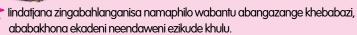
SIKHATHI SOKUCOCA INDATJANA!

Ukwabelana ngeendatjana kuyimvelo ebantwini njengokudla nokulala! Ezinye zeendatjana esizicocako amalanga la ngezidluliselwe eenzukulwaneni ngeenzukulwana, lokha ezinye kungezitja esizitlamele zona ngokwethu.



Ukucoca iindatjana kuhlahlambisa imikhumbulo yabentwana nokusebenzisa kwabo ilimi.



- Ukucoca iindatjana zebuntwaneni bakho kusiza abantwana bakho bezwane nawe.
- Wukucoca iindatjana kungafundisa abantwana iimfundo zepilo godu kubasize ngokucabanga ngethando, umona, umusa, amandla, ubuhle nobumbi.

ITS STORY TELLING TIME!

Sharing stories is as natural to human beings as eating and sleeping! Some of the stories we tell today have been passed down from generation to generation, while others are new ones that we create ourselves.

The benefits of storytelling

- The storytelling stimulates children's imagination and their use of language.
- Stories can connect them to the lives of people they've never known, who come from long ago and faraway places.
- Telling stories about your childhood helps your children to connect with you.
- Storytelling can teach children life lessons and help them think about love, jealousy, kindness, power, good and evil.





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	Zero Discrimination Day
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	Human Rights Day
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	World Poetry Day
22	Ilanga Lephasi Lamanzi
	World Water Day

Bandakanya abantwana bakho ekucoceni iindatjana

Ngaphambi kokucoca indatjana:

- Vuma ingoma nofana utiho umlolozelo okhambelana nendatjana nofana nomunye wabalingisi.
- Buza abantwana bakho bonyana kukhona iindatjana ezinye abazaziko ezifana nendatjana ozoyicoca. Isibonelo, "Kukhona iindatjana enizaziko eziphathelene nabantwana abalahlekileko/amazimizimu?"

Ngesikhathi ucoca indatjana:

- Babuze, "Nicabanga bonyana kuzokwenzekani okulandelako?"
- Bakhuthaze benze amatjhada (isibonelo, benze itjhada lommoya) nofana imisikinyeko yomzimba (isibonelo, ukwenza ngathi bayaduda bayama umlambo) balingise ezinye iingcenye zendatjana.

Include your children in storytelling

Before telling a story:

- Sing a song or say a rhyme linked to the story or one of its characters.
- Ask your children if they know any other stories that are similar to the story you are about to tell. For example, "Do you know any stories about children getting lost/giants?"

While telling the story:

- Ask them, "What do you think will happen next?"
 - Encourage them to act out parts of the story by making sound effects (for example, making the noise of the wind) or body movements (for example, pretending to swim across a river).

Qinisa itjhebiswano neendatjana

Ngemva kokucoca indatjana:

- Basize ngokucabanga ngemizwa nemibono yabo mayelana nendatjana. Isibonelo, yithi, "Nangicoca indatjana le, ingikhumbuza bonyana baqakatheke kangangani abangani abalungileko. Nina inikhumbuza ini?"
- Khulumani ngokobana kubayini abalingisi batiho nofana benza izinto ngendlela ethileko endatjaneni nangokuthi ngiziphi ezinye iindlela zokuziphatha umlingisi angazikhetha.

Deepen connections with stories

After telling the story:

- Help them think about their feelings and opinions of the story. For example, say, "When I tell this story, it reminds me of how important good friends are. What does it remind you of?"
- Talk about why characters say or do things in particular ways in the story and about what other ways the character could choose to behave.



A STORY.

ITHOMA

JGENDABA





Babelethi nabatlhogomeli abathandekako babantwana abancani, siyazi bonyana abantwana bafunda lula khulu nangabe abakufundako kuyakarisa begodu nemisetjenzana abayenzako iyathabisa.

Amakarada welwazi ayindlela ekarisako yokwazisa abantwana benu imibala, iinlwana, iinthelo, izinto zokwembatha nofana okhunye nokhunye okukhambelana neminyaka yabo. Amakarada welwazi awabizi begodu kulula ukuwenza.

yenza amakarada weenlwana

- 1. Namathisela ikhasi 3 ephetihaneni elimhlophe.
- 2. Isithombe sesilwana ngasinye sinebizo laso ngamalimi amabili eduze kwaso.
- 3. Sika isithombe namagama wesilwana ngasinye.
- 4. Bhinca isede ngayinye, amabizo abe ngemva kwesithombe.
- 5. Namathisela ingemuva lesithombe ngemva kwamabizo.

Kwanjesi sewunesede yamakarada wokudlala. Beka amakarada nemilayelo yemidlalo endaweni ephephileko khona uzakudlala imidlalo nabantwana bakho ngesikhathi ofuna ngaso.

Ekhasini le-13 Lesingezelelo Igadangiso 192 kuneenthombe zeenlwana zeplasi ongazisebenzisa ukwenza enye isede yamakarada. Yenza amakarada wakho ngeenthombe ezisikwe kumamegezini nofana ngemidwebo yezinto ezihlukileko.

Fun and games with flashcards!

Dear parents and caregivers of young children, we know that children learn more easily when what they are learning is interesting and the activities they do are enjoyable.

Flashcards are a fun way to introduce your children to the names of colours, animals, fruit, clothing items or any other theme that is suitable for their age. Flashcards are also cheap and easy to make.

MAKE ANIMAL CARDS

- 1. Paste page 3 on scrap paper.
- 2. Each picture of an animal has its name in two languages next to it.
- 3. Cut out each animal picture and its names.
- 4. Fold each set so that the names are behind the picture.
- 5. Paste the back of the picture to the back of the names.

