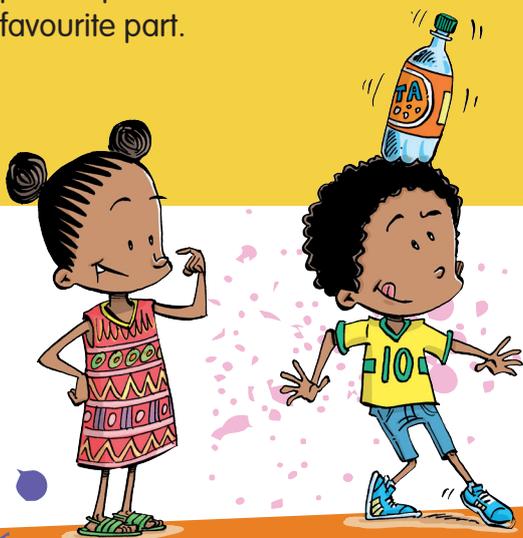


How to share the story

1. Before you read the story, introduce it to the children. Ask them, "Have you ever got lost? How did you feel?" Encourage them to share their experiences with you.
2. Read the story, **Where are you?**, on pages 2 and 3 to the children. (Practise reading it aloud a few times before you read it aloud.) Bring the story alive by putting lots of expression into your voice and using body actions as you read.
3. After you have read the story, ask the children these questions.
 - Do you think Afrika's mother got lost, or was it Afrika who got lost? Why do you think this?
 - If you lost someone in a busy place, what could you do to try to find them? How many different suggestions can you think of?
4. Encourage the children to interpret the story by asking them to draw or paint a picture of their favourite part.



Send us photos of your World Read Aloud Day celebration. Email them to info@nalibali.org or share them on our Facebook page!

About Nal'ibali

Nal'ibali (isiXhosa for "here's the story") is a national reading-for-enjoyment campaign. It seeks to spark and embed a culture of reading across South Africa, so that reading, writing and sharing stories – in all South African languages – is part of everyday life.

Since 2012, Nal'ibali has worked with various state, civil society and business partners to make sure every South African child has opportunities to fall in love with books and stories. Through advocacy, training and high-quality reading materials, Nal'ibali is helping to nurture a nation of readers.

Nal'ibali is here to motivate and support you. **Contact us** by calling our call centre on **02 11 80 40 80**, or in any of these ways:

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Other World Read Aloud Day activities

At your school: Arrange a special assembly to celebrate World Read Aloud Day and have one or more of the staff read our story, **Where are you?**, to the children. Organise for the older children to read to the younger children some time during the day.

In your classroom: Find something to use as a sound signal, like a drum or a plastic bottle filled with dried beans. Throughout the day on 1 February, whenever the children hear the sound signal, they should stop what they are doing and listen to you read a different story (or a chapter from a novel) to them.

At your library or reading club: Make World Read Aloud Day 2019 posters. Let the children cut out letters or words and pictures from magazines and newspapers, draw pictures and write their own words. Encourage them to make up and include slogans on their posters that encourage adults to read to children.

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World Read Aloud Day with Nal'ibali

Reading aloud to children on World Read Aloud Day shows our commitment to the power of literacy, and is a very practical way of showing everyone that we think reading matters!

Since 2013, Nal'ibali has been bringing you a special story to celebrate World Read Aloud Day. Last year, the story was read to over one million children on one day! This year's story, **Where are you?**, features some of our much-loved Nal'ibali characters. It was written by award-winning children's author, Ann Walton, and illustrated by cartoonist, Rico. Read it to the children in your life this World Read Aloud Day, 1 February 2019, and be part of the excitement!



8 benefits of reading aloud

Reading aloud to your children:

- shows them that you value books and reading.
- gives you things to talk about together.
- builds a bond between you.
- allows them to experience reading as a satisfying activity.
- motivates them to learn to read for themselves and then to keep reading.
- shows them how we read and how books work.
- lets them enjoy stories that are beyond their current reading ability.
- develops their imagination, vocabulary and language abilities.

Reading aloud tips

1. Reading aloud is always a performance! Put lots of expression in your voice to create the right mood.
2. If you are reading to a group of children, practise reading the story aloud a few times before reading it to them.
3. Start by reading the name of the author and illustrator so that your children appreciate that books are created by people just like them!
4. Allow time for your children to look at the pictures and comment, if they want to.
5. Help develop your children's prediction skills by asking questions like, "What do you think is going to happen next?" once or twice during the story.
6. Help develop empathy as you read by occasionally asking questions like, "I wonder how Afrika felt?"

Spread a love of stories!
Pass on this story resource or
share it with someone you know.

How to get involved

Go to www.nalibali.org or www.nalibali.mobi to sign up your family, reading club or school and help make this the biggest World Read Aloud Day event ever in South Africa!



Where are you?

Story by Ann Walton

Illustrations by Rico

"We're going shopping! We're going shopping!" Afrika jumped up and down in front of Dintle. His mother, Mme wa Afrika, smiled at him, and Dintle clapped her hands.

"Yes," said Mme wa Afrika, "so put your shoes on. We have to hurry. We still have to walk to the bus stop."

