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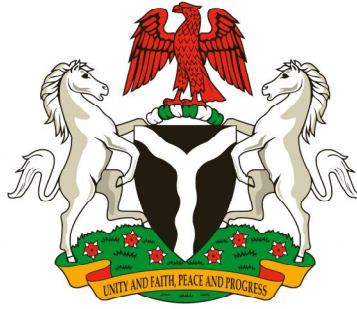
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Nigeria we hail thee,
Our own dear native land,
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A banner without stain.
O God of all creation,
Grant this our one request,
Help us to build a nation
Where no man is oppressed,
And so with peace and plenty
Nigeria may be blessed.



Note from the publisher

One year older, wiser?

Dear Reader,

As the year draws to a close, one theme has dominated the national conversation: the ongoing cost of living crisis. Over the past year, Nigeria's inflation rate has surged over 30%. Fuel prices have also followed suit, skyrocketing from ₦185 per litre in January 2023 to around ₦900 per litre in September 2024. Electricity costs? Equally alarming, with the once coveted Band A category seeing rates soar to ₦209.50/kWh.

Amid these challenges, it is no surprise that a significant portion of Nigeria's workforce is seeking greener pastures abroad. Yet, as TY Bello famously sang, "the land is green" here in Nigeria. For those feeling nostalgic or in need of a reminder of what it means to be Nigerian, this special Independence Day edition of Relaxnomiks is just for you.

We have carefully curated a selection of articles designed to offer a brief escape from today's harsh economic realities. More importantly, this edition aims not only to entertain but to reignite the spirit of nationalism—a flame that has been tested by many factors in recent times.

So, without further ado, I'm honored to be the first to wish you a Happy Independence Day! As Nigeria celebrates 64 years, let's take pride in our journey and look ahead with hope.

Enjoy the read, and happy birthday to our beloved Nigeria!



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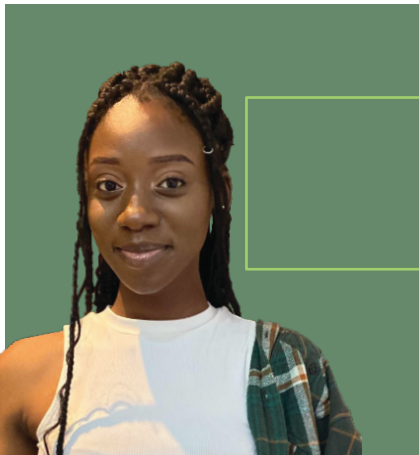
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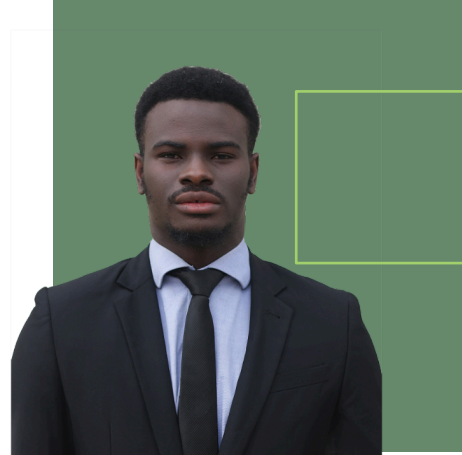
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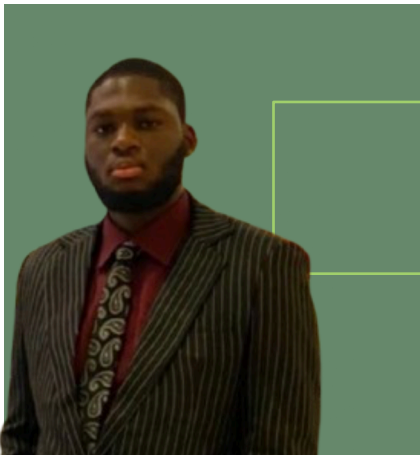
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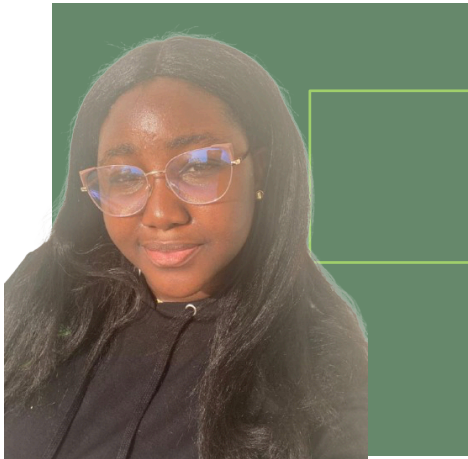
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The Green Land of Beauty

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Hidden gems: unexplored tourist destinations in Nigeria

The Lekki Conservation Centre in Lagos and the Obudu Cattle Ranch in Calabar are not the only lovely tourist destinations in Nigeria. Well, if you have visited these places already or are just in the mood for someplace new, this article is for you. We have excavated other hidden gems for you. All you need to do is add them to your bucket list of travel destinations and thank us later.



Porto Gulf Resort

The best trips combine luxury, comfort, and fun, and that is exactly what Kano's Porto Gulf Hotels delivers. The five-star hotel offers guests a perfect blend of relaxation and recreation, with activities such as tennis, golf, swimming, and horseback riding ensuring an unforgettable experience.