You now have a set of playing cards. Put the cards and instructions for the games in a safe place so that you can play the games with your children whenever you want to.

On page 13 of Edition 192 there are pictures of farm animals that you could use to make another set of cards. Make your own cards with pictures cut out of magazines or with drawings of different objects.

Eminye imidlalo engadlalwa

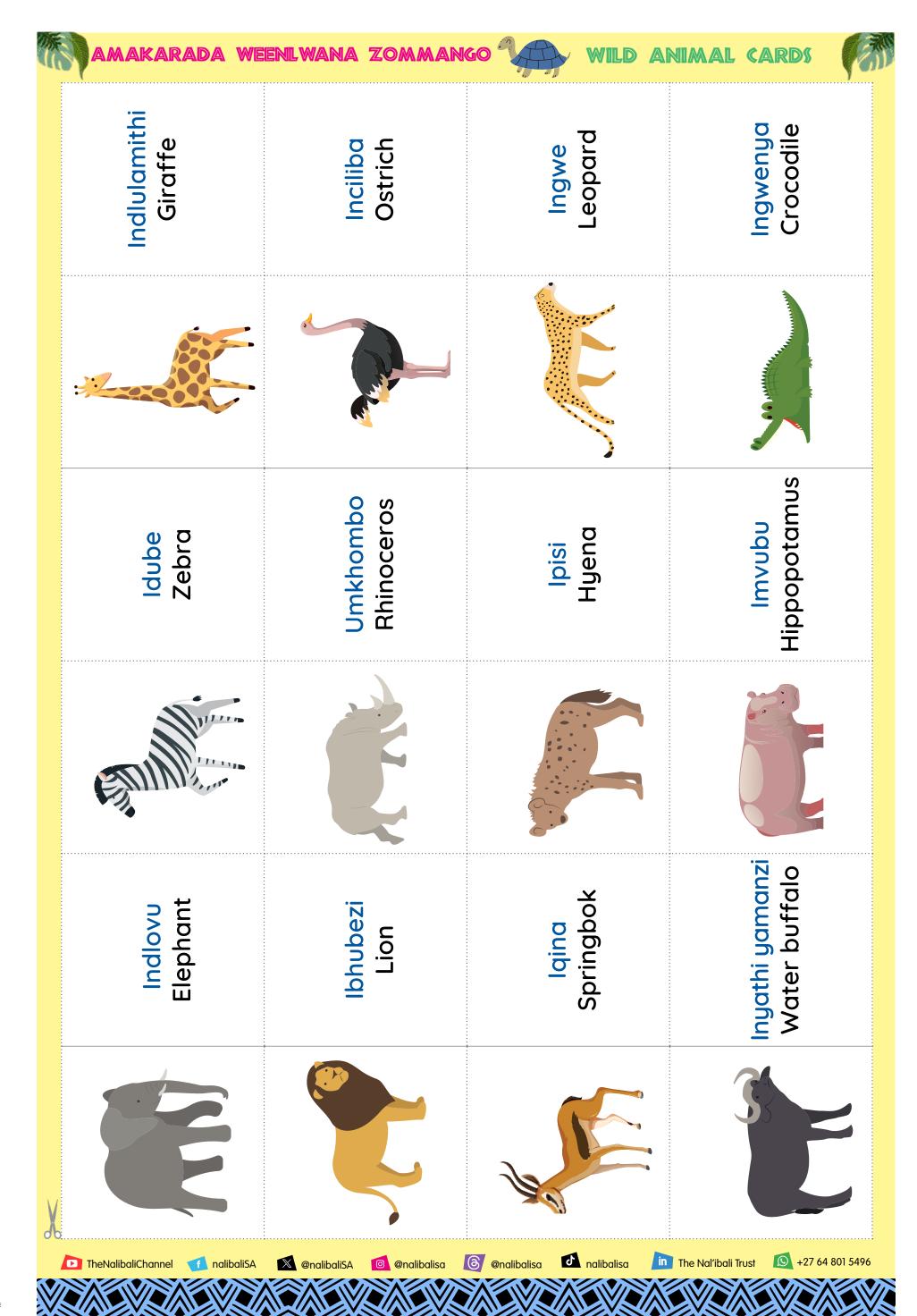
- Vumela abantwana bakho babambe amakarada, baqalisise iinthombe kuhle, begodu bazijayeze ukutjho amagama owatjho kibo.
- Thatha ikarada ngalinye bese ukhuluma nomntwanakho ngesilwana. Buza: Yini ibizo lesilwana lesi ngelimi lekhenu nangelinye ilimi? Senza itjhada elinjani? Sihlala kuphi? Sidlani? Ungasicocela indatjana ngesilwana lesi?
- Nangabe uyazithemba bonyana umntwanakho wazi isilwana ngasinye, dlalani umdlalo lo:
 - Umdlalo wokuqagela: Khetha ikarada linye kodwana ungamtjengisa isithombe umntwanakho. Yithi: Ngicabanga ngesilwana... Nikela umtlhala ngesilwana, bese uvumela umntwanakho uqagela ibizo lesilwana okhuluma ngaso. Isibonelo: Lesi silwana esikhulukhulu esisela amanzi ngomboko waso (indlovu).

Another game to play

- Let your children hold the cards, look carefully at the pictures, and practise repeating the words that you say to them.
- Take one card at a time and talk to your child about the animal. Ask: What is this animal's name in your home language and in another language? What sound does it make? Where does it live? What does it eat? Can you tell a story about this animal?
- When you are confident that your child knows each animal, you can play this game:
 - Guessing game: Choose one card but don't show your child the picture. Say: I am thinking of an animal... Give clues about the animal, and let your child guess the name of the animal you are talking about. For example: This is a very big animal that drinks water with its trunk (an elephant).

