

Growing literacy

Each year on 8 September the world celebrates International Literacy Day. On this day, we recommit ourselves to working towards making illiteracy a thing of the past, in South Africa and across the world.

So, what progress have we made with literacy in South Africa? In 2017, the latest PIRLS results were released and it wasn't good news! This research showed that 78% of South African Grade 4 children cannot read for meaning in any language. That's 8 out of every 10 children! And the South African Book Development Council's reading survey didn't paint a bright picture either. It showed that only 6% of us read to our children and only 5% of us tell our children stories!

It is easy to feel hopeless in the face of this news, but we don't have to. There is one very simple but powerful thing we can do to help change the picture: read aloud to children!

If all adults read to the children in their lives for 15 minutes every day, children would grow up being surrounded by stories at home and at school. They would grow up seeing reading as a satisfying and enjoyable activity and be motivated to read for themselves.

Join us in growing a nation of readers by committing to reading to the children in your life for 15 minutes every day!

What we mean by reading aloud



What reading aloud is

- ✓ adults read while children listen for enjoyment
- ✓ adults read to children so that they can enjoy stories and books
- ✓ adults choose books that interest children
- ✓ children also have opportunities to choose the books
- ✓ children are encouraged to ask questions
- ✓ adults ask questions that help children connect to stories

... and isn't

- ✗ children read aloud so that adults can assess them
- ✗ children read aloud to practise their reading
- ✗ adults choose books that they think are "right" for children
- ✗ adults always decide which books children should read
- ✗ children only ever answer questions about stories
- ✗ adults ask questions that require children to remember "facts" from the story

Ho hodisa tsebo ya ho bala le ho ngola



Selemo le selemo ka la 8 Loetse lefatshe le keteka Letsatsi la Matjhaba la Tsebo ya ho Bala le ho Ngola. Ka letsatsi lena, re itlama botjha bakeng sa ho sebeletsa hore ho se tsebe ho bala le ho ngola e be dintho tse fetileng, Afrika Borwa le ho potoloha lefatshe.

Jwale, ke kgatelopele efe eo re e entseng mabapi le tsebo ya ho bala le ho ngola Afrika Borwa? Ka 2017, dipetho tsa moraorao tsa PIRLS di ile tsa ntshuwa mme e ne e se ditaba tse monate! Phuputso ena e bontshitse hore 78% ya bana ba Kereiti ya 4 Afrika Borwa ha ba tsebe ho bala kuthwiso ka puo efe kapa efe. Lenane lena le bolela hore ke bana ba 8 ho ba 10! Esitana le patlisiso ya South African Book Development Council ya batho ba tsebang ho bala ha e a ka ya fana ka setshwantsho se settle. E bontshitse hore ke batho ba etsang 6% feela ho rona ba ballang bana ba rona le 5% feela ba phetelang bana dipale!

Ho bobabe ho fellwa ke tshepo ha re utlwa ditaba tsena, empa ha re a tshwanelo. Ho na le ntho e le nngwe e bonolo haholo empa e matla eo re ka e etsang ho thusa ho fetola setshwantsho sena: ho bala hodimo re bala bana!

Ha batho ba baholo bohole ba ka bala bana bao ba phelang le bona ka metsotsa e 15 letsatsi le leng le le leng, bana bao ba ka hola ba potapotilwe ke dipale lapeng le sekolong. Ba ka hola ba bona ho bala e le ketso e kgotsofatsang le e natefelang mme ba tjhehelle ho ipalla ka bobona.

Eba le rona bakeng sa ho hodisa setjhaba sa babadi ka ho itlama ho bala bana bao o phelang le bona metsotsa e 15 kamehla!

Re bolelang ka ho bala hodimo



Seo ho bala hodimo ho leng sona

- ✓ batho ba baholo ba a bala ha bana bona ba mamella boithabiso
- ✓ batho ba baholo ba balla bana hore ba tle ba natefelwe ke dipale le dibuka
- ✓ batho ba baholo ba kgetha dibuka tse kgahlang bana
- ✓ bana hape ba na le menyetla ya ho kgetha dibuka
- ✓ bana ba kgothaletswa ho botsa dipotso
- ✓ batho ba baholo ba botsa dipotso tse thusang bana ho hokahaha le dipale

... le seo e seng sona

- ✗ bana ba balla hodimo hore batho ba baholo ba ba lekole
- ✗ bana ba balla hodimo bakeng sa ho ikwetlisetsa ho bala
- ✗ batho ba baholo ba kgetha dibuka tseo ba nahangan hore di "loketsa" bana
- ✗ kamehla batho ba baholo ba etsa qeto ya hore ke dibuka dife tseo bana ba tlamehang ho di bala
- ✗ bana ba araba feela dipotso tse mabapi le dipale
- ✗ batho ba baholo ba botsa dipotso tse hlokan hore bana ba hopole "dintilha" tse paleng

INSIDE!

- ★ A bilingual poster on page 2 to help you create a print-rich environment for your children.
- ★ A special story to celebrate International Literacy Day (pages 14 and 15).

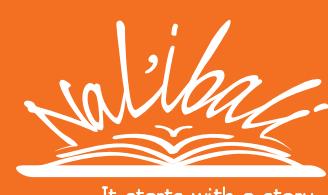
KAHARE!

- ★ Phousetara e temepedi leqepheng la 2 bakeng sa ho o thusa ho bopa tikoloho e ruileng mongolo bakeng sa bana ba hao.
- ★ Pale e kgethehileng bakeng sa ho keteka Letsatsi la Matjhaba la Tsebo ya ho Bala le ho Ngola (leqepheng la 14 le la 15).



Join us. Share stories in your language every day.

Eba le rona. Bala le ho phetela bana ba hao dipale ka puo ya lapeng kamehla.



It starts with a story...



Drive your imagination

5 tips for growing readers

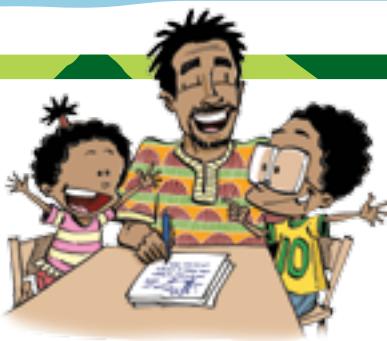
1. Read, read and read to children. It's the best way to help children become readers themselves.
2. Be a reader. Children need to see adults reading.
3. Fill your home or classroom with reading material.
4. Let children choose books they want to read.
5. Talk to children about the books they enjoy reading.

Dikeletso tse 5 bakeng sa babadi ba holang

1. Bala, o bale, o balle bana. Ke tsela e lokileng ya ho thusa bana hore le bona e be babadi.
2. E ba mobadi. Bana ba kloka ho bona batho ba baholo ba bala.
3. Tlatsa telapa la hao kapa tlelase ya hao ka dingolwa tse balwang.
4. E re bana ba kegethe dibuka tseo ba batlang ho di bala.
5. Buisana le bana ka dibuka tseo ba natefwang ke ho di bala.



Story ideas for different subjects



Have you thought about how to use stories to strengthen children's learning in different subjects? Here are some ideas for doing this in subjects other than languages.

