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**Ga go ke go nna ka bonako thata,  
ga go ke go nna thari thata!**

Go ipha nako ya go buisetsa bana ba ba mo botshelong jwa gago ke peelelso ya bokamoso jwa bone, go sa kgathalesege gore ba na le dingwaga di le kana kang. Nako eno ya go nna le kamano le bone e bontsha bana gore o itumelela go nna le bone le gore o kgathala ka bone mme ka nako e tshwanang o ntse o dira gore ba nne le dilo tse di itumedisang tse ba tla di gopolang ka mainane, dibuka le go buisa botshelo jwa bone jotlhe!



**Never too early,  
never too late!**

Making time to read to the children in your life is an investment in their future, no matter how old they are. This time to bond shows children that you enjoy their company and care about them while building lifelong good memories of stories, books and reading!

## Ga go nke go nna pele ga nako!

- ⦿ A o tla leta go fitthela lesea le kgona go tlhaloganya se o se bolelang pele ga o simolola go bua le lone? Mme gape ga o tlhoke go leta go fitthla bana ba kgona go ipuisetsa ka bobone pele ga o ba buisetsa ka metlha. Masea le bana ba bannye ba gomotsegfa ba uthwa mantswe a batlhokomedi ba bone.
- ⦿ Go buisetsa masea dibuka tse di nang le ditshwantsho, dipoko tsa bana le mainane go ba ruta mafoko le puo. Mme gape ke tsela e ntle ya go nna le kamano le lesea, mme go ise go ye kae le tla bo le simolola go tlhaloganya mafoko ano.
- ⦿ Fa o nna o buisetsa masea kwa godimo e bile o tswelela go bua le one, a tla simolola go uthwa mafoko a a oketsegileng. Go ise go ye kae, o tla uthwa le one a dirisa mafoko ao! Seno ke go itirela letlotlo la mafoko.
- ⦿ Go buisetsa masea go a thusa go tlhaloganya gore mafoko a a kwadilweng a na le bokao e bile go a ruta gore re bolela jang mainane.
- ⦿ Se se botlhokwa le go feta, fa batho ba bagolo ba buisetsa masea le bana ba bannye, ba gola ba bona go buisa e le selo se se monate le se se mosola. Ka jalo, gantsi ba tla tlhophya go buisa e le sengwe se ba batlang go se dira ka nako e ba sa direng sepe ka yone fa ba godile.

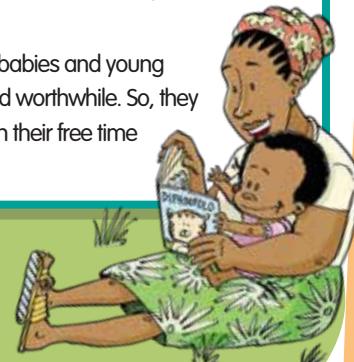
## Ga go nke go nna thari!

- ⦿ Fela jaaka go se nke go nna pele ga nako go simolola, gape ga go nke go nna thari go simolola! Bana ba dingwaga tsotlhe ba solegelva molemo fa go na le mongwe yo o ba buisetsang ka metlha. Go kgona go nna ka fidimalo mme o buisa, kgotsa o buisediwa ke mongwe, ke bokgoni jo bo botlhokwa jo ngwana wa gago a tla bo tlhokang gore a atlegce kwa sekolong le mo botshelong jwa gagwe jotlhe.
- ⦿ Tota le fa bana ba setse ba ithutile go buisa, lo ka buisa mmogo dibuka tse go leng thata gore ba di ipuisetsa ka bobone. Go buisa mmogo jaaka lelapa go ka dira gore bana ba ikutlwe ba sireletsegile le gore ba a ratiwa.