Ukufunda kufanele kubemnandi begodu kwanelise! Nangabe abantwana bakho abakhumbuli amabizo nemininingwana yeenlwana nofana abanakareko yomdlalo, beka amakarada bese uzama ngesinye isikhathi.

Learning should be enjoyable and satisfying! If your children don't remember the animal names and details or are not interested in the game, put the cards away and try again at a different time.

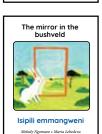




Sika iingcenye wenze iincwadi EZIMBILI

- Sika amakhasi 5 kuya ku-12 wesingezelelo lesi.
- Iphepha elinamakhasi (5), (6), 11 no-12 enza incwadi yinye. Iphepha elinamakhasi 7, 8, 9 no-10 enza enye incwadi.
- Sebenzisa amaphepha la ukwenza incwadi. Landela iinqophiso ezingenzasi ukwenza incwadi ngayinye.
 - a) Bhinca iphepha libe siguntu emudeni wamaqatjhaza anzima.
 - b) Libhince libe siquntu godu emudeni wamaqatjhaza ahlaza satjani.
 - c) Sika emideni yamaqatjhaza abomvu.





Create TWO cut-out-and-keep books

- 1. Take out pages 5 to 12 of this supplement.
- 2. The sheet with pages 5, 6, 11 and 12 on it makes up one book. The sheet with pages (7), (8), 9 and 10 on it makes up the other book.
- Use each of the sheets to make a book. Follow the instructions below to make each book.
 - a) Fold the sheet in half along the black dotted line. b) Fold it in half again along the green dotted line. c) Cut along the red dotted lines.

UBhubezi uyathoma thomi ukuzwa ngento enjalo. Yeke, msinya watjela uMqasa, uJakalasi, uNgwe noMvubu bona bamlandele eduze bese boke

"Neenlwana ezingemathunjini wayo bezifuna "Musihlasela!" kwatjho uMvubu.

"Idjuhe nommando lo woke", kurada uMqasa.

kuhlathulula iinlwanezi, zoke zikhuluma kanyekanye. "lginye umqasa, ujakalasi, ingwe nemvubu,"

zamtjela indaba yerhorho.

the monster.

Lion had never heard of such a thing. He immediately ordered Rabbit, Jackal, Leopard and Hippo to follow closely behind and together they rushed off to attack

said Hippo.

"And the animals in its stomach wanted to attack us!"

"It also swallowed the veld," added Rabbit.

"It swallowed a rabbit, a jackal, a leopard and a hippo," they explained, all talking at the same time.

the story of the monster.





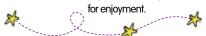
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linlwanezi zathi nasele ziseduze nalapha isipili sikhona, uMqasa noJakalasi bajamela emva. Bebasaba najbo-ke abagijimela phambili ukuhlasela irhorho. Bathe nababona enye imvubu nengwe zigijimela kibo, bathukwa khulu badla phasi barhuwelela bathi,

When the animals got close to where the mirror was, Rabbit and Jackal stood back. They were afraid that the monster would swallow them. But Leopard and Hippo bravely ran forward to attack the monster. When they saw another hippo and leopard running towards them, they got such a fright that they ran away screaming, "A monster!"

Rabbit had never seen a mirror before. So when she found a mirror in the veld and saw herself reflected in it, she thought a strange animal had swallowed her and the bushveld. She ran to warn the other animals, but it swallowed every animal that came to see it.

This story was specially created for Nal'ibali to spark children's potential through storytelling and reading



UMqasa uyathoma ukusibona isipili. Yeke, nakasithola emmangweni, nakazibona kiso, wacabanga bona ubona isilwana esimginyileko saginya nommango woke. Wagijima waya kezinye iinlwana, kodwana saziginya zoke iinlwana.

Indatjana le yatlolelwa iNal'ibali ngokukhethekileko bona ibasele ikghono labantwana lokucoca nelokufunda indatjana ngomnqopho wokuzithabisa.

Get story active!

- Can you draw a picture of your own face? When you have finished your drawing, hold your drawing next to your face while you look in the mirror. Does your drawing look like you?
- Think about this: Why do you think the monkey knew what the mirror was?
- You and a partner can role-play being mirror images of each other. When you do something, your partner should mirror the action. So when you move your right arm, your partner should move their left arm in the same way to create a mirror image.

Yenza indaba le ibe mnandi!

- Ungasidweba isithombe sobuso bakho? Ungaqeda ukudweba, bambela umdwebo wakho eduze nobuso bakho ngesikhathi uqale esipilini. Ingabe umdwebo wakho ufana nawe?
- 🜟 Cabanga ngalokhu: Kubayini ucabanga bonyana ifene beyazi bonyana isipili siyini?
- ★ Wena nomlingani wakho dlalani nilingisa ukuba mifanekiso yenu yesipili. Nawenza okuthileko, umlinganakho kufanele alingise izenzo zakho njengomfanekiso wesipili. Nawusikinya umkhono wakho wangesidleni, umlinganakho kufanele asikinye umkhono wakhe wangesinceleni ukwakha umfanekiso wesipili.

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The mirror in the bushveld



Isipili emmangweni

Melody Ngomane • Maria Lebedeva

Ideas to talk about: Look at the cover picture of the story. What do you notice about the rabbit compared to its reflection in the mirror? What do you think this story is about?

Izinto okungacocwa ngazo: Qala isithombe sekhava yendatjana. Khuyini okuyelelako ngomqasa nawumadanisa nomfanekiso waso osesipilini? Ucabanga bona indatjana le imayelana nani?

