

my child reading?

Learning to read is a journey of discovery. As you travel through the world of storybooks with your children, you'll uncover different treasures and pleasure along the way. You might notice that your child who used to run off when you tried to read to him, now has a favourite picture book which he brings to you to read - over and over again! Or maybe you're surprised the first time that your older child sits down with her younger brother and pretends to read to him from a familiar picture book.

If you read regularly with your children, you will notice that their book habits change over time. Here are some of the "signposts" that point out a successful reading journey.

Babies may become quiet as you start to read a book to them, showing that they are listening, and sometimes they may clap or kick their legs to show their excitement.

Some babies make sounds as you read to them. They are trying to imitate you.

- As children start to try to "read" on their own, they often turn the pages of the book, looking at the pictures while they make up their own story. (Sometimes they tell a different story each time!) This shows that they have learnt that the pictures give clues to what the story is about.
- Are there some storybooks that your children ask you to read again and again? You may

find your children "reading" these books on their own by looking at the pictures and telling the story. They may use a mixture of their own words with some of the actual words from the story. This is an important step in learning to read because it means that children realise that written words stay the same each time you read them.

As children begin to read aloud for themselves and come across an unfamiliar word, you may notice that they try to guess what the word is by using what has already happened in the story to help them. Or, they may use the accompanying picture to give them clues to what the unfamiliar word might be. These are clear signs that your children are well on their way to being independent readers. They know that reading is about making meaning.

When you go on a journey, you are not called a "traveller" only when you reach your destination. Learning to read is exactly the same. Your children are readers at each stage of their reading development journey.



Noodle

Ukufunda ukukwazi ukufunda okubhaliwe kuyindlela yokuthola izinto ezintsha. Ngesikhathi uhamba emhlabeni wezincwadi zezindaba nezingane zakho, uzothola ingcebo nobumnandi endleleni. Kungenzeka uqaphele ukuthi ingane yakho eyayibaleka uma uzama ukuyifundela, manje seyinencwadi yezithombe eyithandayo eyiletha kuwena ukuze uyifunde - uyiphinde, uphinde uyifunde futhi! Mhlawumbe uqala ukumangala uma ubona ingane yakho endala ihlala phansi nomfowabo omncane yenza sengathi iyamfundela encwadini enezithombe ejwayelekile.

Uma ujwayele ukufundela izingane zakho, uzoqaphela ukuthi imikhuba yazo yokusebenzisa izincwadi iyashintsha ekuhambeni kwesikhathi. Nazi ezinye "zezimpawu" ezikhombisa uhambo lokufunda oluyimpumelelo.

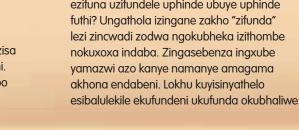
Abantwana kungenzeka bathule ngesikhathi uqala ukubafundela incwadi, ukukhombisa ukuthi balalele, futhi ngesinye isikhathi bangashaya izandla noma baqhwishe imilenze yabo ukukhombisa ukujabula kwabo. Ngesinye isikhathi abantwana benza imisindo ngesikhathi ubafundela. Bazama ukukulingisa.

Neo

- Ngesikhathi izingane ziqala ukuzama "ukufunda" ngokwazo, zijwayele ukuphenya amakhasi encwadi, zibheka izithombe ngesikhathi zizakhela indaba yazo. (Ngesinye isikhathi zixoxa indaba eyehlukile ngaleso naleso sikhathi!) Lokhu kukhombisa ukuthi sezifundile ukuthi izithombe zikunikeza okuthile okuchaza ukuthi indaba imavelana nani.
- Zikhona yini izincwadi izingane zakho ezifuna uzifundele uphinde ubuye uphinde futhi? Ungathola izingane zakho "zifunda" ıezı zıncwadı zodwa ngokubheka izithombe nokuxoxa indaba. Zingasebenza ingxube yamazwi azo kanye namanye amagama akhona endabeni. Lokhu kuyisinyathelo

- okuchaza ukuthi izingane ziyabona ukuthi amagama abhaliwe ahlala efana isikhathi ngasinye njalo nje uma uwafunda.
- Ngesikhathi izingane ziqala ukuzifundela kakhulu futhi zihlangana namagama ezingawajwayele, kungenzeka uqaphele ukuthi zizama ukuqagela ukuthi lisho ukuthini igama ngokusebenzisa lokho okwenzeke endabeni ukuze kuzisize. Noma. zingasebenzisa isithombe esihambisana negama ukuze zithole ukuthi ngabe lithini igama elingajwayelekile. Lezi yizimpawu ezicacile ezikhomba ukuthi izinaane zakho ziphikelele ekubeni abafundi abazimele. Ziyazi ukuthi ukufunda kumayelana nokwakha umqondo othile.