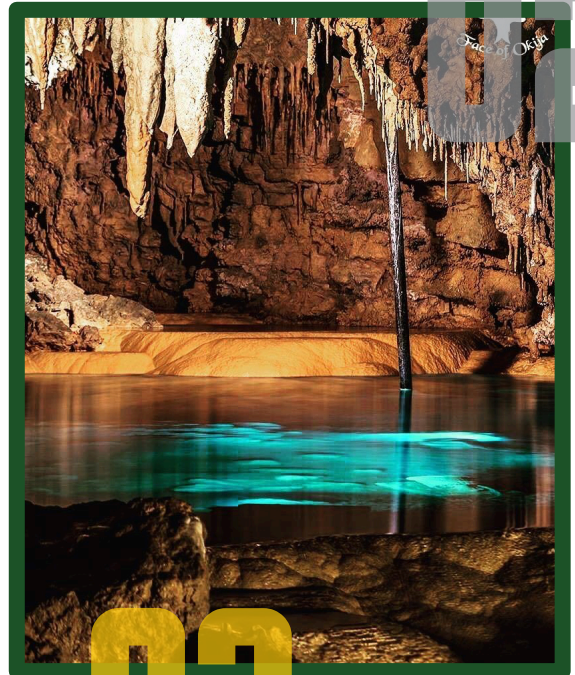


Kajuru Castle

What were you made for? Living out your Barbie dreams at the enchanting Kajuru Castle in Kaduna State. With its majestic turrets, medieval armor, and even a dungeon, the scenery whisks you away to a fairytale world. And let's not forget the stunning outdoor pool—princess treatment at its finest.

River Ehiophe and Ogbunike Caves:

If you're seeking a taste of the Seychelles without breaking the bank, consider visiting the River Ehiophe in Isoko, Delta State, or the Ogbunike Caves in Anambra State. These hidden gems offer stunning, crystal-clear, Instagram-worthy waters, dispelling the myth that Nigeria's waters are always brown.



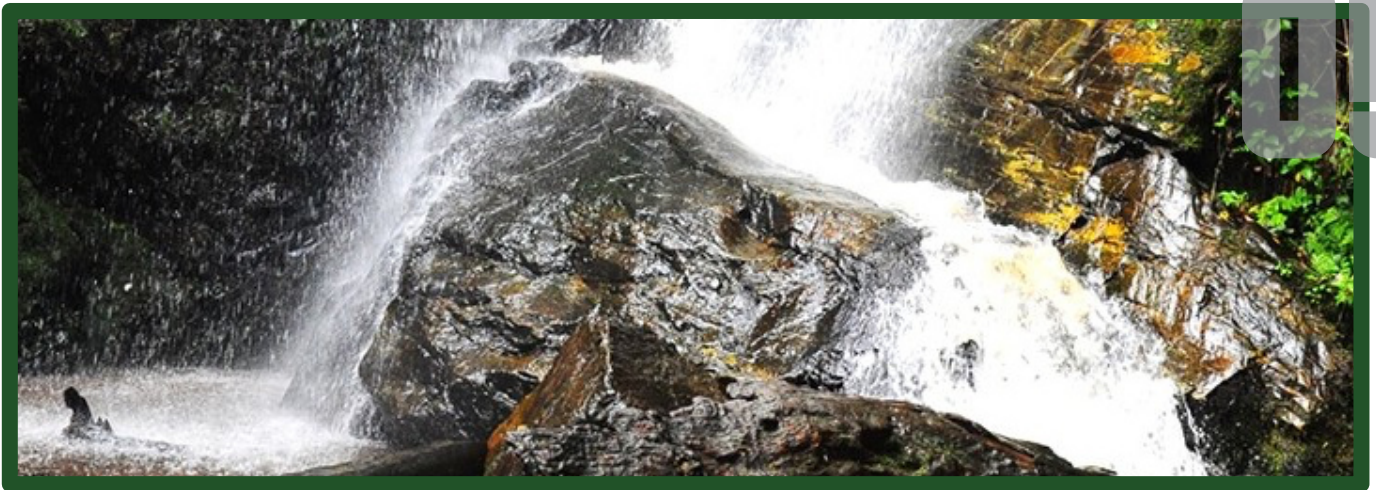
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Awhum Waterfall and Cave

Awhum Waterfall and Cave, nestled in the lush valley of Enugu State, Nigeria, is a hidden gem known for its natural beauty and mystic charm. Formed from a towering 30-meter granite outcrop, the waterfall cascades into a serene pool with white sand shores. Its water stays warm year-round, and the surrounding greenery adds to its captivating allure. The site holds spiritual significance, with the waterfall believed to have healing powers and the ability to ward off evil. As a result, a nearby monastery has turned it into a pilgrimage and prayer center, where entry is regulated. Besides the waterfall, the area is home to pristine lakes and streams, enhancing its tranquil and picturesque setting.

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Olumirin Waterfalls

Olumirin Waterfalls, also known as Erin-Ijesha Waterfalls, is a stunning natural attraction in Osun State, Nigeria, featuring seven distinct cascades. Surrounded by lush greenery, the falls offer a serene spot for hiking, picnics, and nature photography. The climb up the seven levels reveals breathtaking views, with the second cascade being the most impressive, plunging 40 meters. The seventh level, though challenging to reach, offers the most rewarding view, with ancient settlements nestled around it. Situated on the Efon Ridge, the site is a popular tourist destination, drawing thousands of visitors yearly. Local legend holds that the falls flow from a pot at the ridge's peak, adding to its mystical allure.

Nigeria's most iconic buildings and their stories

Cathedral Church of Christ, Lagos

The Cathedral Church of Christ is a timeless architectural gem, dating back to the 1940s. Designed by architect Bagan Benjamin in 1924 and completed in 1946, it is the oldest Anglican cathedral in Nigeria. Situated at the heart of Lagos Island, it serves as the seat of the archbishop of the Province of West Africa. The cathedral features two facades—one facing the altar and the other facing the right nave—showcasing its captivating Norman Gothic architecture. Additionally, it houses Nigeria's largest organ (pipe), making it both an architectural and musical marvel.