## It's never too early!

- ⦿ Would you wait until a baby understands what you are saying before you talk to him or her? You also needn't wait for children to be able to read by themselves before you regularly read to them. Babies and toddlers are comforted by the sound of their caregivers' voices.
- ⦿ Sharing books with pictures, rhymes and stories with babies teaches them words and language. It's also a wonderful way to bond with a baby, and pretty soon these words start to make sense.
- ⦿ The more you read aloud and talk to babies, the more words they hear. Very soon, you'll hear them using these words themselves! This is called building a vocabulary.
- ⦿ Reading to babies helps them understand that print has meaning and teaches them how we tell stories.
- ⦿ Most importantly, when adults regularly read to babies and young children, they grow up seeing reading as fun and worthwhile. So, they are more likely to choose reading as an activity in their free time when they are older.



## It's never too late!

- ⦿ Just like it is never too early to start, it is also never too late to start! Children of all ages benefit from having someone read to them regularly. Being able to sit still and read, or be read to, is an essential skill your child will need to succeed at school and throughout his or her life.
- ⦿ Even once children have learnt to read, you can read books together that are too complicated for them to read on their own. Reading together as a family can make children feel safe and loved.



## A ONE O ITSE?

Fa bana ba buisa thata

- ♥ ba kgona go buisa botoka,
- ♥ ba itumela thata go go dira, e bile
- ♥ gantsi go ka direga gore ba tlhophya go buisa.

O ka bona megopolo e mentsi le kaelo go "Guides and Tips" mo karolong ya "Training" - [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org).



## DID YOU KNOW?

The more children read

- ♥ the better they become at reading,
- ♥ the more pleasure they get from it, and
- ♥ the more likely they are to choose to read.

You can find many ideas and guidance in "Guides and Tips" in the "Training" section of our website, [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org).



**IT STARTS WITH  
A STORY.  
GO SIMOLOLA  
KA LEINANE.**

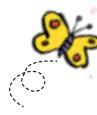


# Dipeo tsa go Ithuta!

Ditiro tse di thusang gore ba bone dilo ka leitlho la mogopolo

## Literacy Seeds!

Activities that spark imagination



Batsadi le batthokomedi ba ba rategang ba bana ba banny, mo Kgatisong ya 197, re ile ra tsenya tshedimosetso nngwe le dikakantsho tse di ka ga dipoko tsa bana, mainane le metshameko e o ka e dirisetsang masea le bana ba gago ba banny. Mo kgatisong eno, re tla bua ka botlhokwa jwa go ba tlottlela le go ba buisetsa mainane le go ba rotloetsa go buisa le go kwala, tota le fa ba dira fela ekete ba dira dilo tseno!

Dear parents and caregivers of young children, in Edition 197, we included some information and tips about sharing rhymes, stories and games with your babies and young children. In this edition, we will look at the importance of telling and reading them stories and encouraging them to read and write, even if they only pretend!



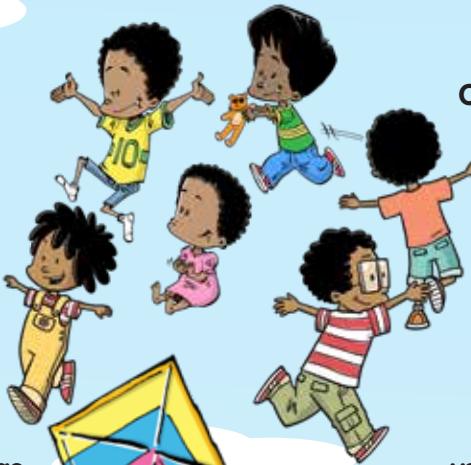
### Mainane le go tshameka go a tsamaisana

Bana ba rata go tshikinya mebele ya bone, go tshwara dilo tse di ba dikologileng, go opela dipina, go tshameka metshameko, go bua dipoko tsa bana, go reetsa mainane le go tlottle ka one, go torowa le go itira e kete ba a buisa le go kwala. Iphe nako e ntsi ka mo o ka kgonang ka teng go tshameka le bana ba gago, mme o ba neye nako le sebaka sa go tshameka ba le nosi/kgotsa le bana ba bangwe. Seno se tla dira gore ba itumele e bile go tla ba thusa gore ba tlhagolele boikutlo jo bo siameng jwa go itshepa. Fa tlase fano go na le dilo dingwe tse o ka di dirang go thusa bana ba gago:

