

ON THE BEACH

Lesson Thirty-Nine

Objectives: This lesson is intended to introduce you to the beach, and some of the activities you may find along the shore. Later lessons will offer more information on fishing, shellfish, etc.

Activities: Study the dialogue, and act it out, until you have a good understanding of it. When you have finished, prepare a short narrative along parallel lines, describing some of the activities you may see on shore.

**Translation
of Dialogue:**

On the Beach

Biribo: Let's go pass some time on the beach!

Jack: What are those boys doing?

Biribo: They're bathing in the sea.

Jack: Do you also swim on the ocean side?

Biribo: Yes, sometimes.

Jack: What about man-eating fish?

Biribo: No man-eating fish near the beach. Only in the deep ocean.

Jack: What's that man doing?

Biribo: He's diving.

Jack: What for?

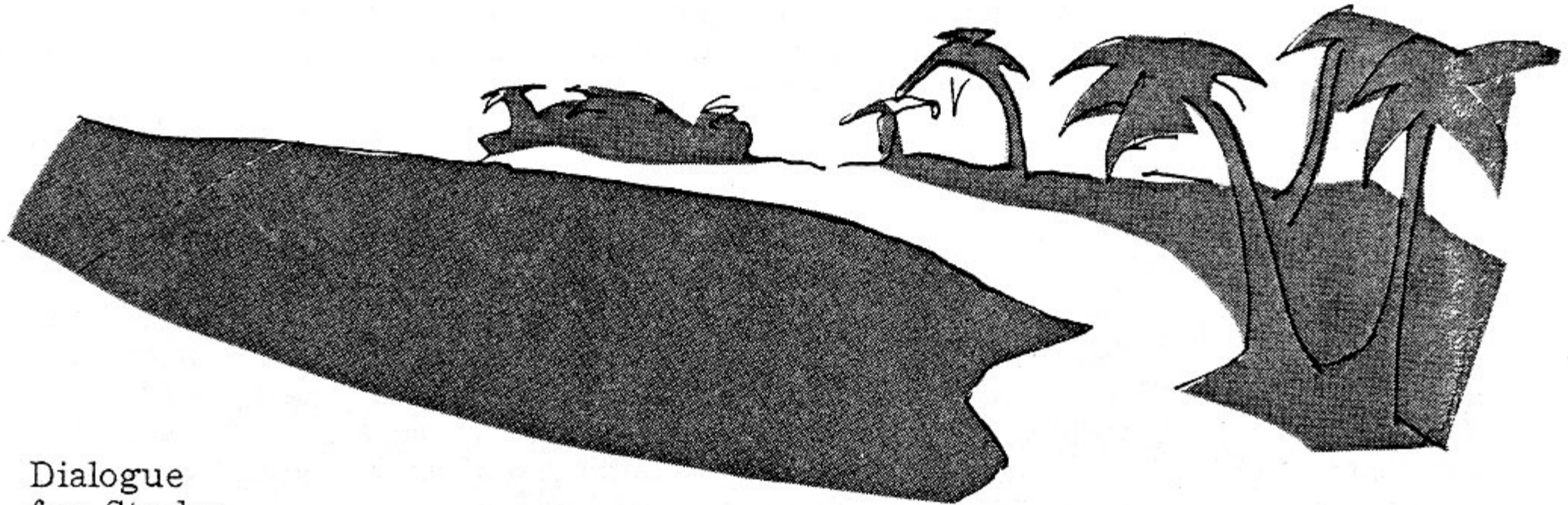
Biribo: Diving for 'te bun' (a kind of shellfish).

Jack: Are these 'te bun'?

Biribo: Yes, that's them.

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Dialogue
for Study:

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Biribo: Ti a nako ni kakaaki botura iaon te bike.

Tiaki: Teraa ae a karaoia atainimm'aane akekei?

Biribo: A tebotebo i taari.

Tiaki: Kam tebotebo naba i tanrake?

Biribo: E eng, n taai tabetai.

Tiaki: Ao iika ni kaakang?

Biribo: Akea iika ni kaakang i mataniwin te bike. Ti i marawa.

Tiaki: Ao teraa are e karaoia teuaarei?

Biribo: E tebo.

Tiaki: B'a bukin teraa?

Biribo: E tebo bun.

Tiaki: Akanne taiani bun?

Biribo: E eng, boni ngaia.

Supplementary

Activities: Give a short talk about a walk on the beach you have taken, the things you did and saw. Your teacher can help you with any new vocabulary you may need. (If you haven't taken a walk on the beach (?!) make up a story about it anyway.)

Outside

Activities: While the land resources in Kiribati are relatively limited, those of the sea and the shore are quite abundant. Take an identification hike along the beach, noting and collecting the names of the natural objects you can find. Start to learn the names of the empty shells you come upon, which of them are major food sources, or have other functions. You may be surprised to discover that there is no general term in Kiribati for 'shells'. How can you explain this?