The first-story building in Nigeria, Lagos

The building's construction began in 1842 and was completed in 1845 under the leadership of Rev. Henry Townsend and Carl Gollmer of the Church Missionary Society. It holds significant historical value, as it was within these walls that Bishop Samuel Ajayi Crowther translated the English Bible into Yoruba while living there with his family. The building also houses several historical relics, including Nigeria's first cement well and the first primary school, later renamed St. Thomas Anglican Nursery and Primary School. Today, it attracts an estimated 2,000 visitors annually.

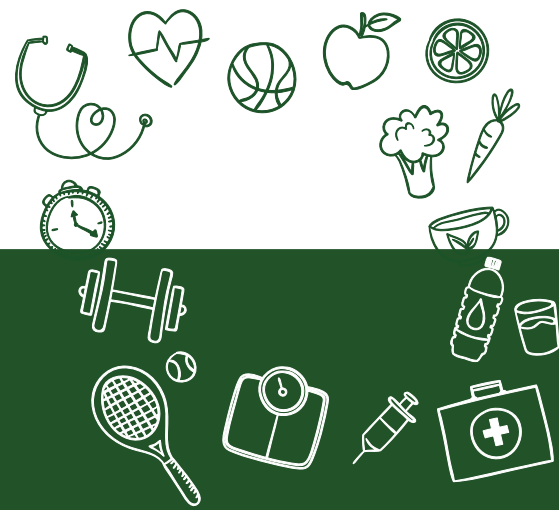
Jaekel House, Lagos

Jaekel House is a historic colonial mansion located in the Railway Compound in Ebute Metta, Lagos. Constructed in 1898, the 126-year-old building stands as one of the oldest structures within Lagos' Nigerian Railway Compound. Currently overseen and maintained by Legacy 1995 (a historical and environmental interest group based in Nigeria), the house preserves the heritage of Nigeria's earliest railway tracks, repair yards, and sheds. Jaekel House retains its colonial-era elegance, highlighted by a Brazilian pine wood staircase. It houses British weaponry, miniature train replicas, artifacts, and photographs that reflect civilian, political, and military life in Nigeria.

Cocoa House, Ibadan

Cocoa House, the first skyscraper in West Africa, is a 26-story building constructed in 1965, located in the heart of Dugbe, Ibadan, Oyo State. Originally named "Ile Awon Agbe" (Farmers' House), it was later renamed Cocoa House, as it was built with funds from cocoa exportation. The 24th floor houses a museum showcasing early Yoruba artwork, clothing, kitchenware, tools of war, and traditional ways of life. Additionally, the building features a Hall of Fame, inaugurated in 2013 by Nobel Laureate Professor Wole Soyinka. The hall of fame features prominent Yoruba individuals such as Obafemi Awolowo, Funmilayo Ransome-Kuti, and Ladoke Akintola.





Health benefits of our traditional ingredients

Nigeria, a West African country blessed with abundant natural resources, is rich in culture and tradition. The country has a wide range of traditional ingredients in spices, herbs, vegetables, and food that can improve health conditions. Common healthy Nigerian ingredients include:



Bitter leaf: This leaf, *Vernonia amygdalina* (botanical name), is used for different varieties of soup, such as Onugbu. It has strong antioxidants and phytochemicals that help in body detoxification and digestion and regulate blood sugar levels. Diabetic patients can use this leaf to control their blood sugar.

Jute leaf: This leaf, with the botanical name *Corchorus*, is used for Ewedu soup among western Nigerians. It contains Vitamins A, C, and E, which are good for sight, skin care, and immune boosters.

Locust beans: This fermented salty condiment is made from carob seeds and is used for cooking varieties of traditional soups and stews due to its strong flavor. The Yorubas fondly use this spice, which is called iru. It is highly rich in protein and amino acids, aiding digestion, repairing body tissue, and boosting the immune system. The hormones and brain chemicals produced by amino acids fight against heart and brain-related ailments such as hypertension, stroke, and heart attack.

Ogiri: This is a native ingredient that serves the same purpose as locust beans. It is derived from fermented melon seeds, which add strong flavor to local soups. This cooking spice is highly medicinal as it helps control diabetes, cholesterol, arthritis, and promotes good sight.

Achi seeds: Known as *Brachystegia eurycoma* (botanical name), the seed is used as a soup thickener and for medicinal purposes, often replacing cocoyam and yam flour in soups. It is mostly used in Igbo soups, such as Oha and Onugu, Nsala, and Egusi. Research shows that the seed is highly rich in raw fiber, which assists the digestive system and maintains bowel health.

Palm fruit: This is called Banga seeds from a palm tree known as the *elaeis guineensis* tree. The seeds are derived from items from which other ingredients are born, including palm oil and palm kernel. Oil derived from this seed is used for cooking, soap, and alternative energy sources like biodiesel fuel. Palm oil is an excellent source of vitamins A and E, which supports brain and eye health.

African/Calabash nutmeg: This ingredient is called 'Ariwo' by Yorubas, Gujiya dan Miya by Hausas, and Ehuru/Ehu in Igbo. It is fondly used for banga or pepper soup. It is an excellent iron, folic acid, vitamins E and C, magnesium, and calcium source.

Given the wide range of health challenges people face through their food intake, it is high time we return to our heritage. Traditional natural ingredients have health benefits embedded in them, and frequent consumption in the right proportion will go a long way in nourishing our health.