- Bring History to life by reading stories about events that happened in the past. Stories about great discoveries and the lives of scientists, doctors, leaders and inventors provide role models as well as information.
- Traditional stories are a wonderful way to get to know how people from different places and a different time understood the world around them.
- Read a story that is set in another country and then let the children use the Internet and information books to find out more about this country.
- Let the children use maps and/or atlases to find the places they read about in stories or to trace the journey of a story character.
- Many children face challenging situations, like being on the receiving end of prejudice, or the death of a loved one, or divorce. Stories give us a great starting point to discuss things that form part of Life Skills/Life Orientation that are sometimes difficult to talk about. Asking open-ended questions about a story offers a safe way for children to think and talk about their personal concerns, emotions or ideas. Stories can help children to better understand a challenging situation, discover how to cope with it and explore what options are available to them.
- Stories offer lots of visual art opportunities. For example, children can draw and paint pictures inspired by the story to illustrate parts of the story, or make models of scenes from the story using clay or recycled waste materials.
- You can help develop children's number concept by writing a summary of the events in a story, using a separate strip of paper for each event. Stick these on the chalkboard in random order and then ask the children to sequence the events in the order that they occurred in the story. Then talk about the events asking which one happened first, next and last. Or which event came before or after another.
- Let children learn about measurement by asking them to use the information in a story to work out how tall a character or creature might have been.
- Stories can be linked to concepts in Technology. Ask the children to create recipes to suit a story's characters – a giant, a pirate or a king. Or ask them to build a model of a house made of straw or sticks, or a palace made of sweets!

Make reading for enjoyment part of your school! For more information and guidance on how to do this, go to www.storypoweredschools.org.



Putting stories at the heart of your school

Etsa hore dipale di be bohlokwa sekolong sa heno

Will you be South Africa's next Story Bosso?

Story Bosso is Nal'ibali's annual multilingual storytelling talent search. It takes place across the nation this September! To celebrate South Africa's rich heritage of storytelling, Nal'ibali invites all South Africans - young and old - to have fun telling and sharing stories in any of the country's 11 official languages.

Enter this exciting talent search and stand a chance of winning fantastic prizes as well as being crowned the Story Bosso of 2018! To find out more, visit: www.nalibali.org or www.nalibali.mobi.



Na o tla ba Story Bosso ya latelang wa Afrika Borwa?

Story Bosso ke patlo ya talente ya ho pheta dipale ya temengata e etswang selemo le selemo ke Nal'ibali. E etsahala naheng ka kgwedding ena ya Loetse! Bakeng sa ho keteka lefa le nonneng la Afrika Borwa la ho pheta dipale, Nal'ibali e mema Maafrika Borwa ohle - ba banyenyane le ba baholo - ho natefelwa ke ho pheta le ho abelana ka dipale ka puo efe kapa efe ya tse 11 tsa semmuso tsa naheng ena.

Kenela tlhodisano ena e thabisang ya ho batla talente mme o be le monyetla wa ho ikgapela meputso e thabisang esitana le ho rwswa kgau ya ho ba Story Bosso wa 2018! Ho fumana haholwanyane, etela: www.nalibali.org kapa www.nalibali.mobi.

Drive your imagination



Get story active!

Here are some ideas for using the two cut-out-and-keep picture books, *The missing ball* (pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12) and *When it rains* (pages 9 and 10), as well as the Story Corner story, *Message in a bottle* (page 14). Choose the ideas that best suit your children's ages and interests.



The missing ball

Gaps and his cousin, Sugarbean, want to play a game of soccer before sundown, but they can't find their soccer ball!



- ❖ As you read the story to your children, stop and ask questions or make comments that encourage them to look closely at the details in the story. Here are some examples for the first part of the story.
 - ◎ **Page 4:** Can you see the ball? What do you think Gogo is doing?
 - ◎ **Page 5:** What is Gogo doing now?
 - ◎ **Page 7:** Look, I can see a bit of the ball there.
 - ◎ **Pages 8 and 9:** Look at Sugarbean sitting on the bench. How do you think she feels? Why?
- ❖ Discuss with your children what ball games they enjoy playing. Play some of them together. Then suggest that they draw a picture of themselves playing their favourite ball game in the moonlight – just like the calves in the story did.

When it rains

This book describes the joy of people and nature at the return of rain. It is written and illustrated by one of Africa's well-known writers, Véronique Tadjo from Côte d'Ivoire.



- ❖ Before you read the story, ask your children if they enjoy the rain and why they think rain is important.
- ❖ After you have read the story, read page 3 again and invite your children to use their hands and/or feet to make the sound of a dark cloud bursting open and the rain beginning to fall. Can they make the sound of the rain getting heavier and heavier, and then gradually getting lighter until it stops?
- ❖ Ask your children to think about what they would say to the rain if it were a person. Suggest that they use their ideas to write a poem about rain or a letter to the rain!
- ❖ Give your children large sheets of paper. Let them paint the paper with water before painting a picture about the story.

Message in a bottle

International Literacy Day story



Chiku and her brother, Jabali, put a message in a glass bottle and then toss it into the ocean at Mombasa in Kenya. The bottle and its message travel all the way down to Umgababa off the coast of KwaZulu-Natal where Sandile finds it. And that is how a friendship begins!

- ❖ After you have read the story, show your children a map of Africa and let them trace the bottle's journey from Mombasa to Umgababa. Then encourage them to draw their own maps that show the journey and all or some of the animals that came across the bottle on its way to Umgababa. (You may want to show them pictures of the animals in the story before they begin drawing.)
- ❖ Ask your children to imagine that they are going to put a message in a bottle. What would their message say? Suggest that your children write their messages – and don't forget to write one too!



Create two cut-out-and-keep books

When it rains

1. Tear off page 9 of this supplement.
2. Fold the sheet in half along the black dotted line.
3. Fold it in half again along the green dotted line to make the book.
4. Cut along the red dotted lines to separate the pages.

The missing ball

1. To make this book use pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12.
2. Keep pages 7 and 8 inside the other pages.
3. Fold the sheets in half along the black dotted line.
4. Fold them in half again along the green dotted line to make the book.
5. Cut along the red dotted lines to separate the pages.

Eba mahlahahlaha ka pale!

Ena ke mehopolo e itseng e mabapi le ho sebedisa dibuka tse pedi tsa ditshwantsho tse sehwang-le-ho-ipolokelwa, *Bolo e lahlehileng* (maqephe ana 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 le 12) le *Ha pula e na* (leqephe la 9 le la 10), esitana le pale ya Hukung ya Dipale, *Molaetsa ka bottolong* (leqephe la 15). Kgetha mehopolo e tshwanetseng dilemo le dithahasello tsa bana ba hao hantle.

Bolo e lahlehileng

Thokwa le motswalae Thokwana ba batla ho bapala papadi ya bolo ya maoto pele letsatsi le dikela, empa ha ba kgone ho fumana bolo ya bona!