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parhabele lapha isipili sikhona khona. Kwaba nguMvubu, uNgwe, uJakalasi noMqasa

ebebathukwe ngayo, waphuma ngemanzini. zilinga ukumkhohlisa. Kodwana uthe nakabona indlela nokududa, ngombana bekacabanga bona iinlwanezi UMvubu khenge abatjheje nokubatjheja, waraga

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akhuluma msinyana. neenlwana ezintathu ezifana nathi!" kutjho uJakalasi "Mvubu-ke, akhusisize. Nasiya irhorho iginye ummango



said Lion impatiently. swallowed the veld and the animals," are going to attack the monster that something more important to do. We "Out of our way, Monkey. We have mirror. Someone has stolen it." Monkey said. "Please help me find my

front of Lion. searching for something. He jumped in Monkey who looked as if he was

"Oh, Lion, I am so glad to see you,"



It was a hot day in the African bushveld, so Rabbit decided to hop down to the river for a drink of water. She was hopping along a dusty path when she saw something flashing in the sunlight. What could it be?



llanga belitjhisa emmangweni we-Afrika lokha uMqasa nakazakuqunta bona akhambe ayokusela amanzi emlanjaneni. Bekeqayeqa kabuthaka emtjhisweni onjalo endleleni yehlabathi nakazakubona isipili simanyazela elangeni.

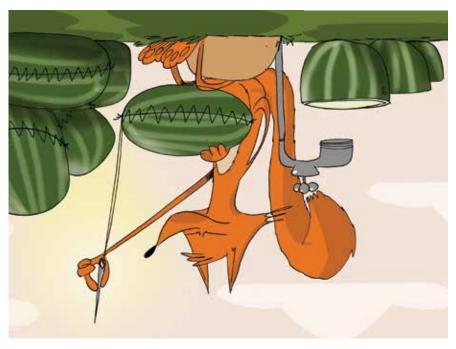


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Wathengisa amakhabe wakhe ngentengo ephasi. Iinlwana ezinengi zathenga kuPungutjha Pungu.

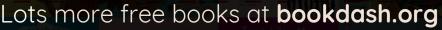
He sold his watermelons for a cheap price. Many animals bought from Foxy Joxy.

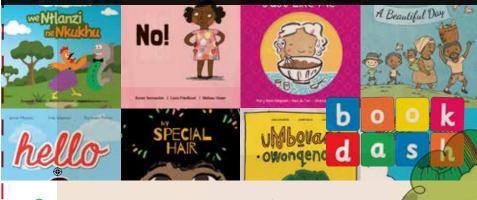




Walizalisa ngamanzi! Wathatha inalidi nerhara wathungelela ikhabe walihlanganisa godu.

Then he filled it with water! He took a needle and thread and sewed the watermelon back together.





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stuffed inside it. You can add the text from that part of the story to your pictures.

Do you think the other animals' idea to teach Foxy Joxy a lesson was a clever one? What else do you think they could have done to teach Foxy Joxy not to cheat?

Write a letter to Foxy Joxy. Explain to him why he should behave better towards the other animals, and give him some ideas for doing so.



Yenza indaba le ibe mnandi!

- Dweba iinthombe zeenlwana lezi zidlala ibholo erarhwako ngekhabe lokha uPungutjha Pungu nakagondelwe ngaphakathi. Ungafaka nomtlolo waleyongcenye yendatjana eenthombeni zakho.
- Ucabanga bonyana iqhinga leenlwana ezinye lokufundisa uPungutjha Pungu isifundo lalihlakaniphile? Khuyini okhunye ocabanga bonyana bebangakwenza ukufundisa uPungutjha Pungu bonyana angasakhohlisi abanye?
- Tlolela uPungutjha Pungu incwadi. Mhlathululele bonyana kubayini kufanele aziphathe kuhle nakanezinye iinlwana, bese umnikele neminye imibono yokwenza lokho.

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Foxy Joxy plays a trick



UPungutjha Pungu udlala ngokukhohlisa

Mdu Ntuli • Nahida Esmail • Samantha Rice

Ideas to talk about: What does it mean to play a trick on someone? Have you ever played a trick on someone? What did you do? Has someone ever played a trick on you? How did it make you feel?

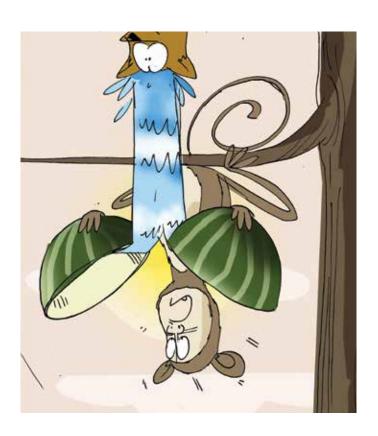
Izinto okungacocwa ngazo: Kutjho ukuthini ukudlala ngokukhohlisa omunye? Wakhe wadlalisa omunye umuntu ngokumkhohlisa? Wenzani? Kukhona owakhe wakudlalisa ngokukukhohlisa? Kwakwenza uzizwe njani?

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"Ikhabeli linamanzi kwaphela ngaphakathi," kwanghonghoyila uFene Fenyana.

"This watermelon has only water in it," complained Funky Monkey.





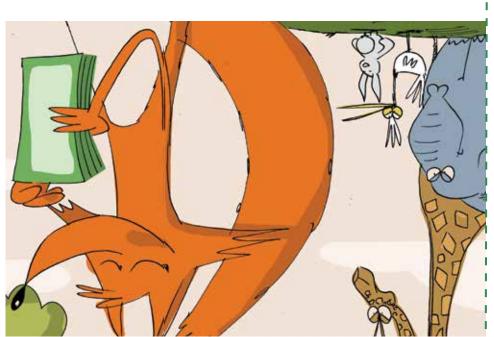
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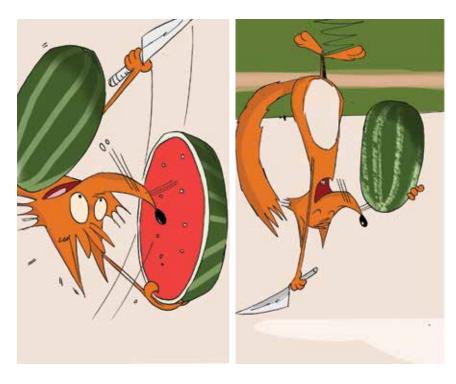
"Iye, uthole lokho okubhadaleleko," kwatjho uPungutjha Pungu.