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Nigerian inventors that changed the world



Dr. Onyema Ogbu Agu

Dr. Onyema Ogbu Agu was instrumental in developing the Nigerian COVID-19 vaccine, contributing to the Nigeria COVID-19 Vaccine initiative. This initiative focuses on creating a locally produced vaccine to effectively combat the pandemic within Nigeria. He is an associate professor at Yale School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut, and the director of the Yale AIDS Program clinical trials section. In response to the COVID pandemic, he led Yale's exploratory therapeutic and preventative clinical trials for COVID-19, including remdesivir, a medication that treats severe respiratory illness. Furthermore, he is the primary investigator on other current trials investigating mRNA vaccines for different infectious disorders, including vaccinations for bacterial infection.

Dr. Phillip Emeagwali

Philip Emeagwali (b. August 23, 1954) is a Nigerian computer scientist. He made computing advances that contributed to the establishment of the Internet. His work on simultaneous

calculations on networked microprocessors earned him the "Gordon Bell Prize," an award presented by the Association for Computing Machinery each year, given to recognize outstanding achievement in high-performance computing. He demonstrated a realistic and cost-effective method for computers to communicate with one another regardless of location. The key to his success was that he programmed each microprocessor to concurrently communicate with about six surrounding microprocessors. The discovery contributed to the development of the Internet.

Col. Oviemo Ovadje

Col Oviemo Ovadje (Retired) is a Nigerian medical practitioner who invented the Emergency AutoTransfusion System (EAT-SET), an effective, low-cost, and inexpensive blood autotransfusion mechanism that saves lives in underdeveloped countries. He pioneered the idea at the Military Hospital in Ikoyi, Lagos, while working at the Benin Teaching Hospital and the University Hospital in Lagos.

The most bizarre Nigerian laws you never knew existed

Brace yourself for a ride to be blown away by laws you never knew existed.

A strange murder law

According to subsection 314 of the criminal code in Nigeria, a person cannot be convicted for homicide unless the victim's time of death falls within a year and a day of the act that caused the injury. This act was driven by the perceived difficulty in linking the cause of death to actions that happened over a year ago.

You no longer have to worry about your village people, Yay!

Witches can't fly away from the law if caught. According to subsection 210 of the Criminal Code Act, the law makes it clear that anyone who, by actions or statements, is represented as a witch is guilty of a misdemeanor, and yes, that is two years imprisonment. This act was meant to substitute for the jungle justice that awaited the apprehended witches in previous times.

The breach of promise to marry could break your bank account

The Matrimonial Causes Act 1990 says that if a promise to marry was breached in the event that your partner decides to break up with you, you can sue him/her for breach of promise. However, evidence of the promise to marry and breach of promise must be provided, as well as reasonable reliance leading to loss or detriment. Dear Yoruba Angel, see you in court!

You can not paint your private car army green

General Olusegun Obasanjo's regime enacted the Army Colour (Prohibition of use) Act on the 4th of April 1977. According to Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Act, driving, using, or owning a car painted in army green is illegal because the color is known to be used by the Nigerian army's uniform. Flaunting this law can result in imprisonment for not more than six months or a fine of 200 naira.



The Nigerian Quiz: How Well Do You Know Your Country?

Nigeria is home to a number of diverse and intriguing histories of which many individuals are not aware. But don't worry; this section highlights intriguing facts about Nigeria, sure to leave readers the wiser and ecstatic.

Did you know Nigeria is home to Africa's oldest dye pit?

The Kofar Mata Dye Pits in Kano were founded in 1498 and are over 500 years old, making them the oldest in Africa. During their heyday, about 270 dye pits produced indigo-dyed cotton fabric. The dye solution consists of three natural and local ingredients: indigo plant twigs, ash from burnt firewood, and potash, which is made freshly at the dye pit. Despite modern dyeing techniques, the Kofar Mata Dye Pits remain a significant cultural and historical landmark in Kano, attracting tourists and preserving a rich heritage of textile craftsmanship.

Did you know about Nigeria's Anambra Waxbill bird?

The waxbill is a breed of estrildid finch found only in southern Nigeria. It was discovered by British ornithologist Richard Meinertzhagen in 1923, and it is believed he named it after the Anambra River. The bird is approximately 12 centimeters long and can flock up to 20 birds, but there have only been five reported sightings. Its last confirmed sightings were reported in 2010 in Benin. The bird is known to feed on grass seeds directly from the flowering or fruiting structures of the grass.

Did you know Nigeria has the third-oldest canoe in the world?

The Dufuna canoe was discovered in 1987 by a herder of Fulani descent; it was found around Fune local government. The canoe is the third oldest in the world after Canoes from La Marmotta (Italy) and the Pesse Canoe (Netherlands). This canoe (Dufuna canoe) is classified under the late Stone Age period. Radiocarbon dating done on a nearby sample of charcoal showed that the canoe is around 8000 years old. It is a testament to Nigeria's early technological advancements.



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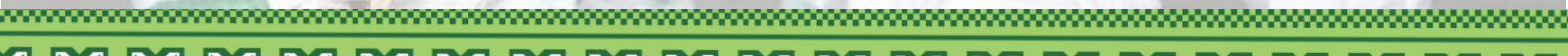


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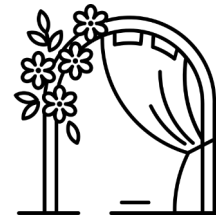
Nigerian Superstitions

Nigerian culture has superstitions that vary across different ethnic groups and regions. Here are some common superstitions:

Itchy palms: An itchy right palm is believed to signify that you will receive money, while an itchy left palm suggests that you will lose money or have to pay someone.



Whistling at night: Whistling at night is believed to attract evil spirits or snakes. Many Nigerians avoid whistling after dark to prevent unwanted encounters with supernatural entities.



Rain on your wedding day: In many Nigerian cultures, rain on a wedding day is seen as a blessing, symbolizing fertility and prosperity for the couple.