- ❖ Ha o ntse o balla bana ba hao pale ena, kgefutsa mme o botse dipotsa kapa o etse ditshwaelo tse tleng ho ba kgothaletsa ho shebisisa dintlha tsa pale. Mehlala e itseng ke ena bakeng sa karolo ya pele ya pale.
- ◎ **Leqephe la 4:** Na le a e bona bolo? Le nahana hore Nkgono o etsang?
- ◎ **Leqephe la 5:** Nkgono o etsang jvale?
- ◎ **Leqephe la 7:** Sheba, ke bona karowlana e itseng ya bolo mane.
- ◎ **Leqephe la 8 le la 9:** Bona Thokwana o dutse hodima banka. Le nahana hore o ikutlwa jwang? Hobaneng?
- ❖ Buisana le bana ba hao ka dipapadi tsa bolo tseo ba ratang ho di bapala. Bapalang tse ding tsa tsona mmoho. Jwale hlahisa hore ba take setshwantsho sa bona ba bapala papadi eo ba e ratang ho feta ya bolo ka tlasa kganya ya kgwedi – jwalo feela ka ha dinamane di ile tsa etsa paleng.

Ha pula e na

Buka ena e halosa nyakallo ya batho le tlhaho ha pula e kgutla. E ngotswe le ho tshwantshwa ke e mong wa bangodi ba tsebahalang ba Afrika, Véronique Tadjo wa mane Côte d'Ivoire.

- ❖ Pele o bala pale ena, botsa bana ba hao hore na ba natefelwa ke pula le hore ke hobaneng ha ba nahana hore pula e bohlokwa.
- ❖ Kamora ho bala pale ena, bala leqephe la 3 hape mme o meme bana ba hao ho sebedisa matsoho le/kapa maoto a bona ho etsa modumo wa lerus le letsho ha le buleha mme pula e qala ho na. Na ba ka etsa modumo wa pula ha e ntse e tiisa ho na, mme butlebutle e ena ha bobele ho fihlela e emisa?
- ❖ E re bana ba hao ba nahane ka seo ba ka se bolellang pula hoja pula e le motho. Hlahisa hore ba sebedise mehopolo ya bona ho ngola thotokiso e mabapi le pula kapa lengolo le yang ho pula!
- ❖ Efa bana ba hao maqephehadi a maholo a pampiri. E re ba pente pampiri eo ka metsi pele ba penta setshwantsho se mabapi le pale.

Pale ya Letsatsi la Matjhaba la
Tsebo ya ho Bala le ho Ngola

Molaetsa ka bottolong

Chiku le kgaitsedi ya hae, Jabali, ba kenya molaetsa ka hara bottolo mme ba e akgela ka hara lewatle mane Mombasa, Kenya. Bottolo eo le molaetsa wa yona e hahlaula jwalo ho theosa ho fihlela Umgababa lebopong la KwaZulu-Natal moo Sandile a e fumanang teng. Mme ke kamoo setswalla se qalang!

- ❖ Ha o qetile ho bala pale ena, bontsha bana ba hao mmapa wa Afrika mme o ba kope ho latela leeto la bottolo ho tlaha Mombasa ho ya fihla Umgababa. Mme ebe o ba kgothaletsa ho taka dimmapa tsa bona tse bontshang leeto le diphoofolo tsotle kapa tse ding tse kopaneng le bottolo eo tseleng e yang Umgababa. (O ka batla ho ba bontsha ditshwantsho tsa diphoofolo tse paleng pele ba qalella ho taka.)
- ❖ Kopa bana ba hao hore ba inahanele hore mohlomong ke bona ba kenyang molaetsa ka hara bottolo. Molaetsa wa bona e ka ofe? Hlahisa hore bana ba hao ba ngole melaetsa ya bona – o se ke wa lebala ho ngola wa hao le wena!

Iketsetse dibuka tse sehwang-le-ho-ipolokelwa tse PEDI

Ha pula e na

1. Ntsha leqephe la 9 la tlatselo ena.
2. Mena leqephehadi ka halofo hodima mola wa matheba a matsho.
3. Le mene ka halofo hape hodima mola wa matheba a matsho.
4. Seha hodima mela ya matheba a matsho.

Bolo e lahlehileng

1. Ho etsa buka ena sebedisa maqephe ana 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 le 12.
2. Boloka leqephe la 7 le la 8 ka hara maqephe a mang.
3. Mena maqephehadi ka halofo hodima mola wa matheba a matsho.
4. A mene ka halofo hape hodima mola wa matheba a matsho.
5. Seha hodima mela ya matheba a matsho.



"O se kgathatsehe. Ke tla o dhusa ho bala
bolo ya haoo," a tialo. Yaba dinamane tse na tse
pedi di tamaaya moho ho ya batla bolo.

"Don't worry. I'll help you find your ball," he
said. So the two calves went off together, to
find the ball.

Yaba o bona Thokwaa, a nts'e a mo emets'e
tasa sefate.

Then she saw Gaps, still waiting under the tree.



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The missing ball Bolo e lahlehileng



Maryanne Bester
Shayle Bester



Le yona hohang
atamela o ile a lemotha hore ha e tshwane
E ne e le tholwana ya baobab! Ha a e
Empa ... e ne e se bolo ya hae e lahlehleng!

But ... it wasn't her missing ball! It was a
baobab fruit Close up to it, she could see
that it looked very different.

Peleanya mane, ba bona Natemoholo Nguni
Poho a bapala morabaraba le metswale ya
hac. O ne a duise hodima eng? O ne a duise
hodima bolo ya Thokwana e lahlehleng!

A little way off, they saw Makhulu Nguni Bull
playing marabaraba with his friends. What was
he sitting on? He was sitting on Sugarbean's
missing ball!