"Well, you got what you paid for," said Foxy Joxy.



He slit open a big watermelon, scooped out the fruit, and gobbled it up.

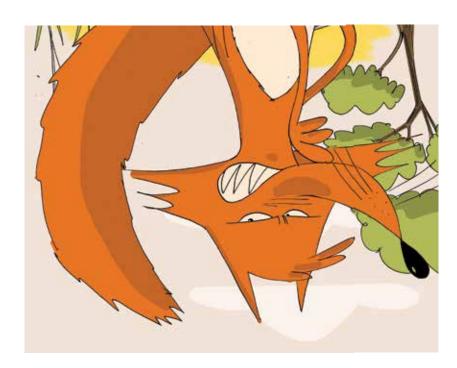






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UPungutjha Pungu waba neqhinga elihlakaniphileko.

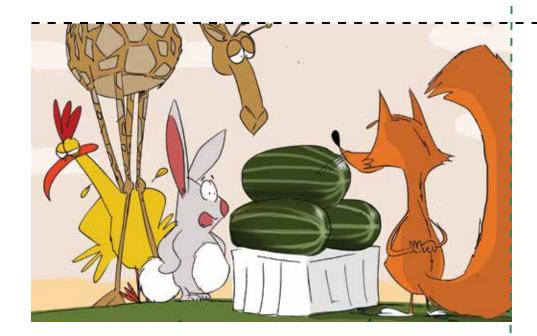
Foxy Joxy had a clever idea.

"Kufanele sifundise uPungutjha Pungu isifundo," kwatjho uNdlondlo Ndlovu. Iinlwana zabuthelelana ndawonye zakha iqhinga. "Ngineqhinga," kwatjho uSikhokho Sikhova.



"We need to teach Foxy Joxy a lesson," said Ellie Elephant.

The animals gathered around and came up with a plan.
"I have an idea," said Oliver Owl.

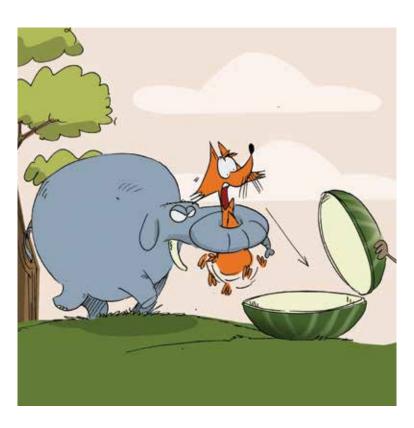


"Your price is too high," said Rabbit Jabbit.

"You are asking too much," said Gia Giraffe.

"Intengo yakho ibiza khulu," kwatjho uMqasana Qasa.

"Ubawa khulu," kwatjho uNdlula Ndlulamithi. They took an empty watermelon, stuffed Foxy Joxy into it and played a game of rugby with it.



Bathatha ikhabe elinganalitho, bagondela uPungutjha Pungu ngaphakathi bese badlala ngalo umdlalo webholo erarhwako.

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"Suka endleleni, Fenyana. Kunento eqakathekileko okufuze siyenze. Nasinje sirhabile sisayokuhlasela irhorho eginye iinlwana nommango," kwatjho uBhubezi iinlwana nommango," kwatjho uBhubezi

"Awu, Bhubezi, ngithabe kangangani nangikubonako," kutjho uFenyana. "Ngisiza ngithole isipili sami. Ngicabanga

Bathe nabasendleleni, naku bazakuhlangana noFenyana, wavele weqa wajama phambi bazakuhlangana, wakhona akufunisisako.

"This is a mirror, not a monster," explained Monkey holding up his mirror. "You look at yourself in it. See, that's me in the mirror."

When the animals heard this, they all started laughing. And then they took turns admiring themselves in the mirror!

"Lesi sipili, akusiso isilwana. Uziqala kiso. Niyabona, ngimi lo esipilini," kuhlathulula uFenyana asiphathele phezulu isipili.

Zathi nazizwa lokho iinlwana, zahleka zafa, zasolo ziziqale esipilini isikhathi eside.

Barhuwelela ngevalo, napaya babhebhula iinthende batjhinga emlanjeni kuyokubizwa uMvubu.

werhorho zifana nabo!

Bananaba kabuthaka batjhinga esipilini. Nabatjhidelako, amehlwabo ahlangana neweenlwane ezintathu zibaqalile. Iinlwanezi ezingemathunjini

ikhona.

Uakalasi noNgwe balandela uMqasa lapha irhorho

Then Hippo, Leopard, Jackal and Rabbit rushed to the place where the mirror was.

were, she got out of the water.

Hippo didn't pay much attention to them and continued to enjoy her swim. She thought the three animals were trying to trick her. But when she saw how terrified they

Jackal, talking as fast as possible.

"Hippo, please come and help us. A monster has swallowed the veld and three animals just like us!" said

call Hippo.

They screamed in fright and ran down to the river to

Slowly they crept up to the mirror. When they got close, they saw three animals looking at them. The animals inside the monster's stomach looked just like them!

monster was.

Jackal and Leopard followed Rabbit to where the

Rabbit had never seen a mirror before so she thought that it was a strange animal. She cautiously hopped closer. To her surprise, she saw the veld inside it and there was also a little white rabbit staring back at her. "That rabbit looks just like me!" Rabbit whispered, her voice trembling with fear.

