Meet Fafali

Fafali (fafa_li) is a ten-year-old Ghanaian girl in Primary 5 (elementary school). Fafali is a Ghanaian Ewe name which means Peace. She lives with her parents in Dawhenya, a suburb in Tema.

Dawhenya is a seven (7) kilometer drive eastwards from Tema Roundabout. This is a link station connecting many stations in and around Tema. Fafali attends the Bridge Kids Ghana School supported by Bridge Kids International based in Louisville. She earned two awards for her Brilliant Child’s awards for being the best female pupil in her class the last academic year.

She enjoys watching birds at the Dawhenya dam site on Saturdays. The Dawhenya dam is used for fishing of tilapia and bird watching. The dam also provides water for crop irrigation for tomato, rice and sugarcane farming.

During holidays Fafali, together with the Bridge Kids Ada Group, visits the Songor lagoon, a place where salt is mined in Ghana. During her visit, she learns how salt is formed while colorful birds fly around her. Fafali remembers the lessons Mr. Emmanuel Nyarko, her science teacher, teaches about birds and other animals at the beach and around the lagoon. This lagoon was one of the ramsar sites of the United Nations (UN). The United Nations is a name given to an organization where all countries, including Ghana, come together to help develop one another.

Fafali enjoys soccer very much. Fafali admires the play of Adjoa Bayor, the Black Queens Captain. Fafali really enjoys Akple (A-kple) and okra soup as well as snacks such as frutelli and ginger biscuit.
Fafali is seen among her friends as somebody who is very respectful and liked by many due to the way she greets and relates to the elderly in both school and home. She is admired by others for her reading and volleyball skills. At school she uses most of her time reading and studying. On Fridays, the school has Physical Education lessons where Fafali displays her skills in volleyball.

Her friends say Fafali is “very strong in the air” in games such as ampe and ampe. Ampe is a game where two people jump as they clap their hands together. As they jump, one of the players, the initiator, moves one leg. If the leg moved by the other player matches that of the starter, then the initiator loses the game. On the other hand, if the leg moved by the second player is different than the starter wins. Fafali is training to be an athlete to run a 1000 metres race for her school. She enjoys a drive after school with her father to the flower farms.

Metres, yards, kilometers and miles are all measurements of distance.

Which is longer, a metre or a yard? ______________

Which is longer a kilometer or a mile? ______________

Fafali has so much compassion for sick people that she wants to be a medical doctor when she grows up. Fafali was so excited about her school’s last visit to the Korle-bu Teaching Hospital where they donated a set of stethoscopes to the cardio centre.

Do you recognize this instrument? It is a stethoscope just like Fafali’s school donated to the hospital! A doctor uses it to listen to what part of your body? ___

Fafali has a strong faith and attends worship services with her mother, Madam Esther Zoka. Attah is a friend of Fafali in the same neighbourhood. They are members of the children service in the God’s City Temple, Dawhenya.