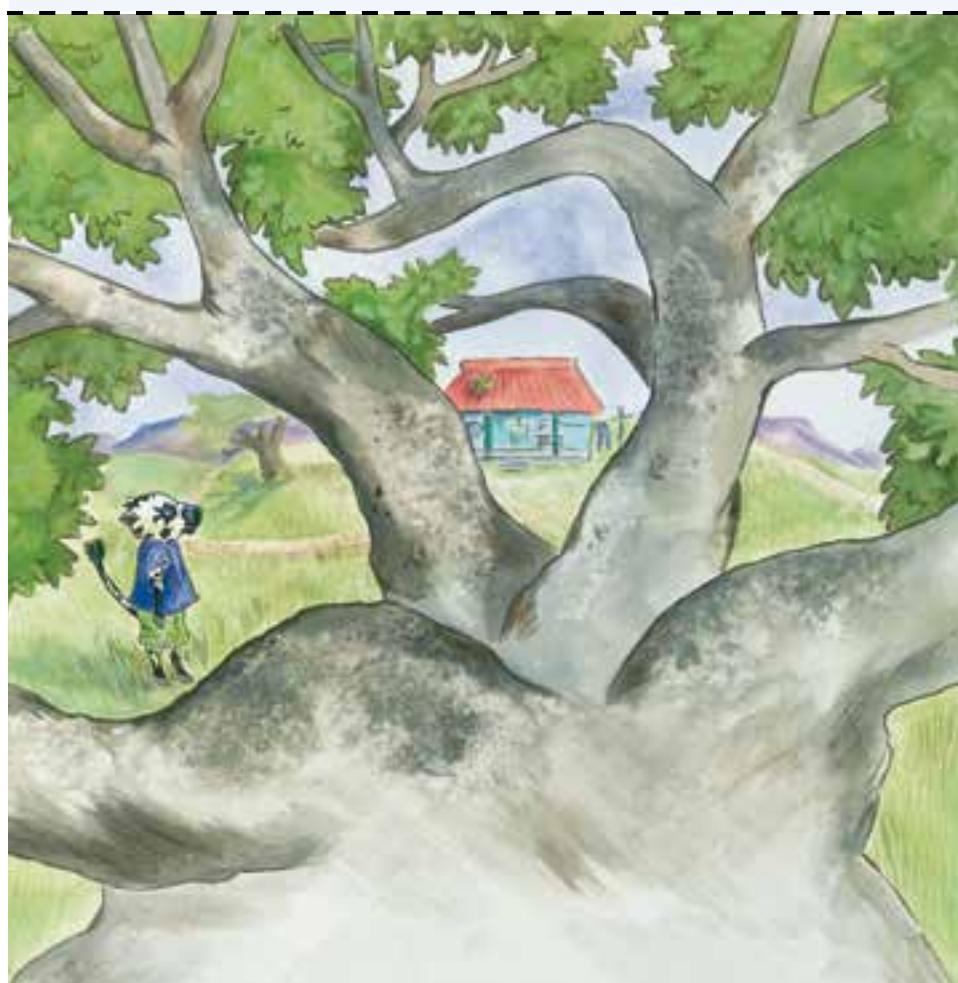
At last the calves could play their soccer game! They kicked the ball all the way home in the moonlight, happy now their search was over!

Qetellong dinamane tsa kgona ho bapala papadi ya bolo
ya maoto! Ba raha bolo tseleng e lebang hae kganyeng ya
kgwedi, ba thabile jwale hobane ba e fumane!



Gaps the Nguni calf stood under a big tree. He was waiting for his cousin Sugarbean to find her new soccer ball.

Thokwa namane ya Nguni o eme tlasa sefate se
seholo. O ne a emetse motswalae Thokwana hore
a fumane bolo ya hae e ntjha.



mokoda o motenya, o moswenu wa phofol
lahlehileng! Natemoholo o ne a dutse hodima
Empa ... e ne e se bolo ya Thokwana e



meale meal!
Mkhulu was sitting on a fat, white sack of
But ... it wasn't Sugarbean's missing ball!



baobab ho ne ho dutse bolo e lahlehileng!
a sheba. Hodimodimo makaleng a sefate sa
Rakgadi, a supile hodimo sefating; Thokwana
“Sheba. Bolo ya hao ke yané,” ha tala

the missing ball!
High in the branches of a baobab tree was
pointing up into a tree. Sugarbean looked.
“Look. There’s your ball,” said Auntie,



And then they saw it. You guessed it! The missing ball was in Sugarbean's backpack! It had been in there all along! This time there was no mistake.

Mme yaba ba e bona. O nepile! Bolo e lahlehileng ya Thokwana e ne e le mokotleng o kamorao wa hae! Haesale e le kamoo. Kgetlong lena e ne e se phoso.



But Sugarbean couldn't find her ball anywhere inside the house. She really wanted to play at least one game of soccer before sunset! But where was that ball?

Empa Thokwana a se ke a fumana bolo ya hae hohle ka hara ntlo. O ne a hlile a batla ho bapala leha e ka ba papadi e le nngwe ya bolo ya maoto pele letsatsi le dikela! Empa bolo eo e ne e le hokae?

Rakgadi Nguini Kgomo!
E mpa ... e ne e se bolo ya hae e lahlhehleng! E ne
e le bokahodimo ba kathba e tshevweu, e kgolo ya

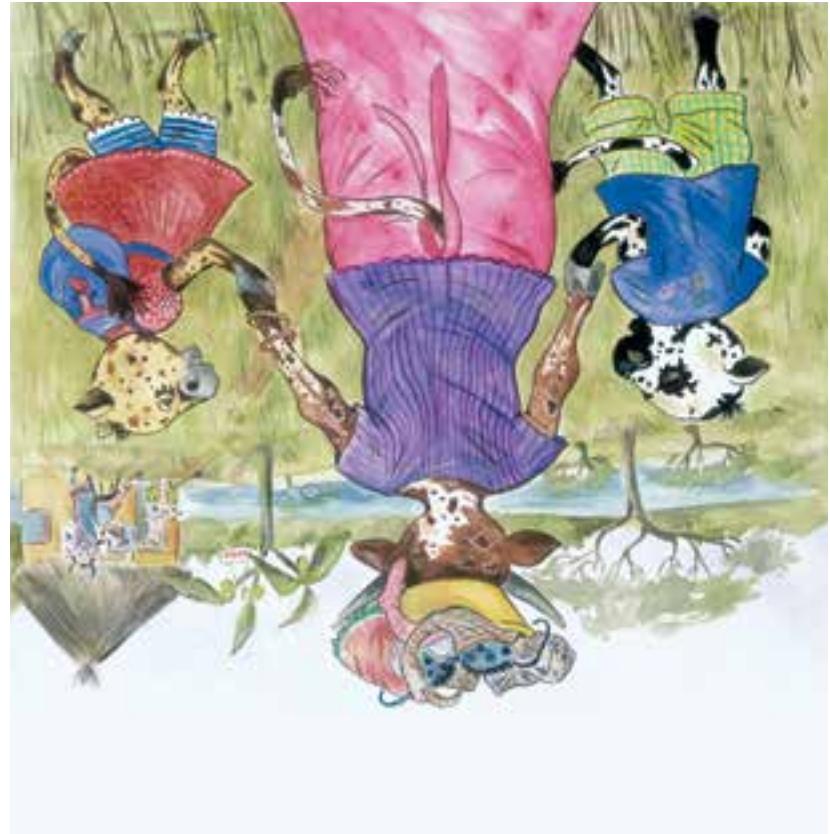


Perhaps someone had left it outside. She went to look. Ah, there it was – in the melon patch! The top of it was peeping out of Gogo's tin bath.

Mohlomong ho na le motho ya neng a e siile ka ntle.
A ya sheba. Kgele, e ne e le teng – seratswaneng sa mahapu! Bokahodimo ba yona bo ne bo nyaretse ka hodima bate ya Nkgono ya lesenke.



Mohlomong bolol e ne e le moo.
Kgomo a eya ka nokeng. Tsa tamaya le yena.
Yaba dinamane tse pedi tsena di bona Mlme Nguini



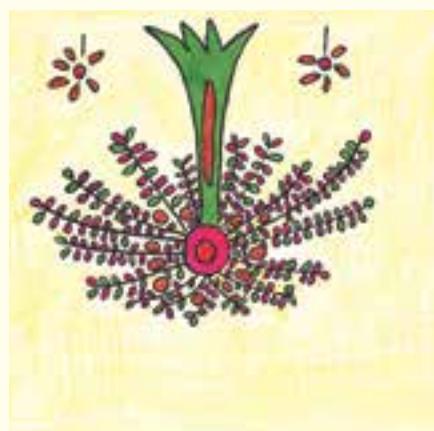
ball was there.
Then the calves saw Mama Nguini Cow walking towards the river. They went with her. Perhaps the



Suddenly they saw the cattle egret. He was flapping his wings and running towards them. "Sugarbean! I've been trying to tell you that your ball is right behind you!"