Uma uthatha uhambo, awubizwa ngokuthi "ungumhambi", uze ubizwe ngaleli gama uma sewutike lapho uya khona. Ukufunda ukufunda okubhaliwe kuyinto efana ncimishi nale. Kuwuhambo, futhi izingane zakho zingabafundi esigabeni ngasinye sohambo lokuthuthukisa ukufunda kwazo.





Read to me. Never too early. Never too late. Ngifundele. Ungesheshe kakhulu. Ungelibale kakhulu futhi.





augh aloud!

World Laughter Day is celebrated on 5 May each year. Enjoy reading these funny poems and jokes and then try writing some of your own to share with others on 5 May!

ka kakhulu

Usuku Lokuhleka Lomhlaba Wonke lugujwa mhla ka-5 Meyi minyaka yonke. Thokozela ukufunda lezi zinkondlo namahlaya okulandelayo bese uzama ukubhala okunye kwakho ozokwabelana ngakho nabanye mhla ka-5 Meyi!

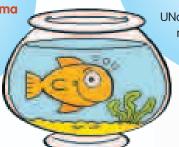


Question: What is black and white and makes a lot of noise?

Answer: A zebra playing the drums!

Umbuzo: Yini enombala omnyama nomhlophe eyenza umsindo omkhulu?

> Impendulo: Idube elidlala izigubhu!



Question: What's brown, has a hump and lives at the **North Pole?**

Answer: A lost camel!

Umbuzo: Yini ensudu, enesifumbu futhi ehlala **eNorth Pole?**

Impendulo: Ikameli elilahlekile!

There was an Old Derry down Derry,

Who loved to see little folks merry;

So he made them a book,

And with laughter they shook

At the fun of that Derry down Derry.

Edward Lear

Reading club tip #6

Celebrate World Laughter Day by asking the children to write down a joke on a piece of paper – either a joke they know or one they have made up. reate a "joke wall" by displaying all the jokes and letting the children have fun reading them!

Icebo lethimba lokufunda lesi-6

Gubhani Usuku Lokuhleka Lomhlaba Wonke ngokucela izingane zakho ukuthi zibhale ihlaya ephepheni - kungaba ihlaya abalaziyo noma lelo abazenzele lona. Yenzani "udonga lwamahlaya" ngokubeka wonke amahlaya bese uvumela izingane ukuthi zizithokozise ngesikhathi

ziwafunda!



Who watched his wife making a stew;

There was an

Old Man of Peru,

But once by mistake,

In a stove she did bake,

That unfortunate Man of Peru.

Edward Lear



Patient:

Doctor, Doctor, I keep thinking I'm invisible.

Doctor: Who said that?

Isiguli: Dokotela, Dokotela, ngihlale ngicabanga ukuthi angibonakali.

UDokotela: Ubani lo okhulumayo?

Teacher: Nosipho, put some more water in the fish tank, please.

Nosipho: I put some water in last week, but the fish haven't drunk it yet!

Uthisha: Nosipho, faka amanye amanzi ethangini lenhlanzi.

> UNosipho: Akhona engiwathele ngesonto eledlule kodwa beyingakawaphuzi!

Question: Why do elephants never forget?

Answer: Because nobody ever tells them anything!

Umbuzo: Kungani izindlovu zingakhohlwa?



Post photos of your children laughing at their favourite jokes at www.facebook.com/nalibaliSA, or share them on Twitter @nalibaliSA, or email them to letters@nalibali.org until 31 May 2013 and stand a chance to win great prizes.

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Create your own mini-book Zakhele ibhukwana lakho

- 1. Take out pages 3 to 6 of this supplement.
- 2. Fold it in half along the black dotted line.
- 3. Fold it in half again.
- 4. Cut along the red dotted lines.

- 1. Khipha ikhasi 3 ukuva ku-6 kulesi sithasiselo.
- 2. Lisonge libe nguhhafu lapho kunomugga (ulayini) wamachashaza amnyama khona.
- Lisonge libe nguhhafu futhi.
- 4. Sika lapho kunomugga wamachashaza abomvu khona.