Then she ran as fast as she could to find help. "Help! Somebody please help me!" she cried.



UMqasa akhange khewubone isipili ngaphambilini, yeke wacabanga bonyana silwana esingakajayeleki. Wapharuma ngokuyelela utjhidela eduze. Wamangala khulu lokha nawubona ummango ngaphakathi kwaso nomqasana omhlophe umqalile.

"Umqasa lo ufana nami!" Atjho ahleba ngelizwi elivevezelako elinokwesaba.

Nakuya uMqasa uzakuthathela ngebelo uyokufuna isizo. "Maye, sizani! Ngibawa isizo!" atjho alila.

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NMqasa ubhalelwe kuwuphendula umbuzo loyo. UJakalasi noMqasa bakhamba bayokubiza uNgwe ukuthi bakhambe

"Nangabe irhorho iginye ummango, alo kubayini thina irhorho ingakasiginyi?" kubuza uJakalasi.

ngesibibithwani.

nomadasana omhlophe onjengami," kutjho uMqasa

"Irhorho? Kuphi?" kubuza uJakalasi azamula.

the monster.

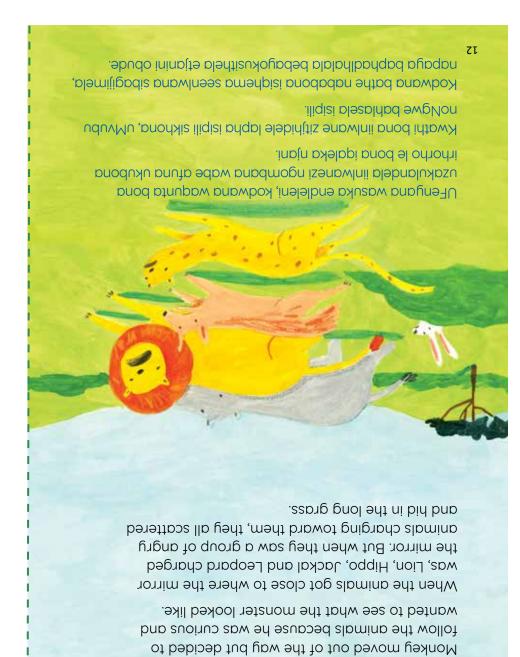
Rabbit could not answer this question. So, Rabbit and Jackal decided to ask Leopard to go with them to see

"If the monster has swallowed the veld, why are we here and not inside the monster?" asked Jackal.

sobbed Rabbit.

"It's on the path on the way to the river. It has swallowed the veld and a little white rabbit like me,"

"A monster? Where?" asked Jackal, yawning.



Jackal was resting in the shade of a big tree after hunting. He pretended not to hear Rabbit and hoped that another animals would help her. He felt too tired to help. But Rabbit ran straight to him.

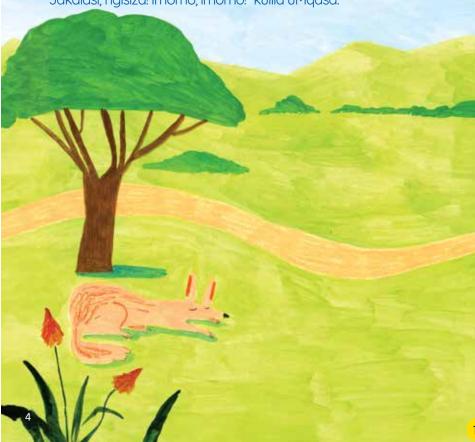
"Jackal, help! A monster, a monster!" cried Rabbit.

UJakalasi bekaziphumulele emthunzini ngaphasi komuthi omkhulu njengombana besele aqedile ukuzuma. Uthe nakezwa uMqasa abawa isizo, wenza ngasuthi akakamuzwa, wathemba ukuthi ezinye iinlwana zizamsiza, ngombana nakunguye yena udiniwe. Kodwana uMqasa wagijima unqophe kuye.

"Jakalasi, ngisiza! Irhorho, irhorho!" kulila uMqasa.

When Monkey realised that the animals were terrified of his mirror, he burst out laughing. He ran to the mirror, smiled at his reflection and said, "I have been looking for you all day, my mirror."

When the other animals saw how friendly the monster was to Monkey, they crept out of their hiding places.









Idevu lebhubezi



UThabo wakhulela eplasini ahlala nonina, uyise, abomnakwabo nabodadwabo. Woke umuntu bekasiza ngomsebenzi weplasini, kodwana eqinisweni uThabo gade angakuthandi lokho. Bekangakghoni ukukghodlhelela ukwenza umsebenzi obudisi weplasi elangeni elitihisa bhe ngamalanga.

Uyise kaThabo, ngakelinye ihlangothi, wabe akuthabela ukusebenza ngamandla begodu alithanda iplasi. Wabe angakuzwisisi ukuba nekani kukaThabo. Ngelinye ilanga, ngemva kokuphikisana okukhulu phakathi kukababa nendodana, uThabo wathatha okuncani ebekungekwakhe watjhiya iplasi ukuyokulandela amabhudango wakhe ngedorobheni.



Kwadlula iminyaka eminengi uThabo wazizwa akhumbule umndeni wakhe khulu, khulukhulu uyise. Wazisola ngendlela atjhiya ngayo iplasi lekhabo begodu wakhanukela ukubuyisana neenthandwa zakhe. Kodwana ivalo lokuqalana noyise labe limongama.

Nalokha uThabo afunana neeyeleliso zokobana angabulungisa njani ubuhlobo bakhe noyise, kiyo yoke imibono ayizwileko awukho owawumnikela isibindi sokubuyela eplasini ayokuqalana noyise.