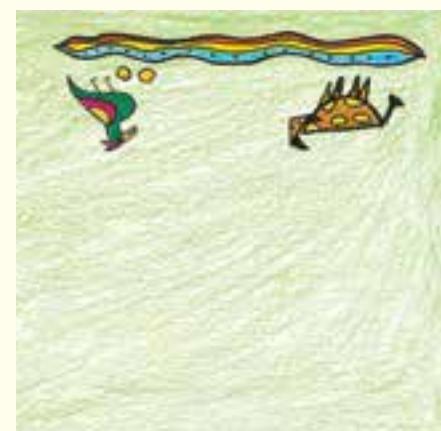
Hanghang ba bona leholosiane. Le ne le otlanya mapheo a lona mme le mathela ho bona. "Thokwana! Ke ne ke ntse ke leka ho o bolella hore bolo ya hao e ka mora lona!"

Trees are heavy
with fruit.
Difate di detse
ditholwana.



The fields
look beautiful.
Masimo a boheha a
le made.

Dikgomo di fana ka
lebeso le lengata le
nang le phepo hape
le mafura. Dikgoho
di behele make a
maholo a maschla.



Cows give plenty
of rich and creamy
milk. Hens lay big
yellow eggs.



Selophha sa bana se a
dola-dola, se a sesa mme
Nokeng e kgolo,
se bapalla molatswaneng.
batshwasi ba dithapi ba
tschwasa dthapi tse nqata
tse silvera.
big tree, the fishermen
in the stream. On the
jump, swim and play
catch many silvery fish.

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When it rains Ha pulu e na



Véronique Tadjo

Iebanya la benya sepakapakeng Leru le tscholoha marothodi a pulu.
Leholo le letsho la buleha yaba ho qala ho

Lighthing explodes in the sky. A huge dark cloud bursts open and drops of rain start to fall.



Batho ba robala ba jikudwa ba kgotsofete.

People fall asleep feeling satisfied.



It is the dry season.

Trees have no more leaves. People are thirsty, and so are the animals.

Ke nako ya selemo e ommeng.
Difate ha di sa na mahlaku. Batho ba nyorilwe, ekasitana le tsona diphoofolo.



The rains have come back!

Dipula di kgutile!



Ahal Ba ne ba bona bolo e phaphalleste ka
hodlima nokal

Ah yes! They could see a wet ball floating in the river!

It was just the moon, rising in the sky.
Sugarbean was sad. Where was that ball?

E ne e le kgwedi, e nyolohela marung.
Thokwana o ne a hloname. Bolo eo e ne
e le hokae?



But ... it wasn't her missing ball! It was the top of
Auntee Ngumi Cow's big, white hat!



But ... it wasn't her missing ball! It was a
big, white melon! "Don't worry. Your ball is
somewhere," said Gogo.

Empa ... e ne e se bolo ya hae e lahlehileng!
E ne e le lehapan le leholo, le lesweu! "Se
kgathatsehe. Bolo ya hao e teng kaekae," ha
rialo Nkgono.

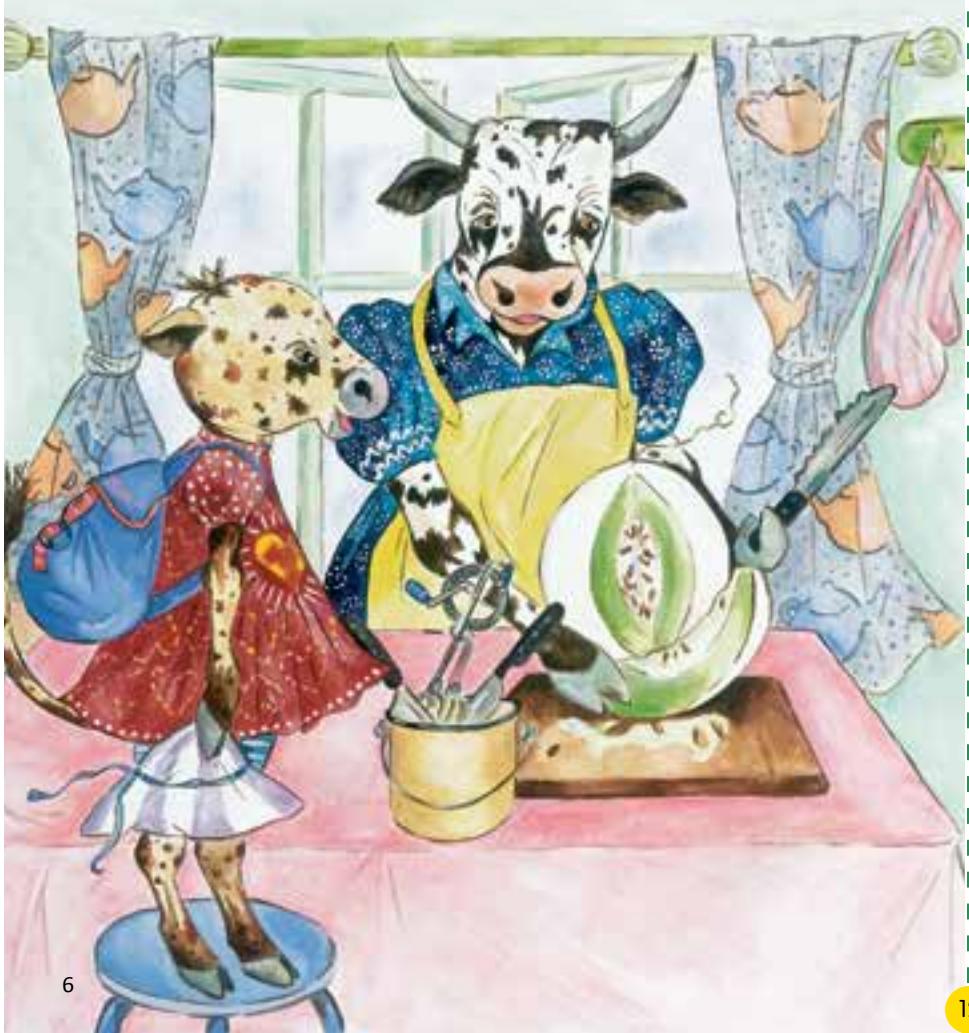


Thokwana a ema fenesetereng mme a loma haholo.
Ka yona nako eo, a bona bolو e dutse hodima
banka sethupung.

Sugarbean stood at the window and took a big
bite. Just then, she saw her ball lying on the
stoep bench.

She cut a juicy slice of melon for Sugarbean.

A sehela Thokwana sekotwana se monate sa lehapu.



Empa ... e ne e se bolo ya Thokwana e
lahlehileng! E, ne e le lejwe le boreledi, le lesweu
la noka. Mme a bea diaparo tse diitsihla hodima
lefwe mme a gala ho suha. Dimamane tseo di ne
di se di feia p elo jwalo.