- ❖ Iphe nako e ntsi ka mo o ka kgonang ka teng le bone letsatsi le letsatsi le fa o sena nako e kalo e o sa direng sepe ka yone.
- ❖ Tshameka metshameko e ba e ratang thata le bone.
- ❖ Ba botse dipotso malebana le gore letsatsi la bone le tsamaile jang le gore a go na le sengwe se se ba tshwenyang.
- ❖ Gantsi bana ga ba kgone go itthalosa sentle ka mafoko, ka jalo go botlhokwa gore o ba reetse sentle tota.
- ❖ Ba bolelele gore wa ba rata le gore o itumelela go ipha nako le bone. Ke nngwe ya dilo tse di molemo thata tse di ka ba thusang gore ba atlege le gore ba itumele mo nakong e e tlang.<sup>1</sup>



### Stories and play go together



Children love to move their bodies, interact with the things around them, sing songs, play games, say rhymes, listen to and tell stories, draw and pretend to read and write. Spend as much time as you can playing with your children, and give them the time and space to play alone and/or with other children. This will make them feel happy and help them develop healthy self-esteem. Here are some things you can do to help your children:

- ❖ Make as much time for them as you can every day even though your free time is limited.
- ❖ Play their favourite games with them.
- ❖ Ask them questions about their day and whether there is anything that worries them.
- ❖ Children often cannot express themselves fully with words, so it's important to really listen to them.
- ❖ Tell them that you love them and enjoy spending time with them. It is one of the best predictors of future success and happiness.<sup>1</sup>

You can base many play activities on stories that you tell or read to your children. Try making up a story together. Your stories should:

- ❖ be about subjects that your child enjoys. If your child loves soccer, find or tell a story about their favourite soccer team or player.
- ❖ have interesting characters that do or say funny things!
- ❖ have some repetition of words.
- ❖ be easy for your child to remember.

Once you have read or told a story to your children, make up play activities based on the story. Children could:

- \* try to draw characters from the story.
- \* use everyday things around them when they act out the story, like empty shoeboxes to make houses and old buttons to make eyes!
- \* dress up as story characters.
- \* make up songs about the story.



O ka thaya ditiro tse dintsia tsa metshameko mo mainaneng a o a tlottlelang bana ba gago kgotsa a o ba a buisetsang. Lekang go tlhamela leinane mmogo. Mainane a lona a tshwanetse go:

- ❖ bua ka dikgang tse ngwana wa gago a di ratang. Fa ngwana wa gago a rata kgwele ya dinao, batla kgotsa tlottle ka leinane le le buang ka setlhophsa sa kgwele se a se ratang thata kgotsa ka motshameki wa kgwele ya dinao yo a mo ratang thata.
- ❖ dira gore go nne le badiragatsi ba ba kgatlhisan go ba dirang kgotsa ba ba buang dilo tse di tshegisan!
- ❖ dira gore go nne le mafoko mangwe a a boolediwang.
- ❖ dira gore go nne mothofo gore ngwana wa gago a di gopole.

Fa o setse o buiseditse kgotsa o tlottlese bana ba gago leinane, tlhamela ditiro tsa metshameko tse di theilweng mo leinane leo. Bana ba ka:

- \* leka go torowa badiragatsi ba ba mo leinane.
- \* dirisa dilo tse di tlwaelegileng tse di ba dikologileng fa ba diragatsa leinane, dilo tse di jaaka mabokoso a ditlhako a a senang sepe ba dira e kete ke matlo le go dirisa dikonopo tsa bogologolo go dira matlh!
- \* apara jaaka batho ba ba mo leinane.
- \* tlhamela dipina tse di ka ga leinane.