People stepping over your legs or body: It is considered bad luck if someone crosses over you, particularly if you are lying down or sitting.

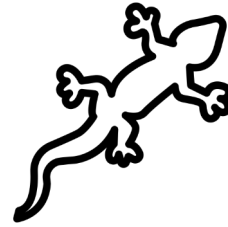


Rain falling while the sun is shining: It is commonly said that when it rains while the sun is shining, a lion is giving birth.

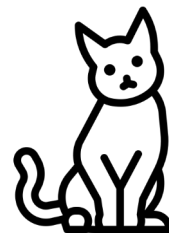


Snakes in dreams: Dreaming of snakes is often interpreted as a sign that there are enemies or people with ill intentions around you. It is seen as a warning to be cautious.

Killing a wall gecko: In some Nigerian cultures, killing a wall gecko (or lizard) is believed to bring bad luck or misfortune. The gecko is often seen as a protective spirit, and harming it is thought to invite negative consequences.



Black cats: Black cats are considered omens of bad luck or misfortune. Their presence is often associated with negative events or supernatural activities.



Nigerian proverbs with an English twist

Philosophical sagacity refers to the fact that Africa's history and ideology can be discovered through conversations with the old and wise. Much of these tales about history are embedded in African proverbs and filled with mysteries. Prepare to explore Nigerian proverbs with their English meanings to engage you in wisdom and relaxation.

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“If life has beaten you severely and your face is swollen, smile and act like a fat man.”

This Nigerian proverb means no matter the circumstance, we should always strive to make the best of the situation, as tribulations last only a short while.

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“If you marry beauty, you should know that you married trouble.”

This proverb means that getting married to someone solely because of their physical appearance is not enough. What happens when beauty fades away? It is best to marry for love.

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“Because they have feathers, you can never know when a chicken sweats.”

This proverb speaks to being careful with friends you do not know much about. It is unwise to immediately trust a person.

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“Horses have four legs though they often fall.”

This proverb speaks of encouragement. It urges us not to fear failure that could not hinder us from pursuing our dreams. Failure is usually the foundation for achieving success in our endeavors.

A nostalgic look at Nigeria's childhood games

Childhood games from decades past forged lasting bonds between friends and loved ones, providing a way to unwind together before the advent of modern technologies. Let's take a quick trip down memory lane as we revisit some of these classic childhood games.

Tinko! Tinko!!

This game involves facing each other, interchanging palms, and slamming the hands of their partners while singing.

Ten Ten

Participants faced each other, clapping hands and singing in rhythm. The rule is not to lift the same leg as your partner, or you're out. If multiple players exist, the winner competes with the next in line, and points are scored. The game continues until they are exhausted.

Hide and Seek (Boju Boju)

A seeker starts the game with eyes closed while other players find a place to hide. The seeker sings the song "Boju Boju" and then asks fellow players if he should open his eyes. The players answer from their hiding places. The seeker searches until he finds someone who becomes the new seeker.

Willie Willie (change your style)

In this game, children form a circle holding hands. They swing and clap their hands as they sing the song "Willie Willie Willie." The game leader says, "Change your style." "Another style," he repeats, and suddenly says, "Be like that." At this point, everyone freezes while the game leader makes funny faces. Whoever laughs is sent out, leaving the circle smaller until a winner emerges.

Biro/Bic game

Two opponents play it on a table. Each player flicks their pen with a finger, aiming to knock the opponent's pen off the table. Anyone who succeeds by hitting their opponent's pen off the table gets a point. The game is played until they are tired. The player with the highest number of points wins.



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Nigerian pidgin 101: the language of the streets

We often find ourselves biting our tongues when we speak another man's language. But remember, Nigeria, the giant of Africa, is home to diverse cultures with different languages. Amidst this diversity, Pidgin English stands out as our lingua franca (a shared language among the people), bringing together educated individuals who are fluent in English and those who are not. It is often called the language of the streets, denoting we are one and full of life.

Naija dey your blood

[ŋja] • *Descriptive phrase*

When we say "Naija dey your blood", we mean no matter where you go, the spirit of Nigeria runs through your veins. Pidgin is more like the nation's idiomatic expressions, as they pass on wisdom from one person to another.

Dem send you?

[Them] • *Rhetorical question*

"Dem send you?" This phrase is often used in a sarcastic tone or in a hot-tempered moment. Many Nigerians use it to question whether someone is acting on their own or being manipulated by others. Most of the time, when a person seems to carry out an unpleasant act or causes damage, those motivations are being questioned.

God don butter my bread

[gad] • *Thanksgiving phrase*

"God don butter my bread." This means that God has answered my prayers or that life has finally smiled on me. It reflects hope and gratitude, acknowledging that challenges are inevitable in life but can be overcome.

Wayo

[wayo] • *verb*

"Wayo" means trickery or fraud. It is often used when someone has been scammed. For example, if someone's hard-earned money is taken deceitfully, people say, "Dem don way you," meaning, "You just got scammed."

K-leg

[Kay leg] • *Adjective*

"K-leg" describes something that's off, situations or narrations that are not straightforward, or are questionable. Just like a leg that's bent, it depicts that part of the story being told has inconsistencies or exaggerations.

I go land you slap

[👏] • *Warning*

"I go land you slap" is a warning, expressing frustration and setting boundaries. It is a daring way of stating the consequences of someone's annoying or wrongful behavior.

You too much

[ju:] • *Flattery*

Finally, "You too much" is a compliment that acknowledges someone's excellence and praises them for going above and beyond. How about we say, "Nigeria, you too much?" As we celebrate our independence, let's keep spreading positivity within and beyond. Our motto is "Unity and Faith, Peace and Progress."