But ... it wasn't Sugarbean's missing ball! It was
calves were beginning to lose heart.
washing on the stone and began to scrub. The
a smooth, white river stone. Mama placed her
Ema ... e ne e se bolo ya Thokwana e



"There it is," said Gaps looking up. But again ...
it wasn't the missing ball at all!

"Ke yane," ha rialo Thokwa a shebile
hodimo. Empa hape ... hohang e ne e se
bolo e lahlehileng!

Nal'ibali news

Over the past six years, the annual Puku Story Festival held in Grahamstown has been an exciting event intended to spark children's interest in storytelling and reading in isiXhosa. The festival has also provided an opportunity to showcase and celebrate the work of storytellers, writers and artists, especially in African languages.

This year the Puku Story Festival celebrated South African children's author and storyteller, Gcina Mhlophe. Gcina's play, "Have you seen Zandile?" was translated into isiXhosa by Dr Hleze Kunju and performed twice a day by local actors in a packed auditorium.

A highlight of the festival was an exhibition of children's literature curated by the National English Literary Museum (NELM). There were 566 children from ten surrounding schools who visited the museum to view the exhibition, where they were also entertained by storytellers such as Basil Mills, Cebo Solombela, Mbulelo Bokwe, Madoda Ndlakuse and Babalwa Kona. Other attractions included book launches and readings, as well as open mic sessions where learners and other local artists performed praise poetry and songs.

At the nearby Fingo Library, children and parents enjoyed a comedy show, poetry, storytelling and readings, and face painting!

Nal'ibali was represented by Abongile Davani and Madoda Ndlakuse, our Literacy Mentors in the Eastern Cape. They gave a fun-filled presentation on reading clubs which highlighted the important role that storytelling and reading for enjoyment play in education and children's development.

At the end of the three days, Puku announced that its new mission did not include another festival. But as Gcina Mhlophe tweeted: "Puku Story Festival 2018 may be over, but the stories never are."



Puku

There were plenty of books for children to enjoy!

Ho ne ho ena le dibuka tse ngata bakeng sa ho natefela bana!



Ditaba tsa Nal'ibali

Dilemong tse tsheletseng tse fetileng, Puku Story Festival ya selemo le selemo e tshwarelwang Grahamstown e bile ketsahalo e thabisang haholo e reretsweng ho tsosolosa thahasello ya bana ho pheteng le ho baleng dipale ka isiXhosa. Mokete ona hape o fane ka menyetla ya ho bontsha le ho keteka mesebetsi ya bapheti ba dipale, bangodi le dinono, haholoholo ka dipuo tsa SeAfrika.

Selemong sena Puku Story Festival e ile ya keteka mongodi le mopheti wa dipale tsa bana wa Afrika Borwa, Gcina Mhlophe. Tshwantshiso ya Gcina, "Have you seen Zandile?" e ile ya fetolelwa ho isiXhosa ke Ngaka Hleze Kunju mme ya tshwantshisa habedi ka letsatsi ke dibapadi tsa kalaneng tsa hae mona holong e tletseng babohedi ba bangata.

Sehlohlolo sa mokete e ne e le pontsho ya dingolwa tsa bana tse bolokilweng ke National English Literary Museum (NELM). Ho ne ho ena le bana ba 566 ba tswang dikolong tse leshome tse tikolohong ena ba etetseng museamo ho tla sheba dipontsho, le moo hape ba neng ba thabiswa ke bapheti ba dipale ba kang Basil Mills, Cebo Solombela, Mbulelo Bokwe, Madoda Ndlakuse le Babalwa Kona. Dintho tse ding tse kgahlang di ne di kenyeltsa ho thakgolwa ha dibuka le ho bala, esitana le dikarolo tsa maeke o butsweng moo baithuti le dinono tsa motseng ba neng ba etsa dithotokiso le dithoko le dipina teng.

Laeboraring e haufi ya Fingo, bana le batswadi ba ile ba natefela ke pontsho ya metlae, dithotokiso, ho pheta dipale le ho bala, le ho pentwa difahleho!

Nal'ibali e ne e emetswe ke Abongile Davani le Madoda Ndlakuse, Batataisi ba rona ba Tsebo ya ho Bala le ho Ngola ba Eastern Cape. Ba ile ba fana ka puo e tletseng menyaka mabapi le dittelepo tsa ho bala, e neng e bontsha karolo ya bohlokwa eo ho pheta le ho bala dipale bakeng sa boithabiso ho nang le yona thutong le kgolong ya bana.

Qetellong ya matsatsi a mararo, Puku e ile ya tsebisa hore morero wa yona o motjha o ne o sa kenyelsete mokete o mong hape. Empa jwalo kaha Gcina Mhlophe a ile a ngola ho Tweeter: "Puku Story Festival 2018 le ha e ka fela, empa dipale tsona di keke tsa fela."



Nal'ibali's Madoda Ndlakuse with some of the children at the festival.

Madoda Ndlakuse wa Nal'ibali le ba bang ba bana ba neng ba le moketeng.



Storytelling was enjoyed by children and adults.

Ho pheta dipale ho ile ha natefela bana le batho ba baholo.



Message in a bottle

By Joanne Bloch Illustrations by Jiggs Snaddon-Wood

It was late afternoon. Chiku and her brother, Jabali, stood on the beach near their home in Mombasa. Big green waves crashed in front of them.

"Are you ready?" asked Jabali.

"Yes!" said Chiku.

Jabali took a deep breath, lifted his arm and flung the glass bottle far out into the sea. It flew across the foamy waves, glinting in the sunlight. Chiku and Jabali grinned at each other as they turned and walked home.

"How long do you think it will take?" asked Chiku.

"I don't know!" answered her brother. "You may have to wait a long, long time, but somebody will find it! Just wait and see."

The bottle bobbed on the water for many weeks. Once a big fish swam right up to it. "Hmmm," she said. "There's something inside this hard bubble ... it's white with black squiggles on it. I wonder what it is?"

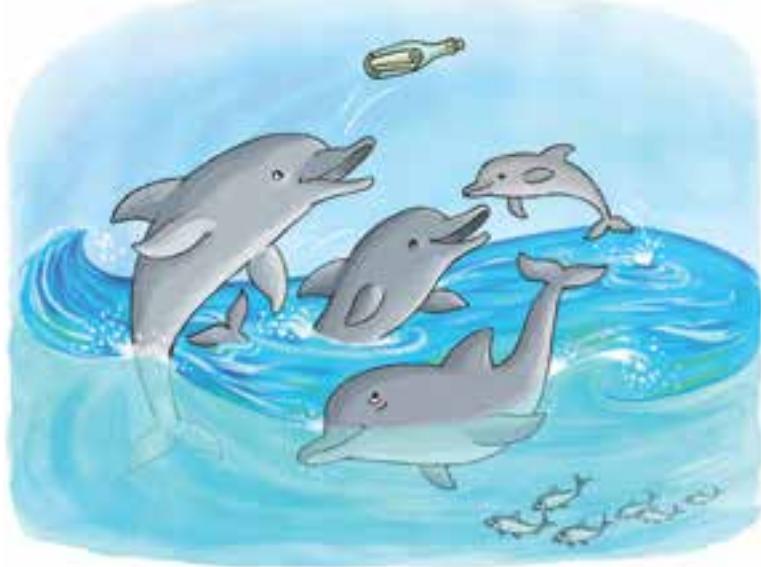
WOOSH! Suddenly a school of tiny silver fish swam past right under her. The big fish forgot all about the bottle. "How lucky," she chuckled as she swam after the silver fish, "my lunch has arrived!"

