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Road-mending grandmothers



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ሰላም፣ ስለአንድ ጉዳይ ወደምንወያይበትና ስለጉዳዩ ለማውራት የሚያስፈልገውን ቋንቋ ወደምናቀርብበት የEnglish Together ዝግጅት እንኳን በደህና መጡ። ምህረት እባላለሁ። አብሮኝ/አብራኝ አለ/አለች።

Phil

Hi, I'm Phil.

Sam

And I'm Sam. Welcome!

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ዛሬ በመንደራቸው ውስጥ ነገሮችን ለማሻሻል ስለሚጥሩ የሴት አያቶች ስብስብ የሚያወሳ መሰናዶን በማዳመጥ ነው የምንጀምረው። የቢቢሲ ሞኒተሪንግ ክፍል ከሌላ ቦታ ያገኘውን ይህንን ታሪክ ያዳምጡ።

News insert

A group of Russian grandmothers grew so tired of waiting for the local authorities to fix their road, that they hired the necessary equipment and did the job themselves, Rossiya 24 reports. The local administration said after an inspection last month that no repairs were necessary. According to Ura.ru, the group - including a 90-year-old babushka - contributed 500 roubles each for building material and set to work with the help of two men.

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እናስ ስለዚህ ምን አሰቡ? ሰዎች በማኅበረሰባቸው ምን ያህል ኩራት እንደሚሰማቸው ተረድተው አድናቆት ተሰማዎት ወይንስ ባለስልጣናት ምንም ዓይነት ድጋፍ ባለማድረጋቸው ድንጋጤ ገባዎት? ስለመንገዶች ማውራታችን ካልቀረ፣ የዛሬው ጥያቄ ይሄው... ዝግጁ ነዎት? በጣም ረጅሙ በመኪና የሚነዳበት መንገድ በየትኛው ሃገር ውስጥ የሚገኝ ይመስልዎታል?

Phil

Let's get back to the story - there's a problem in your neighbourhood, so you all get together and fix it - that's showing great pride in your community.

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'Pride' ኩራት ማለት ነው። በማኅበረሰባችን ኩራት ሊሰማን ይገባል በሚለው በሚገባ እስማማለሁ ሀ...

Phil

Yes, I'm inspired by this - I want to build the same pride in my community, and see if my neighbours want to help make our neighbourhood nicer.

Sam

Sorry, I'm bit surprised here - did we hear the same story? I can't believe that you thought that was the most important bit!

Phil

You don't think community pride is important?

Sam

Community pride is really important... but surely the most important thing about this story is that a group of elderly people have had to start working on the road.

Phil

I liked that...

Sam

To me, that's shocking - how can the authorities not take responsibility for this?

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There are two sides to this story, aren't there? ሀ) ይህንን በማኅበረሰብ ላይ ያለ ኩራት መመልከት ደንቅ ነገር ነው። ነገር ግን ለ) ምክር ቤቱ ለጥገናው 'take responsibility' ኃላፊነት መውሰድ አለበት ለመን እንዳልክ ይገባኛል።

Sam

It's not just about taking responsibility for getting the road fixed - they should take responsibility for the safety of these women working, I mean one of them was 90 years old!

Phil

Look, now I think you are starting to be a bit patronising....

Sam

What do you mean?

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'Patronising' ማናናቅ፣ የንቀት አድናቆት መስጠት. Phil has got a point (ጥሩ ነጥብ አንስቷል/ ነጥብ አለው).

Phil

Of course I've got a point. Firstly - you don't know the situation, maybe there were bigger problems the authorities had to fix first - why do you think you know better? I think that's a bit patronising.

Sam

Yeah, but what about their safety?

Phil

Well, secondly, these grandmothers knew exactly what they were doing - I think they can decide if they want to take the initiative.

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Sam, I think I agree with Phil here - we don't know the whole situation - but I think it's impressive how it shows people 'taking initiative' ያ ተነሳሽነቱን መውሰድ ነው።

Phil

And I think it's really important that if people want to improve something about where they live, that they can take the initiative.

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የዚህን ሳምንት ጥያቄ ምላሽ ለማቅረብ 'initiative' ልወሰድ ነው። በዓለም ላይ የትኛው አህጉር በመኪና የሚናደበት ረጅም መንገድ እንዳለው ያውቃሉ? ጊነስ የዓለም የድንቃ ድንቆች መዝገብ እንደሚለው የአሜሪካ አህጉራት ናቸው፤ የፓምን አሜሪካ አውራ ጎዳና ከአላስካ፣ ዩናይትድ ስቴትስ ኦፍ አሜሪካ ተነስቶ እስከ አርጄንቲናዋ ኡጁያ ይዘረጋል። የገነቡት ሰዎች ስንት ዓመታቸው እንደነበረ ግን አላውቅም።

Sam

I bet they were younger than the people in the story.

Phil

Let's forget about age, and let's think about community pride – why don't you come and visit mine?

Sam

From today's story I think I'm too young to work on the road... but I could do some gardening....

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ነው። 'initiative' ተነሳሽነት ማለት ነው።

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