A story lies behind Nigerian slangs

Nigerians create words as a means to relate to the world. Every year, they develop various slangs that go far beyond mere expression. These slangs spice up interactions, creating an inclusive atmosphere where everyone feels part of the discussion.

Dundee

This slang can be traced back to the 1970s, when Nigerian fans of the Scottish Premiership club Dundee United were devastated by the match's outcome.

As a result, Nigerians became angry and began calling anyone who acts foolishly or makes poor decisions "Dundee." Eventually, the slang became a playful way to make fun of friends who make mistakes.

Gwo Gwo Gwo Ngwo

An enthralling Igbo folklore song, "GWO GWO GWO NGWO," tells the story of a clever tortoise who outsmarts an elephant to win a king's daughter's hand in marriage.

The king would give his daughter to whoever brought a big animal. The tortoise deceived the elephant into allowing him to tie a rope around its neck to ensure its safety. When the tortoise reached the king's palace, he presented the elephant as his catch, securing the princess's hand in marriage. Depending on who is telling the story and the context, the message could emphasize cleverness, manipulation, or the consequences of trust.

Go to Yabaleft

This slang refers to the Yaba psychiatric hospital in Lagos State.

It is jokingly used to call out someone acting strangely or making odd statements suggesting they need a mental checkup.

Amebo

Lastly, "Amebo" comes from the Urhobo word "Avwebo," which means the favorite wife in a polygamous home

This wife is often tasked with keeping everyone happy and pleasing everyone. Over time, she becomes the first to report news or gossip. The slang spread across Nigeria, popularized by the character "Amebo" in the TV series *The Village Headmaster*. Nigerians started using the word to refer to notorious gossip, and the name gradually spread throughout Nigeria.

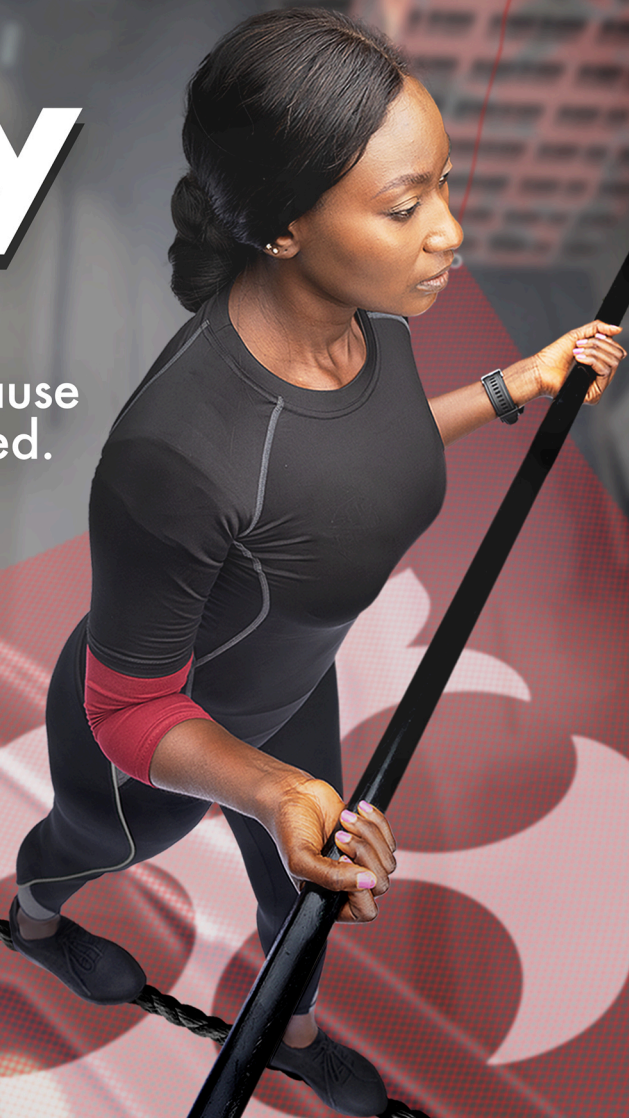




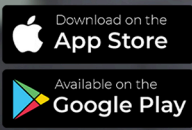
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If superheroes were Nigerian

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At the center of Western folklore lies the history of superheroes who appear in different forms to save the world from supervillains. From Superman to metahumans like Flash and even ordinary men like Batman, the stories of these heroes resonate throughout Western cultures. Nigeria's rich tapestry of history, culture, and modern-day vibes gives us the ground for reimagining the superhero archetype.

Now, let's move on to the big question on your mind. What if superheroes were Nigerian? It's hilarious just thinking about it.

If superheroes were Nigerian, every day would be a comedy show. Nigerians are naturally funny. Superheroes would be the perfect object for laughter in Nigeria's Twitter community and other social media platforms. Imagine Batman parking his Batmobile in Mushin, only to return and find that some of its parts are gone. Even Spiderman would not dare hang down the buildings where Nigerian mothers reside for fear of being sprinkled with anointing oil. Are Nigerian mothers a joke to you?

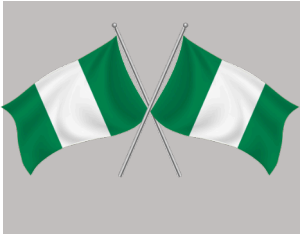
Superman will most likely get electrocuted by electric poles lying across the streets of Lagos

while flying around. Moreover, given the current situation of Nigeria's economy, the superheroes would probably be working more than one job to earn their daily bread, leaving little to no time for heroics. Of course, rich kids like Batman and Iron Man would be an exception.