On went the bottle, floating through calm water and stormy seas. One evening, a baby shark lifted it up to see what was inside. "Human things," warned his father. "Don't eat it; it will make you sick!"

The little shark dropped the bottle, and raced off to find his friend instead.

Still the bottle drifted, carried along by the ocean tides. One afternoon, a wise old dolphin saw it in the water nearby. "Look!" she said. "I see human writing!"

Dolphins are very clever. She knew she could read the words she saw through the glass. But before she could try, her grandchild pushed his nose under the bottle. "Catch!" he shouted. A whole pod of dolphins laughed and squeaked as they passed the bottle to each other.



One stormy evening many months later, the waves carried the bottle all the way to the beach at Umgababa on the KwaZulu-Natal coast. A little later, a boy named Sandile and his family arrived there for a holiday with their cousins.

The next morning, Sandile woke up early. Usually, he hated getting out of bed. "School is so boring!" he always grumbled. "Why do we have to learn to read and write? Playing games is much more fun!" But today was different because Sandile was on holiday and he loved the beach.

Soon he was running about on the wet sand with his younger sister and cousin.

Suddenly, he noticed something floating in the shallow water near some big rocks.

"Look!" he shouted, pointing to the bottle. It had turned a little green, but Sandile could still see that there was a piece of paper inside it. "What is it?" he asked excitedly.

"Maybe it's money!" suggested his sister, Sindi.

"No," said their older cousin, Mpumi, peering at the bottle. "It looks like a letter!"

Sandile pulled a face. "BORING!" he said.

"Think about it," said Mpumi. "This letter may have travelled a very long way, and it could have been in the water for years! Let's take it home and open the seal with a knife!"

At last the bottle was open. Mpumi pulled out the letter.

"Hello," read Mpumi. "My name is Chiku. I am nine years old."

"Just like me!" said Sandile.

"Shhh!" said the others.

"I live in Mombasa in Kenya," read Mpumi.

"Where's Kenya?" asked Sindi.

"I know!" shouted Sandile. "It's far away, up the east coast of Africa! I read about it at school just last week!"

"You said that was a boring book!" teased Sindi, but Sandile didn't hear her. He was too busy reading the letter over Mpumi's shoulder.

"If you find this letter, please write back to me," read Mpumi. "Then there's an email address here," she told Sandile. "Ask your mom if you can write to Chiku tonight."

And that was how Sandile started writing to Chiku. After a few emails, reading and writing didn't seem boring anymore.

"One day, I'm going to meet Chiku," he told Sindi. "Until then, we can send emails to each other!"

And when Sandile's family went to visit their cousins in KwaZulu-Natal again, he also wrote his own letter on a piece of paper, sealed it in a bottle and threw it into the sea. He never got an answer, but he would have been very surprised to learn who found the bottle.

The dolphins had swum all the way down the coast, and were living near a tiny island. When the oldest dolphin saw Sandile's bottle floating by, she was very excited.

"Another one!" she said. "This time, I'm going to read it!" She dragged the bottle onto the beach, and stored it under a big rock.

Every day, she stares at the words she sees through the glass. She can't read them yet, but I'm sure she'll work it out soon!



Molaetsa ka botlolong

Ka Joanne Bloch Ditshwantsho ka Jiggs Snaddon-Wood



E ne e le ka shwalane. Chiku le kgaitsemi ya hae Jabali ba ne ba eme lebopong la lewatle haufi le lehae la bona mane Mombasa. Maqhubu a maholo a matala a ne a otlana ka pela bona.

"O se o lokile?" ha botsa Jabali.

"Ee!" ha rialo Chiku.

Jabali a hemela hodimo, a phahamisa matsoho a hae mme a akgela botlolo ya galase kwana hole ka hara lewatle. Ya fofela ka hodima maqhubu a lekweba, e benya kganyeng ya letsatsi. Chiku le Jabali ba bososela ba shebane mme ba kgutlela hae lapeng.

"O nahana hore e tla nka nako e kae?" ha botsa Chiku.

"Ha ke tsebe!" ha araba kgaitsemi ya hae. "Mohlomong o tla ema nako e telele telele, empa motho e mong o tla qetella a e fumane! Ema o tla bona."

Botlolo ya phaphalla metsing ka dibeke tse ngata. Ka nako e nngwe tlhapi e kgolo ya sesetsa ho yona. "Hmmm," ya rialo. "Ho na le ho hong ka hara pudulana ena e thata ... e tshweu mme e na le mengolo e metsho ho yona. Ke a ipotsa hore ebe ke eng?"

SHWAA! Hanghang sehlopha sa ditlhatswana tse silivera tsa sesa di feta ka tlasa yona. Tlhapi e kgolo ya lebala hohang ka botlolo. "Lehlohonolo," ya bososela ya sesa ho latela ditlhapi tse silivera, "dijo tsa ka tsa motsheare di fihlile!"

Botlolo ya tswela pele, e sesa ka hodima metsi a kgutsitseng le lewatle le halefileng. Ka tsatsi le leng mantsiboya, ledinyane la shaka la e phahamisa ho sheba hore ho na le eng ka hare. "Dintho tsa batho," ntatae a mo lemosa. "O se ke wa e ja; e tla o kudisa!"

Ledinyane la shaka la lahla botlolo, mme la matha ho ya ipatlela motswalla wa lona.

Mme botlolo ya tswela pele ho tsamaya, e jerwe ke maqhubu a maholo a lewatle. Mantsiboya a mang, dolfine e bohlale e tsofetseng ya e bona ka hara metsi haufi le yona. "Bonang!" ya rialo. "Ke bona mongolo wa batho!"

Didolfine di bohlale haholo. E ne e tseba hore e ka kgona ho bala mantswe ao e a boneng ka hara galase. Empa yare pele e ka leka ho bala, setloholo sa yona sa sunya nko ya sona ka tlasa botlolo. "Tshwara!" sa hoeletsa. Didolfine tse ngata tsa tsheha di ntse di akgelana ka botlolo eo.



Ka bosiu bo bong ho na le sefezo kamora dikgwedi tse ngata, maqhubu a nka botlolo a e sutuletsa ka ntle lebopong la Umgababa le mane KwaZulu-Natal. Kamora nakwana e itseng, moshemane ya bitswang Sandile le ba lelapa la hae ba fihla moo ba tlile matsatsing a phomolo le bomotswala bona.

Tsatsing le hlahlamang hoseng, Sandile a tsoha ka meso. Ka tlwaelo, o ne a sa rate ho tsoha dikobong. "Sekolo se a tena!" o ne a rata ho honotha jwalo. "Hobaneng re lokela ho ithuta ho bala le ho ngola? Ho bapala ho monate ho feta!" Empa kajeno ho ne ho fapane hobane Sandile o ne a le matsatsing a phomolo mme o ne a rata lewatle.