Ngelinye ilanga, umngani kaThabo wathi, "Wakhe wezwa ngendoda ehlakaniphileko ehlala efledzini elilibanga eliyikhilomitha ukusuka ekabeni yedorobha? Kuthiwa unelwazi elikhethekileko namandla asamlingo."

"Ngiyathokoza!" kwatjho uThabo. "Mhlambe angangeluleka ngokuthi ngingawufumana njani umusa kababa godu."

Ngelanga elilandelako uThabo wavakatjhela indoda ehlakaniphileko le. Wakhupha koke ehliziyweni yakhe, acoca ngokuzisola nangetjisakalo yakhe yokufuna ukubuyisana novise.

Indoda ehlakaniphileko yalalelisisa indatjana kaThabo ngokukhulu ukuyelela yase ithi, "Ukulungisa okubonakala kungasalungiseki, kufanele uzimisele ukuthatha ikhambo elikhethekileko. Angekhe kubelula, kodwana ikhona indlela yokuphumelela. Umsebenzakho kukobana ungilethele idevu elitsomulwe nguwe ngesandla sakho emhlathini webhubezi. Kufanele wenze lokhu ibhubezi lingakalali. Ayikho enye indlela."

Ihliziyo kaThabo yakhisimela nakacabanga ngalokho afanele ukukwenza. "Kufanele ngitsomule idevu esilevini sebhubezi lingakalali!" kwatjho uThabo alilela umnganakhe. "Umsebenzi lo ubonakala ungakghonakali!"

"Ungawenza!" kuqinisekisa umnganakhe.

Nanyana ukucabanga ngomsebenzi kwafakela uThabo ivalo, itjisakalo yakhe yokulungisa noyise yayimtihisa ngaphezu kwevalo. Ngelinye ilanga ekuseni, uThabo wathatha isiqunto sokuthatha ikhambo lakhe.

Watjhiya idorobha wathola enye indawo yokuhlala ethresteni elincani eduze nesithamelo seembandana. Nakalapho wafunana nebhubezi eliduna elilodwa. Ekugcineni, wathola umrhoba begodu wabona nebhubezi ngaphakathi.

Okulandelako kwaba msebenzi wokwenza ibhubezi limthembe. Qobe lilanga, ngokuyelela okukhulu, uThabo wabe ahleba amagama amnandi emmoyeni. Wabukela bewafunda nemikghwa yebhubezi, lokho elikuthandako nalokho elingakuthandiko neenkhathi lapho libonakala lingasabeki khulu khona.

UThabo wakha iqhinga. Ngamalanga wabe akhamba athwele iliqa elifretjhi lenyama eliphuthelwe ngokuyelela. Nakabona ibhubezi, uThabo wabe abeka inyama phezu kwelitje, aqinisekise bona ibhubezi liyabona bonyana isipho sivela kuye.

Ekuthomeni, ibhubezi laliphendula ngokubhodla okuthusako okudabula ummango. Nanyana kunjalo, uThabo waphikelela, abuya nenyama atiho namagama amnandi ilanga nelanga.

Ngokukhamba kwesikhathi, ukubhodla kwebhubezi kwathamba. Lavumela uThabo bonyana atjhidele eduze kancani kancani kwabe kwafika lapha uThabo abeka khona inyama lapho angafikelela khona umhlathi webhubezi. Ekugcineni, ngezandla ezihlengezelako, uThabo watsomula idevu emhlathini webhubezi ngokukhulu ukuyelela.



UThabo wabuyela endodeni ehlakaniphileko nedevu aligagadlhele ngesandla. Ngokukhulu ukuzithoba nangokuthokoza uThabo wanikela indoda idevu eliqakatheke khulu. Wahlalela emuva, alindele indoda ehlakaniphileko ithome umsebenzi ngedevu leli. Esikhundleni salokho, indoda ehlakaniphileko yaphosela idevu emlilweni oqhuqhumbako ngaphandle kokuvula umlomo!

UThabo wamangala bewahlangahlangana. "Kubayini wenzenjalo?" wakhalima. "Ngibeke ipilwami engozini ukuthola idevu lelo!"

Indoda ehlakaniphileko yamqala ngommoya ophasi begodu yaphendula, "Akhe ungitjele, Thabo, kulula ukuthambisa ihliziyo yebhubezi kunehliziyo kayihlo? Ubaba yena akalifuni ithando lendodana yakhe ukudlula ibhubezi elifuna inyama?"

UThabo walizwa iqiniso lamagama wendoda ehlakaniphileko ehliziyweni yakhe, wayithokoza ngokumsiza kwayo. UThabo nasele akhamba, wabe asazi bonyana akuzukuba lula ukulungisa ubudlelwana bakhe noyise, kodwana kuzabe kufanelekile. Wayelela bonyana ngokuya kwesikhathi, ngokuzimisela nangehliziyo enokuzithoba uzokuphumelela.

Yenza indaba le ibe mnandi!

- Dweba isithombe sebhubezi. Faka isithombe umbala bese usibeka lapho umndenakho uzasibona khona.
- Khuyini ocabanga bonyana kungcono, ipilo yeplasini nofana ipilo yedorobheni? Yenza irhelo lezinto ezihlanu ezihle ngepilo yeplasini nezinto ezihlanu ezihle ngepilo yedorobheni
- Ucabanga bonyana uThabo angathini kuyise? Tlola incwadi ebuya kuThabo eya kuyise ngemva kwelemuko lakhe ngebhubezi.



The lion's whisker



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Thabo grew up on a farm with his mother, father, brothers and sisters. Everyone helped with the work on the farm, but the truth was that Thabo really didn't like it. He couldn't bear doing the hard farm work under the scorching hot sun every day.

