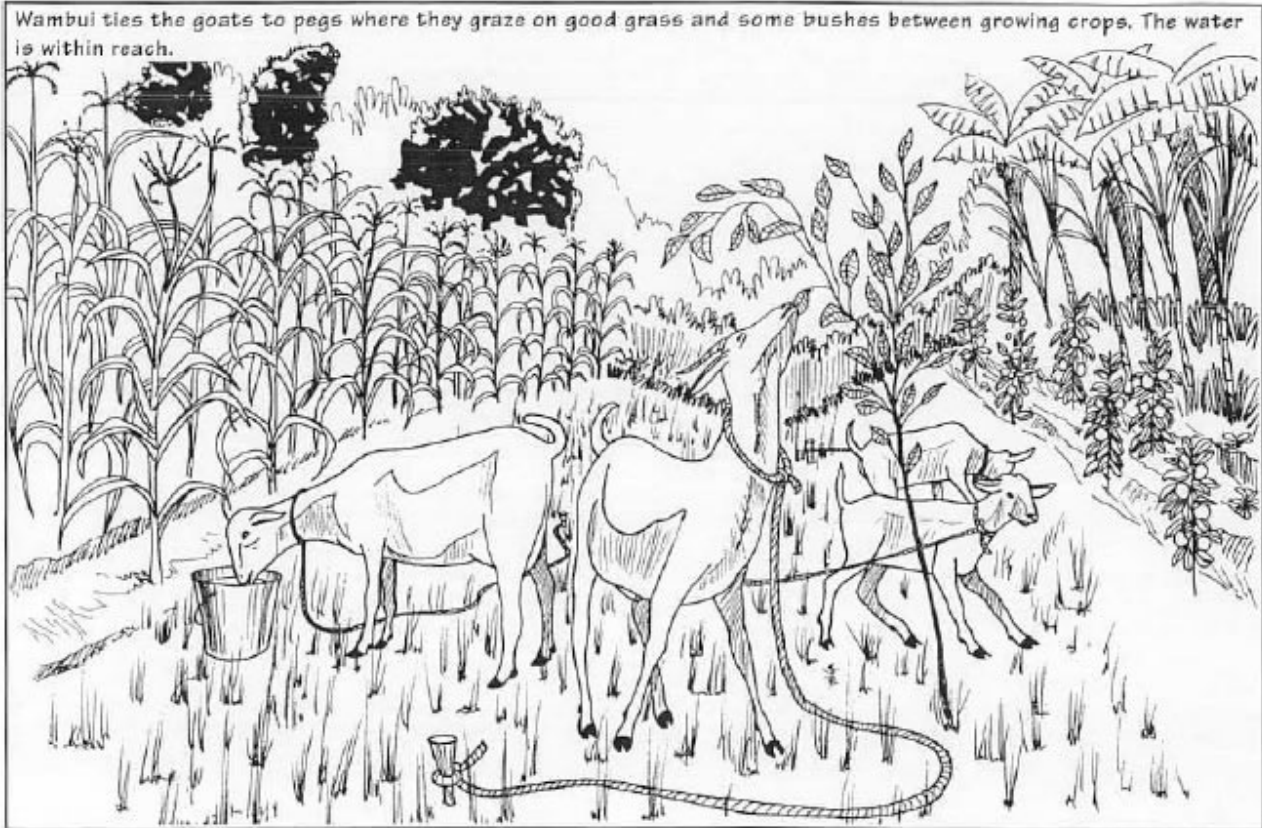
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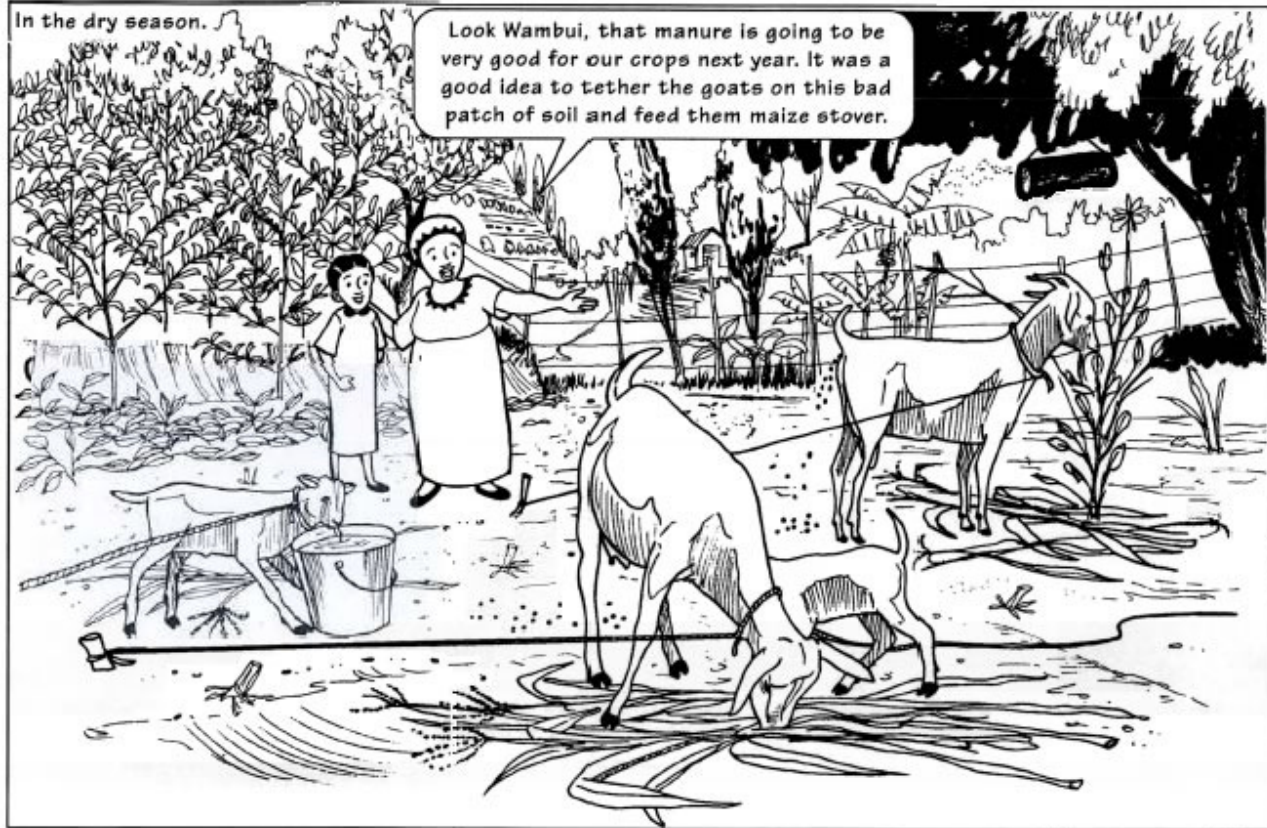
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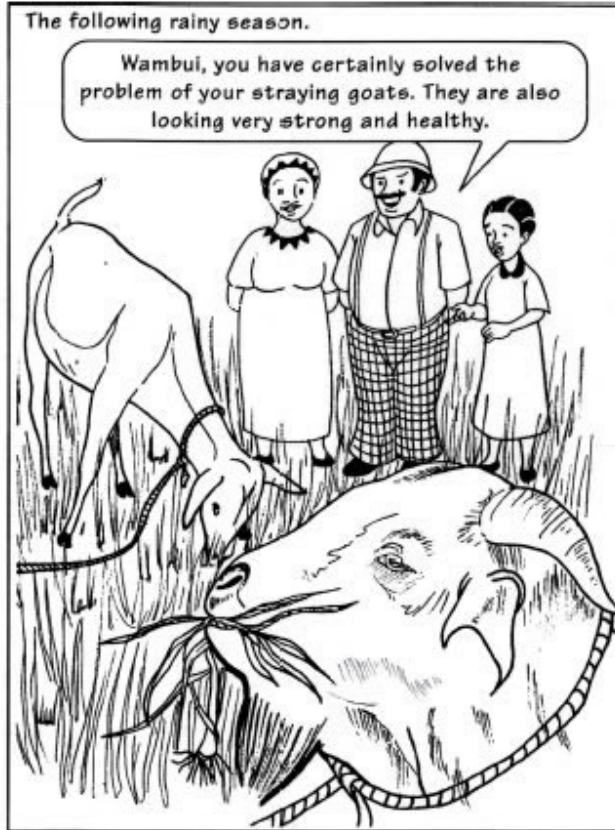
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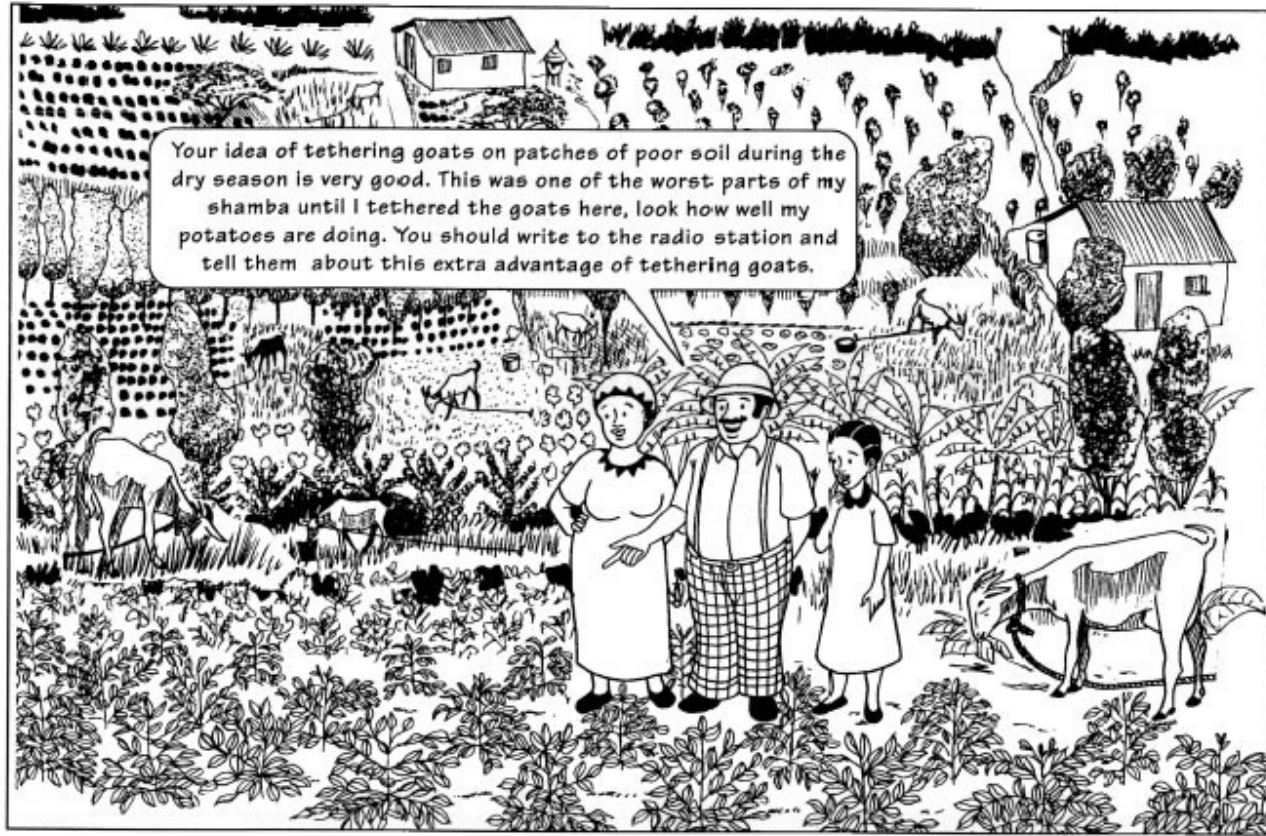
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Class Discussion:

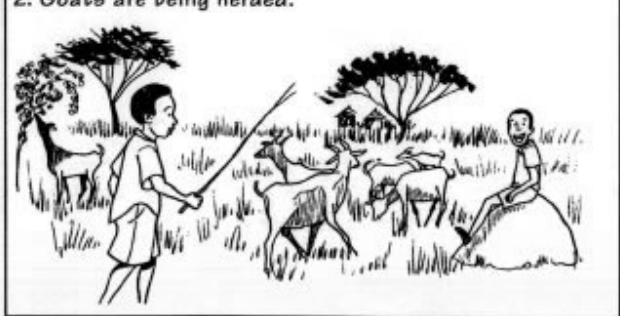
Find out from the rest of your class how they look after goats. Then look at the pictures below and discuss the following items:

- (A) Which method of keeping goats is most likely to damage your neighbour's property?
- (B) Which method of keeping goats makes the most work for your family?
- (C) Which method is the most expensive way of keeping goats?
- (D) Which method is cheap and saves time?

1. Goats are free-grazing.



2. Goats are being herded.



3. Goats are being zero-grazed.



4. Goats are being tethered.



