

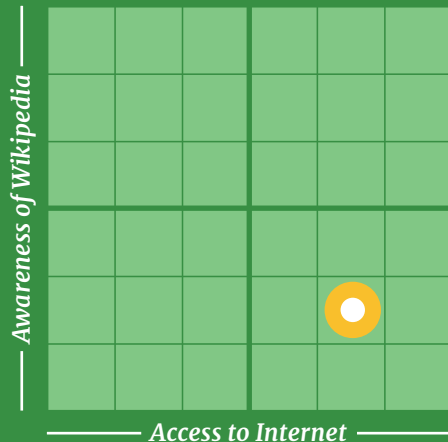


NAME: **Tolu** AGE: **23**

FROM **Epe, Nigeria**

LIVES: **Lagos, Nigeria**

OCCUPATION: **Student (Geology)**



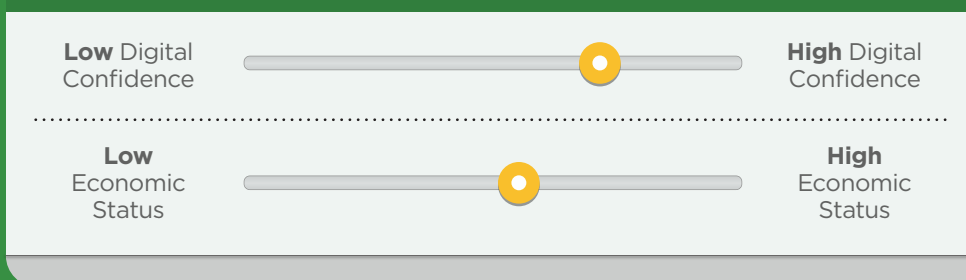
BIOGRAPHY

Tolu is a third-year geology student at UNILAG and lives in the campus dorm. She is very social and is always connected to the internet via her mobile phone and instant messaging with friends. She usually has her tablet with her as well and uses it to take photos, do research for school, and watch South Korean romance shows and TED talks.

Tolu is looking forward to graduating and getting a job. For school, she uses WhatsApp group chats to trade notes on assignments with classmates—each course has its own group, which come alive with conversation around exam periods.

She uses Google as the starting point for any assignment. She recently wrote a paper on the causes of land erosion. To start, she opened Opera Mini—her preferred browser because it uses less data—and typed the topic as her search term into Google. She then opened all the links on the first page of search results, including Wikipedia, and started to compile information from each of them. She doesn't pay attention to the links' domains; but once she opens them, she spends more time on pages from well-known academic sources. An eager student, Tolu likes to supplement her education by searching for things her lecturers may mention in passing, finding interesting content on MIT Open Coursework, and using Quizlet (an online community for exam-prep flashcards).

Tolu believes that Wikipedia is a good source of information “for people, places, and things.” Her professors have told her that Wikipedia is not “referenceable,” but she still uses it to get topic overviews. She likes how pages have summaries and are “broken down by section” so she can jump to what she needs. She believes that Wikipedia is unreliable since anyone can put information on it.



DEVICE USE



Tecno L8 Android Smartphone

PRIMARY USE: Instant messaging, social media, and web browsing.

NETWORK: Airtel: Spends N1,500 (~\$5.30) on a 3GB monthly plan for her smartphone and to tether her tablet.

APPS USED: *In order of preference:* Instagram, WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook.



Nokia N100

PRIMARY USE: Voice calling, and SMS.

NETWORK: Etisalat: Spends between N500 and N1000 (\$1.75 to \$3.50) each month via prepaid top-up cards. Tops up 2 to 4 times a month.



LG Tablet

PRIMARY USE: Research for school assignments. Watching videos and movies.

DETAILS: Not data-enabled, only accesses internet through WiFi and tethering. LG brand was a splurge but was worth it because it's a status symbol.



Acer desktop computer at UNILAG computer lab

PRIMARY USE: Typing school assignments.

DETAILS: Limited use, only for typing and printing school assignments. When not busy, may also watch movies with a group, but generally prefers the privacy of her own mobile device.