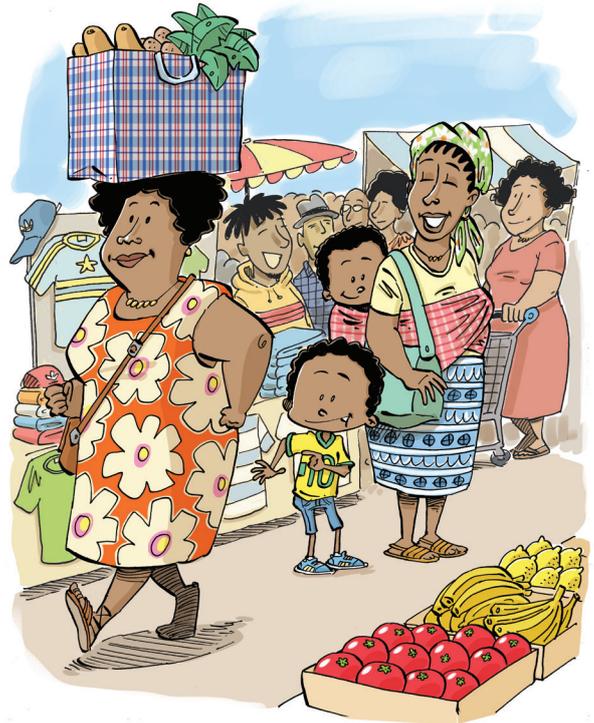
At the bus stop, there were a lot of people waiting for the bus. And when they all got onto the bus, everyone was a bit squashed. Mme wa Afrika held Dintle on her lap. Then a lady sat down next to her. Afrika sat on the other side of his mother, squashed against the window.



Finally the driver called out, "Last stop!" "Come on, Afrika. This is where we get off," said his mother.

After they got off the bus, Mme wa Afrika tied Dintle on her back. "Stay close to me," she told Afrika. "This is a very busy place."

It was busy. There were people carrying bags and pushing trolleys full of shopping. There was also a lady with her shopping balanced on her head.



"Can you do that, Mama?" Afrika asked his mother.

"Do what?" asked Mme wa Afrika.

"Carry things on the top of your head like that," said Afrika.

"Of course I can. It's easy," said his mother.

Afrika watched the lady walk away until she disappeared into the crowds of people standing in between the market stalls.

"I bet I can carry things on my head too!" Afrika said to himself. He saw an empty plastic cooldrink bottle on the ground. He picked it up and put it on his head, but he had to hold onto it because it kept falling off.

"Eish!" said a girl right next to him. "I'll show

you how to do that!" She took the cooldrink bottle, put it on her head, and with her nose in the air, she walked around Afrika like a proud princess.



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"Yoh!" said Afrika, very impressed. "What's your name?"

"I'm Asanda," she said.

"I'm Afrika. How did you learn to do that?" Afrika asked.

"I first tried walking with books on my head," she said. "You have to keep your head still when you walk." She put the cooldrink bottle back on top of Afrika's head. "Walk slowly now, with your nose in the air, like a prince."

Afrika walked around Asanda very slowly, keeping his head still with his nose in the air. And the bottle stayed on!

"Look, Ma! Look at me ..." said Afrika, but he couldn't see his mother! Someone bumped into Afrika and the cooldrink bottle fell off his head. But he had forgotten about the bottle – he wanted to know where his mother was!

"Where are you, Mama?" he called. There was no answer. "Mama!" he called a little louder. Still no answer.

"My mother is lost!" said Afrika to Asanda. "We were on our way to the book stall on the corner, but now she's gone!"

"I'm going to the book stall too! I'm going to buy a storybook with the money I've saved. Maybe your mama is at the book stall. Let's go find her!" suggested Asanda.

Together Asanda and Afrika walked through the crowds of people. All of a sudden Afrika heard his name! "Afrika! Afrika! Where are you?"



"That's my mother's voice," said Afrika. "Shame, she is lost! I can hear she's upset. It sounds as though she's near the book stall. Come, let's run, Asanda!"

Together the children ran to the book stall, and there, right in front of it, were Mme wa Afrika and Dintle. Mama opened her arms and Afrika ran straight into them.

"Hello, Mama, are you alright?" asked Afrika. "Don't worry now, we've found you and Dintle. You aren't lost anymore."

Dintle was very happy to see her big brother. Afrika bent down and gave her a hug.

"Mama, this is Asanda, my new friend," said Afrika. "She taught me how to balance a cooldrink bottle on my head. She wants to buy a book."

"Hello, Asanda, I am glad to meet you," said

Mme wa Afrika smiling. "Now, let's look at the books and see what we can find! Afrika, remember you wanted to learn how to make a bird house."

They all spent some time looking at the books and Mama found one which showed you how to make different things from wood.

"Please, may I have it?" Afrika asked his mother.

"Yes, if you like it," said Mama.

Then it was time to go. "Look, Asanda! I'm taking my book home on my head!" Afrika said, balancing his new book on his head.

"Don't forget to keep your nose in the air, like a prince!" laughed Asanda.