Despite the possibility of theatrics, having Nigerian superheroes would be very interesting. Let's look at it from a cultural lens. The various ethnic groups in Nigeria all possess their unique myths and legends, many of which have characters endowed with superhuman abilities. To illustrate, a Yoruba superhero could draw strength from the Orishas, the deities of Yoruba religion, combining age-old wisdom with present-day heroics to address contemporary issues. Their struggles would not only serve as entertainment but would also motivate others. They would deliberately compel those real-life heroes to make positive changes in Nigeria.

The beautiful and vivid cultural expressions in Nigerian music, such as song drum beats, clothing trends, and illustrations, may serve as visual aesthetics for these superheroes. Their costumes could integrate traditional designs and emblems, while their narratives could be told in the moving rhythm of afrobeat to give one such superhero experience that is purely Nigerian.

In fact, reimagining superheroes as Nigerians is not only a dream but a cultural wave likely to attract attention from people within and outside Nigeria. The opportunity to showcase the country's heritage and pressing matters via the enticing lens of superhero lore would enable the envisioning of characters synonymous with hope, courage, and the resilience of an average Nigerian.



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Nigerians that have made headlines in 2024

Onyinyechi Mark

Nigerian powerlifter Onyinyechi Mark, 23, claimed gold in the women's 61kg category at the 2024 Paris Paralympics, lifting a record-breaking 150kg. She outperformed China's Cui Jianjin, who secured silver with a 140kg lift, and Mexico's Amelia Perez, who earned bronze with a lift of 130kg, marking Nigeria's first gold at the games. Born in Umuahia, Abia State, Mark has gained international recognition for her accomplishments. Before her Paralympic triumph, she won silver at the 2021 World Para Powerlifting Championships and gold in 2023 in Dubai, further cementing her place among the sport's elite.



Nigeria's Men's Football Team lost the AFCON final to Ivory Coast 2-1 on February 11, 2024. Still, the captain, Troost Ekong, became a fan favorite in the process, scoring Nigeria's solitary goal in the final and leading the Men's Football Team to victory with a great tournament as their outstanding center back. The Nigerian Center Back was rewarded for his great tournament by earning the Player of the Competition, beating players like Mohammed Salah to the prized accolade.

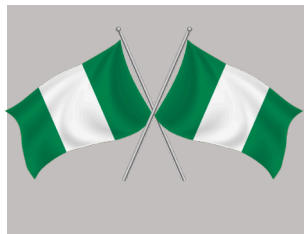


Tobi Amusan



Despite a dismal Olympics by her standards, Tobi Amusan, the women's 100-meter (m) hurdles world record holder, made headlines in 2024. On July 24, 2022, she ran 12.12 seconds to set the 100m hurdles record, a feat that made all Nigerians aware of her abilities. Tobi Amusan stole the show at the inaugural Jamaica Athletics Invitational on Saturday, May 11, 2024, with a world-leading performance of 12.40 seconds in the 100m female hurdles, defeating Jamaica's favorite Danielle Williams.

Troost Ekong



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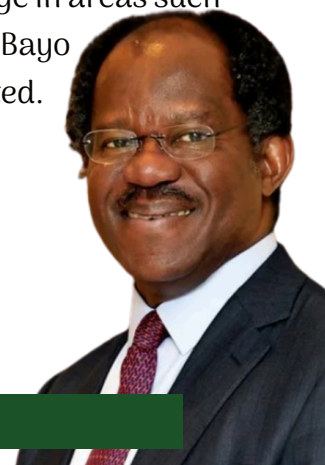


The Imafidon family

The Imafidon family, often called the "smartest family in the UK," is led by Professor Chris Imafidon and his wife, Anne-Marie. Professor Imafidon, a renowned researcher and consultant, has taught at prestigious institutions such as Oxford and Imperial College, and advised governments globally. Dr. Anne-Marie, who started university at the age of 15 and founded Stemettes, an organization empowering young women in STEM. Meanwhile, their five children have also gained international recognition for their outstanding academic achievements. Christina, one of their children, began university at just 11 and is now a leader in financial technology. The younger siblings, Samantha, Peter, and Paula, have broken academic records at a young age. The family's accomplishments underscore the power of education, dedication, and a supportive environment, while also sparking discussions on the potential influence of genetics in intellectual success.



Ogunlesi is the founding partner and chairman of Global Infrastructure Partners. GIP is the world's largest independent infrastructure manager in terms of assets under management (AUM), with over \$100 billion in infrastructure equities and credit strategies, and over 400 employees. In 2024, BlackRock bought GIP. "Under the terms of the transaction, BlackRock acquired 100% of the business and assets of GIP for a total consideration of \$3 billion in cash and approximately 12 million shares of BlackRock common stock," according to a statement made by BlackRock. BlackRock is the world's largest asset manager, with assets totalling \$10 trillion as of December 31, 2023. Given GIP and BlackRock's global ties, this purchase provides market-leading knowledge in areas such as equity, which Bayo Ogunlesi facilitated.



Bayo Ogunlesi



Nigerian Love Stories

DAVIDO & CHIOMA

The Nigerian superstar artist, Davido, tied the knot with his longtime sweetheart, Chioma, in an awe-inspiring grand style. Their love story is none like others, as their relationship began in their “uni” days with love at first sight. Davido was instantly captivated by Chioma’s elegance and beauty as their love stood the test of time. The wedding was extraordinary, with Chioma’s heartwarming palm wine presentation to her husband. Enhancing the allure, the governor of Osun State and Davido’s dance moment got everyone cheering Awwwnn! The event was further elevated by performances that included the appearance of the legendary King Sunny Ade and the guest list boasting of an array of dignitaries and A-list celebrities from across all boards. Davido and Chioma’s wedding was not just another celebrity event but a fierce reminder of love and wealth at its finest.

