

Moore Study (Blah, blah, blah)

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I'm enjoying a couple weeks in the capital city of Ouaga to do an intensive 2-week study of the tribal Moore language. The majority of the population in Yako and surrounding areas are of the Mossi tribe, who's native language is Moore. Those who attend school learn the National language of French.

Most students struggle with reading comprehension and dictation which affects every other subject area. First grade students, most of whom have never seen a book, held a crayon or spoken French are suddenly expected to sit still and learn to read and write in this foreign French language. So, I hope to be able to create some curriculum materials to help children learn the very basic concepts of reading in their native language before they arrive at school and have to figure it all out when it all sounds like "blah, blah, blah". I can empathize because right now the Moore sounds like "blah, blah, blah". Wish me luck!