Babengasakwazi ukubona izimpawu zomgwaqo. Izulu laliduma futhi libanika. Laqala ukuna.

rain. They couldn't see the street signs. There was thunder and lightning. It began to

palahleka. Kwase kuqala ukuba mnyama. Ekugcineni, baze bafika edolobheni ... kodwa

> got lost. It was getting dark. Eventually, they reached the city ... and







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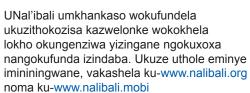
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Finding Aunt Joan Bamthola u-Anti uJoan





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yahamba imoto. and drove.



... otomi ndmnhay



... otomi ndmndnY Тһеу дгоче ...



ukufunda ibalazwe. UBaba wayethukuthele.

babebathuka. UMama wayengasakwazi

them. Drivers made signs. Mother couldn't Cars hooted at them. Taxis swerved around

ayebadlula emaceleni. Abashayeli Izimoto zazibahuthela. Amatekisi

read the map. Father was cross.



Lucy had to go to East London with her family. They drove all the way from Mthatha.



... and hot food!

... bathola nokudla okushisayo!

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"Yimani khona lapho. Ngiyeza ngizonilanda."

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Kwase kuyisikhathi sokushayela ucingo

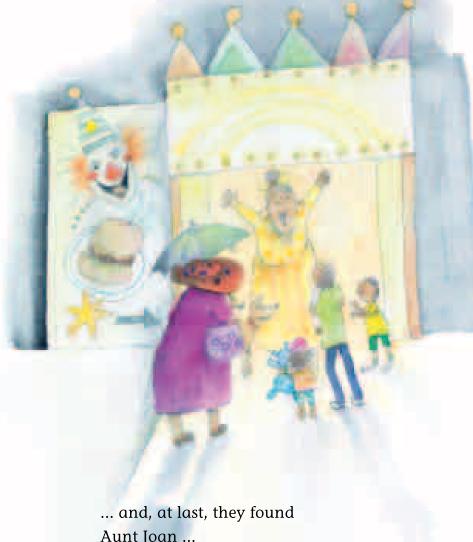
you," she said. "Wait right there. I'll come and fetch It was time to phone Aunt Joan.



"Asikakafiki?" kubuza uLucy. Kwakukude kakhulu ...

"Are we there yet?" cried Lucy. It was a long way \dots





Aunt Joan ...

... kwathi ekugcineni, bamthola u-Anti uJoan ...



ULucy kufanele ahambe nomndeni wakhe baye e-East London. Basuka eMthatha ngemoto.

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Bahamba ngemoto njalo bedlula endaweni yasemaphandleni.

They drove through the countryside.

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... balinda

Balinda ...

The mouse scrabbled. The dog stank.

... bətinw bnn

... bətinw yədT







She was squashed in the back seat between her brother Simon's dog and her cousin Sandi's mouse.

ULucy wayehleli ngemuva empintshekile phakathi kwenja kaSimon, umfowabo negundane likaSandi umzala wakhe.

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Sandi opened the door. Out jumped
Jonty. Out jumped Sandi, out jumped
Simon, out jumped Lucy. They all chased
Jonty round the corner, up the hill ...

USandi wavula umnyango. Phumiyane uJonty. Phumiyane uSandi, phumiyane uSimon, phumiyane uLucy. Bonke babejaha uJonty, bajika ekhoneni bakhuphukela egqumeni ...





story

After you and your children have read Finding Aunt Joan try out some of these ideas.

If you have 10 minutes...

- Look closely at the pictures in the story together. They are filled with lots of fun details! Point out the things you find interesting and ask your children what they notice in the illustrations.
- Choose an object in one of the pictures, for example, Lucy's blue bear or the family's car, and let your children see if they can find it in the others pictures of the story.

If you have 30 minutes...

Talk together about getting lost. Share a story about a time that you got lost and then how you found your way to where you wanted to go. Do your children have experiences of getting lost? Ask them to share their stories.

If you have one hour...

Imagine that the story carried on after page 15. What do your children think might have happened after everyone had finished eating? Encourage them to draw a picture and write about what they think might happen next. Help younger children by writing the words that they tell you.

Yenza indaba ihlabe

Ngemuva kokuba wena kanye nezingane zakho senifunde Bamthola u-Anti uJoan, zamani eminye yale miqondo.

Uma ninemizuzu eyi-10...

- Bhekisisani ndawonye izithombe ezisendabeni. Zigcwele izinto eziningi ezithokozisayo! Khomba izinto ozithola zihlaba umxhwele bese ubuza izingane zakho ukuthi zibonani ezithombeni.
- Khetha into ekwesinye sezithombe, isibonelo, ibhele likaLucy eliluhlaza okwesibhakabhaka noma imoto yomndeni, bese uvumela izingane zakho ukuthi zibheke ukuthi zingakwazi yini ukuyithola kwezinye izithombe ezisendabeni.