We can all agree that Nigerians celebrate their significant moments in grand style, especially weddings. Get ready to explore some of the alluring chemistries that blossomed into weddings in 2024.

Moses Bliss and Marie Wiseborn tied the knot classily as the bride walked down the aisle in a fine silk dress with Moses Bliss in his custom ivory suit. Their love story truly inspired a trend on Twitter to dance to gospel music, as their story evolved from dancing to a song the gospel music creator, Moses Bliss, made to become his wife. Everyone on social media agreed that the wedding scored a point for Ghana in the never-ending battle between Ghana and Nigeria. #ForeverBliss.

MOSES & MARIE





KUNLE & BOLUWATIFE

The Nigerian-based actor Kunle Remi and his UK-based bride, Boluwatife Oye, tied the knot on January 20, 2024. The pre-wedding shoot portrayed the description of the village belle, Tiwi, being toasted by a proper Yoruba gentleman, Kunle Remi. Moreover, the couple commenced pre-wedding celebrations with a denim-themed cocktail soiree. The intimate gathering welcomed close relatives, friends, and colleagues. The wedding had our favorite couple adorned regally, serving the looks of royalty with an elegant finish. Additionally, the wedding was modest, with A-list movie stars and celebrities showing up at their best to celebrate their union.

The love story of Veekee James and Femi Atere was truly remarkable; the journey that brought them together proved that true love exists even in the most unexpected places. Veekee James and Femi first met in 2019. But it wasn't until two years later that their friendship blossomed into a deep, unshakable love. This was not just any love story; it was one built on admiration, trust, and a strong connection that felt divinely orchestrated. Their wedding, themed #LoveUnbeaten24, witnessed Veekee James transform three times, especially with the geometric design dress that got everyone talking.

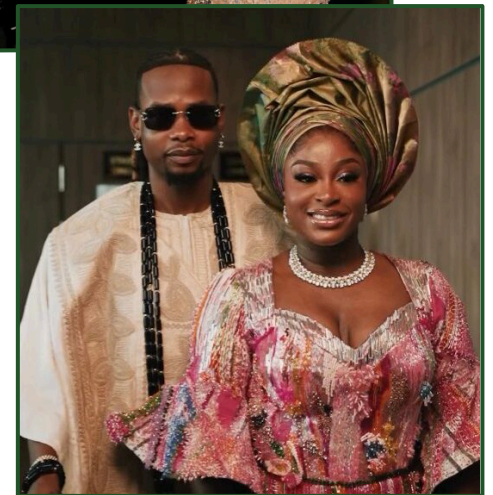
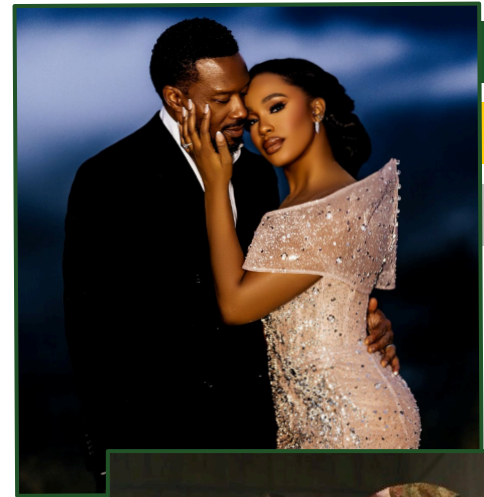


VEEKEE & FEMI

She gave nothing short of what was expected, as every outfit was a testament to her talent as a fashion designer. Femi, not to be outdone, looked equally dashing in his custom ATAFO tuxedo. The wedding embraced a 'Classic Vintage' theme, and the guests effortlessly embodied this theme's very essence, showcasing stunning outfits. But beyond the glitz and glam, what makes Veekee and Femi's love story the best of 2024 is the genuine connection they share.

SHARON & UGO

One unforgettable wedding in Nigeria was Sharon Ooja and Ugo Nwoke. Sharon Ooja took everyone by surprise with her husband's reveal. Love truly stole the show! The Nollywood actress secretly said “yes” to her Odogwu Silencer and quickly followed it up with a civil ceremony, making her officially a Mrs. Her journey from a private engagement to a stunning white wedding with Ugo Nwoke was nothing short of a fairy tale. With her breathtaking looks, styled by Dahmola, and Ugo’s dapper style, they set the bar high for wedding goals in 2024. Every moment of their wedding was filled with smiles. What stood out was how we can all agree that the interior decoration was second to none! Serving classy, exquisite, and luxurious left, right, and center overall, the wedding gave a rich combination of old and new money African vibe.



Yhemo Lee & Tayo

When it comes to unforgettable love stories, Yhemo Lee and Tayo’s journey stands out as one of the most captivating of 2024. The Nigerian entertainer, Idowu Adeyemi, popularly known as Yhemo Lee, and his longtime sweetheart, Tayo, with a beautiful love story that started in 2018. From the moment Yhemo Lee proposed to Tayo in the most heartfelt way, we knew this was a love meant to last as they began their enchanting tale. Their civil wedding, an intimate affair with close family and friends, Tayo dazzled in a chic dress, while Yhemo Lee looked dapper as ever. But the celebration didn’t stop there! The couple has been serving us major vibes with their pre-wedding shoot, where every photo captured their undeniable chemistry and style. Their

traditional wedding, being a grand affair, had everyone talking. Their love story hasn’t been without its challenges after all. But through it all, Yhemo Lee and Tayo have shown us that true love can overcome anything.

The weddings in 2024 have been nothing short of exceptional, raising the bar higher than the sky. It has been an exciting journey of exploring love, culture, and beautiful moments celebrated in grand style.

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