E se kgale o ne a se a matha hohle lehlabatheng le metsi mmoho le kgaitsempanyana ya hae le motswalae.

Hanghang, a elellwa ntho e ntseng e phaphalla hodima metsi a sa tebang haufi le mafika a maholo.

"Sheba!" a hoeletsa, a supile botlolo. E ne e se e batla e le tala, empa Sandile o ne a kgona ho bona hore ho na le sekgetjhana sa pampiri ka hara yona. "Ke eng eo?" a botsa a thabile.

"Mohlomong ke tjhelete!" kgaitsemi ya hae, Sindi a etsa tlhahiso.

"Tjhe," ha rialo motswala bona e maholo, Mpumi, a sheba ka hara botlolo. "Ekare ke lengolo!"

Sandile a phutha sefahleho. "HA E KGAHLISE!" a rialo.

"Nahana ka yona," ha rialo Mpumi. "Lengolo lena e ka nna yaba le hahlautse dibaka tse ngata haholo, mme e ka nna yaba botlolo e bile ka hara metsi ka dilemo tse ngata! Ha re yeng le yona hae mme re bule sekwahelo sa yona ka thiqa!"

Qetellong botlolo eo e ile ya bulwa. Mpumi a ntsha lengolo.

"Hello," Mpumi a le bala. "Lebitso la ka ke Chiku. Ke na le dilemo tse robong."

"Jwaloka nna fela!" ha rialo Sandile.

"Shhh!" ba bang ba rialo.

"Ke dula Mombasa mane Kenya," ha bala Mpumi.

"Kenya ke hokae?" ha botsa Sindi.

"Ke a tseba!" ha hoeletsa Sandile. "Ke hole kwana, hodimo ka botjhabela ba lebopo la Afrika! Ke ithutile ka yona sekolong bekeng e sa tswa feta!"

"O itse ke buka e sa kgahliseng!" Sindi a mo qala, empa Sandile a se ke a mo utlwa. O ne a duletse ho bala lengolo a nyaretse ka hodima lehetla la Mpumi.

"Haeba o ka fumana lengolo lena, ke kopa hore o nngolle," Mpumi a bala. "Hape ho na le aterese ya imeile mona," a bolella Sandile. "Botsa mme wa hao hore ebe o ka kgona ho ngolla Chiku lengolo kajeno bosiu."

Mme ke kamoo Sandile a ileng a qala ho ngolla Chiku. Kamora diimeile tse mmalwa, ho bala le ho ngola ha ho a ka ha shebeha e le ntho e sa kgahliseng hohang.

"Ka tsatsi le leng, ke tla ya kopana le Chiku," a bolella Sindi. "Ho fihlela tsatsi leo, re tla dula re romellana diimeile feela!"

Mme yare ha ba lelapa la Sandile ba eya ho ya etela bomotswala bona KwaZulu-Natal hape, le yena a ngola lengolo la hae sekgetjhaneleng sa pampiri, a se kwala ka thata ka hara botlolo mme a e akgela ka hara lewatle. Ha a ka a fumana karabo, empa o ne a tla makala haholo ha a ka tseba hore ke mang ya neng a fumane botlolo ya hae.

Didolfine di ne di seseditse tlase ho theosa ka lebopo, mme di ne di dula sehlerekeng se senyane se haufi. Ha dolfine e kgolo ho tsona kaofela e bona botlolo ya Sandile e phaphalletse e feta, e ne e thabile haholo.

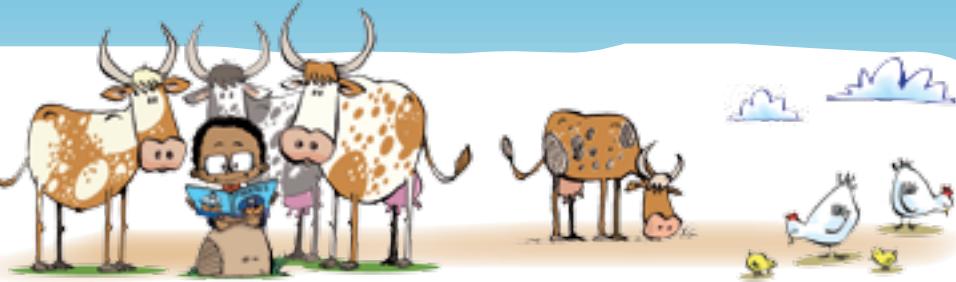
"E nngwe hape!" ya rialo. "Kgetlong lena, ke tlilo e bala!" Ya hulela botlolo eo lebopong, mme ya e boloka ka tlasa lefika le leholo.

Kamehla, e ne e tjamela mantswe ao e a bonang ka hara galase. Ha e eso kgone ho a bala, empa ke tshepa hore e tla kgona ho a bala haufinyane!



Nal'ibali fun

Monate wa Nal'ibali



1.

What's in the picture?

- How many things are there to read in the picture? _____
- Which of these things have you read before? _____

Ho na le eng setshwantshong?

- Ho na le dintho tse kae tse balwang setshwantshong? _____
- Ke dife ho dintho tsena tseo o kileng wa di bala? _____



2.

Here's a word challenge!

- Follow the rules in the box and use the letters in the word wheel to complete this word. (Two of the letters have already been used.)
m _ _ a _ _ _
- How many other words can you make following the same rules?
(Remember: The letter in the middle of the wheel MUST be in each word!)

Rules

- Make words with two or more letters in them.
- Use each of the letters in the wheel only once in each word.
- Always include the letter in the middle of the wheel in your words.
- No proper nouns allowed.

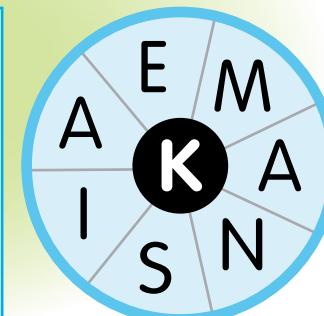


Phephetso ya mantswe ke ena!

- Latela melawana e lebokosong mme o sebedise ditlhaku tse lebiding la mantswe ho qetella lentswe lena. (Ditlhaku tse pedi di se di sebeditswe.)
m _ _ _ s _ _ _
- Ke mantswe a makae a mang ao o ka a etsang o sebedisa melawana eo?
(Hopola: Thaku e bohareng ba lebidi e LOKELA ho ba lentsweng ka leng!)

Melawana

- Etsa mantswe a nang le ditlhaku tse pedi kapa ho feta.
- Sebedisa tlhaku ka nngwe lebiding hanngwe feela lentsweng ka leng.
- Kamehla kenyelelsa tlhaku e bohareng ba lebidi mantsweng a hao.
- Ha ho a dumellwa mabitsobitso.



Dikarabo: 1. 12. makasine; Mehlabla: nka, makase, nkiisa, kama, sekama, ikana, semdka, nka, manki
Answers: 1. 12. magazine; Examples: man, mane, name, game, gaze, amen, age, amaze

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