**ENGLISH LANGUAGE JSS1 WEEK 3**

**VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT: READING EXERCISE (comprehension)**

**My first day at secondary school**

My name is John. My first day at Hope Secondary School was an eventful one. As it is natural for every student to remember the first day at school, I can remember vividly the things that happened.

It was my father who prepared the way for my admission to the school. He collected the admission forms and my mother filled them in. I wrote the entrance examination some four weeks afterwards. The results were released and my name was first of successful candidates. My sisters and my parents were very happy.

Hope Secondary School was an old and well-known school in my locality. It had gigantic buildings with a large compound filled with beautiful well-arranged flowers.

When I stepped into the school, I felt nervous at first because of the large crowd of people swarming around on the first day. Most parents, especially mothers, accompanied their children to school. My father accompanied me on that day because my mother had travelled. The atmosphere of the school was bustling and full of life as a lot of new and returning students were busy with one thing, or another. Teacher after teacher went to different classes.

When I had been enrolled as a student, I went to my class. The class teacher, Mrs Kofo Adebola, asked for my name, home address and age. I answered her questions quickly. She was impressed, so she patted me on my back. Her kind behaviour soothed my feelings. Other students in the class looked at me curiously. After three consecutive periods there was a recess of 15 minutes. I dashed to the playground with my classmates. I made friends with Chinedu, Adeola and Ahmed. We told stories of our primary school days. My initial anxiety vanished because of my friends.

Soon the bell rang for us to go home after the eighth period. Many students were relieved to be with their parents again. I was delighted to see my father waiting for me at the school gate. My first day at school is pleasant to recollect.

**ASSIGNMENT**

Study the passage above and write a composition (essay) on **My first day at Famvar Secondary School**.