

Day 1 – Monday 27th April 2020



This week we will be looking at two new texts that deal with life issues/challenges presented as stories.

Think about your Home learning:

Can you describe 5 things that you know are true? E.g.

- My learning environment is my home
- The sky is blue today

1. What do you think the **title of this book could mean?** 'The other side of truth?'

2. Why has the author coloured half the words in white and half in black?

3. What is truth?

Day 1 Word meaning

What do the following words mean?

Match each word to their definition:

signalled

Walk with long steps

mourners

Swing unsteadily

swaying

Be engaged in learning

strode

A sign to convey order or information

study

A person showing sadness or grief

Now read the text



Day 1 – New Text

‘Is that the home of Mr Folarin Solaja who writes for *Speak?*’

The man’s voice was soft but perfectly clear.

‘Yes.’

‘Don’t trouble him. Just give him a message. Tell him: if we get the family first, what does it matter?’

The voice wrung the breath out of her, like a snake secretly squeezing her throat. Frantically she signalled to Uncle Tunde, who had come to the study door. He strode across to Papa’s desk, but as he reached for the receiver, there was a click. Sade struggled to repeat the horrible words. Her uncle’s thick greying eyebrows lurched up over his gold-rimmed spectacles. He looked very grave.

A little later, Joseph unlocked the gates for a sleek white ambulance. The small crowd of mourners stood aside to make a pathway for the two men with a stretcher. Mama Buki led the hymn-singing. Barely two minutes later, pressed between Mama Buki’s heaving, swaying body and her father who was silent and almost perfectly still, Sade watched them carry Mama away under a blinding-white sheet. The ambulance door clicked shut. The windows were darkened glass and Sade could no longer even see the sheet. Everyone fell quiet. The only sound was of the ambulance’s motor and of Joseph grappling once again with the gates. His old body pulled to attention as the vehicle backed out, as if in a final salute. That was all. Mama was gone.

Write down any words you are not sure of.