Thabo's father, on the other hand, enjoyed the hard work and loved the farm. He could not understand Thabo's rebellious spirit. One day, after a heated argument between father and son, Thabo took what little he owned and left the farm to follow his dreams in the city.



Many years went by and Thabo began to feel a deep longing for his family, especially his father. He regretted the way he had left the farm and longed to make peace with his loved ones. But the fear of facing his father paralysed him.

Although Thabo searched and searched for advice on how to mend his relationship with his father, none of the ideas he heard gave him the confidence to return to the farm to face his father.

One day, Thabo's friend said, "Have you heard of the wise man who lives in a flat only a kilometre from the city centre? Apparently, he has special knowledge and mystical powers."

"Thank you!" said Thabo. "Maybe he can give me advice on how to regain my father's favour."

The next day Thabo visited the wise man. He poured his heart out, sharing his regrets and his earnest desire to reconcile with his father.

The wise man listened attentively to Thabo's story and then he said, "To fix what seems unfixable, you must embark on an exceptional quest. It will not be easy, but there is a way to succeed. Your task is to bring me a lion's whisker plucked by your very own hand. You must do this while the lion is awake. There is no other way."

Thabo's heart sank at the thought of what he had to do. "I have to pluck a lion's whisker while it is awake!" Thabo cried to his friend. "The task seems impossible!"

"You can do it!" his friend assured him.

Although the thought of the task filled Thabo with dread, his longing to make amends with his father burned brighter than his fear. So, early one morning, Thabo set off on his quest.

He left the city and found a place to stay in a small village on the edge of a nature reserve. From there he sought out a lone male lion. Eventually, he found a cave and saw a lion inside.

Next came the task of gaining the lion's trust. Each day, while keeping a safe distance, Thabo whispered soothing words into the wind. He watched and learnt the lion's habits, what it liked and disliked and the moments when it seemed less tense.

Then Thabo came up with a plan. Every day, he carried a carefully wrapped piece of fresh meat with him. When he saw the lion, Thabo laid the meat on a rock, making sure that the lion saw that the gift was from him.

In the beginning, the lion responded with fierce growls that echoed through the wilderness. Nevertheless, Thabo persevered, returning day after day with meat and soothing words.

Eventually, the lion's growls grew softer. He also allowed Thabo to come closer and closer until Thabo placed the meat within reach of the lion's mighty jaws. Finally, and with trembling hands, Thabo carefully plucked one of the lion's whiskers.



With the lion's whisker firmly in his grasp, Thabo returned to the wise man. With great humility and gratitude Thabo handed over the precious whisker. He sat back, waiting for the wise man to begin a ritual with the whisker. Instead, the wise man tossed the whisker into the crackling fire without a word!

Thabo was shocked and confused. "Why did you do that?" he gasped. "I risked my life for that whisker!"

The wise man looked at him calmly and replied, "Tell me, Thabo, is it easier to soothe the heart of a lion than that of a beloved father? Does a father not want the affection of his son more than a lion wants meat?"

Thabo felt the truth of the wise man's words in his heart and thanked him for his help. As Thabo walked away, he knew it would be hard work to mend his relationship with his father, but it would all be worth it. He realised that with time, determination and a humble heart he would succeed.

Get story active!

- Draw a picture of a lion. Colour in the picture and put it where your family will see it.
- What do you think Thabo could say to his father? Write a letter from Thabo to his father after his experience with the lion.
- What do you think is better, life on a farm or life in the city? Make a list of five positive things about farm life and five positive things about city life.

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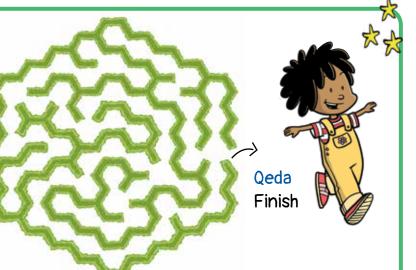
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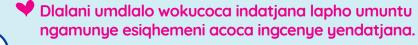




- **UNoodle uthethe** ikhambo lokuya ehlathini. Ungamsiza afike ekhaya kuBella aphephile?
- % Noodle went for a walk in the forest. Can you help him get home safely to Bella?







Ukulungiselela umdlalo, khetha iindlalisi ezihlanu nofana izinto bese uzifaka ngemgodleni ongakhanyeliko.

- Boke abantu esiqhemeni abahlale benze indulungu.
- 2. Nikelani umuntu ozokuthoma indatjana umgodla bese ukhupha into yinye ngemgodleni ngaphandle kokuhlola ngaphakathi.
- 3. Uzokuthoma indatjana ngokuthi Ekadeni... bese uraga indatjana ngokusebenzisa into ayikhuphe ngemgodleni. Isibonelo: Nangabe ukhuphe isilodlhelo ngemgodleni, angathi: Ekadeni, kwakunendoda eyinjinga eyalodlhelela igolide yayo ngesisefeni sesimbi esikhulu ... yalahlekelwa silodlhelo sesisefo Nayiqala ngaphasi kombhede ...
- Dlulisela umgodla emuntwini olandelako aragele phambili ngendatjana bekufike lapha woke umuntu athole idlhego.

Play a storytelling game where each person in a group tells a part of the story.

To prepare for the game, choose five toys or objects and put them in a bag that you cannot see through.

- Let everyone in the group sit in a circle.
- Give the bag to the person who will start the story and have them pull one object from the bag without looking into it.
- They should then start the story with *Once upon a time* ... and set up the story using the object that they pulled from
 - For example: If they pulled a key out of the bag, they could say: Once upon a time, there was a very rich man who locked up his gold in a big iron safe ... he lost the key to the safe ... When he looked under his bed ...
- Pass the bag to the next person to continue the story until each person has had a turn.





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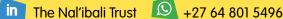




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