Uma ninemizuzu engama-30...

Xoxani ndawonye ngokulahleka. Yabelana nabanye ngendaba yesikhathi lapho walahleka khona nokuthi wayithola kanjani indlela yalapho owawufuna ukuya khona. Ngabe izingane zakho zake zalahleka? Zicele ukuthi zabelane ngezindaba zazo.

Uma ninehora elilodwa...

Ake wakhe isithombe somqondo sokuthi indaba iqhubekile ngemuva kwekhasi le-15. Ngabe izingane zakho zicabanga ukuthi kwenzekeni kuwo wonke umuntu ngemuva kokuba beqede ukudla? Gqugquzela izingane zakho ukuthi zidwebe isithombe nokuthi zibhale ukuthi ngabe zicabanga ukuthi kwenzekeni. Siza izingane ezincane ngokuthi ubhale amagama ezikutshela wona.

Reading club

Are you looking for ways to make sure that the children at your club have stories to read at home too? Create a lending library using the minibooks and Story Corner stories. The children can take these home to read with family members until your next reading club session. Use a record sheet like the one alongside to help you remember which stories have been borrowed and which have been returned.

Ikhona lethimba lokufunda

be ufuna izindlela zokuainisekisa ukuthi izingane ethimbeni lakho zinezindaba ezizozifunda nasekhaya? Yakha umtapo wezincwadi usebenzisa amabhukwana nezindaba zeKhona Lezindaba ukuze izingane ziye nazo ekhaya kuze kube umhlangano olandelayo wethimba lokufunda ukuze zizifunde namalungu omndeni. Sebenzisa iphepha lokugcina amarekhodi elifana naleli eliseceleni ukuze likusize ukukhumbula ukuthi yiziphi izindaba ezibolekiwe futhi iziphi ezibuyisiwe.

Date Date Child's Name of veturned borrowed name story

Igama

UsuKu Igama UsuKu lencwadi lengane ebolek-we ebuyiswe ngalo ngalo

Look out for this feature in future Nal'ibali supplements for ideas and advice on running a reading club!

Bheka lesi sigaba ezithasiselweni ezilandelayo zakwaNal'ibali ukuze uthole amacebo nezeluleko ngokuqhuba ithimba lokufunda!



Days to celebrate at your club in May

1 May Worker's Day 5 May World Laughter Day

12 May Mother's Day

12 May Edward Lear's birthday (famous writer of funny poems) 15 May International Day of

Families 23 May Margaret Wise Brown's birthday (author of the

award-winning picture book, Goodnight Moon as well as many others)

25 May Africa Day

Izinsuku zokugujwa ethimbeni lenu ngoMeyi

Usuku Lwabasebenzi Umhla ka-1 Meyi Umhla ka-5 Meyi Usuku Lokuhleka

Lomhlaba Umhla ka-12 Meyi Usuku Lomama Umhla ka-12 Meyi usuku lokuzalwa luka-Edward Lear (umbhali odumile wezinkondlo

ezihlekisayo.) Umhla ka-15 Meyi Usuku Lomndeni Lomhlaba Wonke

Umhla ka-23 Meyi usuku lokuzalwa lukaMargaret Wise Brown (umbhali wencwadi enezithombe eyawina imiklomelo, i-Goodnight Moon kanye nezinye eziningi)

Umhla ka-25 Meyi Usuku lwase-Afrika

Story corner

Here is story for you to read aloud or tell.

The little girl who didn't want to grow up (Part 1) Retold by Veronique Tadjo

Ayanda was a little girl who lived with her parents, her grandmother and her younger brother. She was a happy child who was always smiling. She adored her father.

One day, a terrible war broke out. Her father was forced to go and fight in the army. Ayanda's family heard nothing from him – not a word. Then victory was declared. The soldiers came home proudly. Ayanda waited anxiously for her father. She imagined all the wonderful things that they would do together. But he never came back. Ayanda's heart was broken. Nobody could console her. It seemed as if her pain would never go away.

Her sadness turned to anger. "Why was my daddy killed in the war? It is so unfair!" She decided to stop growing up.

People would ask, "Ayanda, why are you still so tiny?"

She would simply reply, "Because grown-ups are cruel. They go to war. I don't want to be like them "

As the years went by, the girls in the village started to grow up. But Ayanda remained tiny.

One evening, Ayanda's mother became very ill. She was taken to the hospital in a small town far away from the village. The doctors decided to keep her there until she was well again. Ayanda's grandmother had to do all the household chores. She was weak and had a bad back, which made everything difficult. Ayanda was sad to see her work so hard.

