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TOPIC: IF I COULD INVENT SOMETHING NEW

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Among all living things, human beings are the most intelligent because of the superior brain they possess. As a result of this natural endowment, they have the ability to invent new things to overcome various challenges they face. This is why a lot of things have been invented by man to solve one problem or the other. Since the time of industrial revolution when machines replaced the manual system of doing things, man has never looked back. There has been rapid progress in the application of technology to solve man's problems. Examples of these inventions include various means of transport such as vehicles for land transportation, speed boats and ships for water transportation as well as helicopters and aeroplanes for air transportation. Other major inventions include the telephone and the internet for speedy communication. The invention of information and communication technology has revolutionized a lot of things and made the world a better place for everyone. Apart from computers, there are other types of machines invented by man such as electronic gadgets, office equipment, kitchen equipment, plumbing equipment, standing fan, ceiling fan, air conditioner, mower for grass cutting and different types of farm machinery such as tractors, planters and harvesters.

Despite the numerous inventions of man, one thing that is still missing is simple equipment to reduce the hard labour associated with farming especially in Nigeria and Africa as a whole. As a young student of agricultural science, I have observed that farmers generally use physical energy for farm operations. They are still using hoe and cutlass which have been in existence for a very long time. While there are equipment such as tractors for large scale farming, the small-scale farmers have no mechanized equipment to use on their farms. They depend on the use of hoe and cutlass which makes farming unattractive to young people. In addition, farmers usually spend a lot of time on their farms due to lack of simple mechanized equipment. The use of crude and outdated implements on the farm makes our farmers to grow old rapidly. Based on the problems facing our farmers, what is uppermost in my mind if I could invent something new is to design and produce simple farm equipment that will eliminate the use of hoe and cutlass. I believe the invention of simple farm tools will have positive effect on our farmers and increase food production. It will also help our young people to go back to agriculture and cultivate various crops. At present, large hectares of land are not utilized due to lack of simple farm tools.

In conclusion, man is always inventing new things to increase productivity and efficiency. If I could invent something new, my desire is to reduce the suffering of our farmers by fabricating simple and affordable mechanized tools which can be produced in large quantity.