"If only I were a little bit bigger, I could help Grandma take care of the house," thought Ayanda. So, she let herself grow just enough to feel stronger. Full of energy, she was soon able to do everything for her grandmother.

After that, each time Ayanda needed to be bigger to do one thing or the other, she would

let herself grow a little bit more. But, while Ayanda's mother was still in hospital, her grandmother also fell sick. Now Ayanda had to do all the chores, take care of her younger brother and look after her grandmother, all on her own.

"I think I need to grow a little bit more," she said to herself. "At least until Mother comes back." And that's exactly what she did.



When, at last, Ayanda's mother came home, Ayanda had grown so much that her mother almost didn't recognise her. She was now one of the most beautiful girls in the village.

Illustration by Catherine Groenewald

Imidwebo yenziwe uCatherine

Find out next week how brave Ayanda saves her village.



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Ikhona lezindaba Nansi indaba ozoyifunda noma uyixoxe kakhulu.

Intombazanyana eyayingafuni ukukhula (Ingxenye yoku-1) Ixoxwa kabusha uVeronique Tadjo

U-Ayanda wayeyintombazanyana eyayihlala nabazali bayo, ugogo nomfowabo omncane. Wayeyingane ethokozile eyayihlale imamathekile. Wayemthanda ubaba wakhe.

Ngelinye ilanga, kwaqubuka impi embi kakhulu. Ubaba wakhe waphoqeleka ukuthi ayolwa empini. U-Ayanda nomndeni wakhe abazange bathole myalezo owawuvela kuye — nowodwa nje. Kwamenyezelwa ukuthi kunqotshiwe. Amasosha abuya eqhoshile. U-Ayanda walindela ubaba wakhe enexhala. Wayecabanga zonke izinto ezinhle ababezozenza ndawonye. Kodwa akazange abuye. Yayibuhlungu inhliziyo ka-Ayanda. Akekho umuntu owayengamduduza. Kwakubukeka sengathi ubuhlungu angeke buphele.

Ukukhathazeka kwakhe kwaphendula ukuthukuthela. "Ubaba ubulawelweni empini? Abukho ubulungiswa kulokhu!" Wanquma ukuthi akasezukukhula.

Abantu babebuza ukuthi, "Ayanda, kungani ulokhu umncane kangaka wena?"

Wayevele aphendule athi, "Yingoba abantu abadala banesihluku. Baya empini. Angifuni ukufana nabo."

Ekuhambeni kweminyaka, amantombazane asemuzini aqala ukukhula. Kodwa u-Ayanda wayelokhu emncane nje.

Kusihlwa ngelinye ilanga umama ka-Ayanda wagula kakhulu. Wayiswa esibhedlela edolobhaneni elalikude nomuzi. Odokotela banquma ukumgcina aze aphile futhi. Ugogo ka-Ayanda kwakumele enze yonke imisebenzi yasekhaya. Wayebuthakathaka futhi eneqolo elibuhlungu, okwakwenza zonke izinto zibe nzima. Kwakubuhlungu ku-Ayanda ukumbona esebenza kanzima kangaka.

"Ukuba bengithe ukukhulakhula, bengingamsiza ugogo ukuthi anakekele indlu," kucabanga u-Ayanda. Ngakho, wazivumela ukuthi akhule ngokwanele ukuze azizwe esenamandla. Wayegcwele amandla, ngokushesha wayesekwazi ukwenzela ugogo wakhe yonke into.

Ngemuva kwalokho, njalo uma u-Ayanda edinga ukukhula kancane ukuze enze okuthile, wayezivumela ukuthi athi ukukhula kancane. Kodwa, ngesikhathi umama ka-Ayanda esesesibhedlela, ugogo wakhe naye wagula. Manje kwakudingeka ukuthi u-Ayanda enze yonke imsebenzi yasendlini, wayenakekela umfowabo omncane kanye nogogo wakhe, eyedwa nje.

"Ngicabanga ukuthi kumele ngikhule kancane," ezitshela. "Okungenani uMama aze abuye." Kanti-ke wakwenza lokho.

Ekugcineni, uma esefika ekhaya umama ka-Ayanda, u-Ayanda wayesekhule kangangoba umama wakhe wacishe wangamboni. Manje wayesengomunye wamantombazane amahle kakhulu emzini lapha.

Thola ngesonto elizayo ukuthi u-Ayanda uwusindise kanjani ngesibindi sakhe umuzi.

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