<sup>1</sup> Munshi J. George E. Vaillant's 'Triumphs of Experience: The Men of the Harvard Grant Study.' NHRD Network Journal. Published online October 2016:102-105. doi:10.1177/0974173920160419

# Kafa o ka dirisang leinane la A re nneng ditsala!

Ka kwa tlase ga tsebe 4, o tla bona ditaelo tsa kafa o tshwanetseng go mena le go segolola leinane la, A re nneng ditsala!, mo ditsebeng 5-8, 11 le 12. Fa o setse o dirile bukana eno, o ka e dirisa ka ditsela tse di latelang:

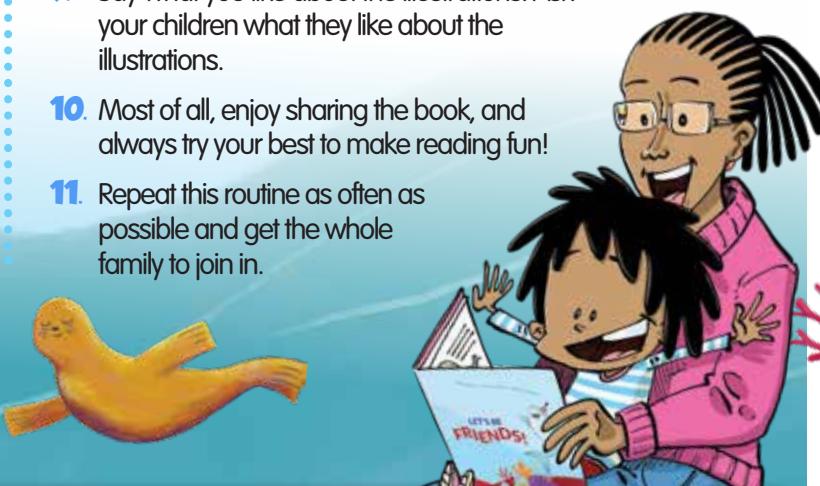
1. Kopa – mme ka mothla o se ka wa patelets – ngwana wa gago go buisa le wena.
2. Batla lefelo le le didimetseng le le monate le lo ka buisang mo go lone. Tima radio, thelebishesene le founo ya gago ya selula.
3. Dula gaufi kgotsa go hara ngwana wa gago.
4. Simolola ka go lebelela le go bua ka khabara e e kwa pele ya buka. Buisa setlhogo sa leinane le leina la mokwadi le motho yo o tsentseng ditswantsho.
5. Lebelela ditswantsho tse di mo tsebeng nngwe le nngwe. Rotloetsa ngwana wa gago go nkga, go tshwara le go ama ditsebe tsa buka.
6. Dira gore leinane le nne le botshelo! Dirisa mantswe a a farologaneng mo badiragatsing ba ba farologaneng. Mo leinaneng la A re nneng ditsala!, dirisa lentswe le le kima le le bogwata go etsa shaka.
7. Botsa gore, "O akanya gore ke eng se se tla diragalang morago ga gore?" shaka e dumedise ditshedi tse dingwe tse di farologaneng mo lewatleng. Potso e e ntseng jalo e tla thusa ngwana wa gago go dirisa leithlo la gagwe la mogopolo.
8. Tlotlang mmogo ka leinane. Ditshedi tse dingwe di ile tsa dira eng fa di bona shaka? Ke eng fa di ne di dira seno? A ka metlha go motho go dira ditsala?
9. Tihalosa gore ke eng se o se ratang ka ditswantsho. Botsa bana ba gago gore bone ba ratile eng ka ditswantsho.
10. Se se bothokwa le go feta, itumeleleng go buisa buka mmogo, mme ka metlha leka go dira sothle se o ka se kgonang go dira gore go buisa go nne monate!
11. Boeletsa tlwaelo eno gantsi ka mo o ka kgonang ka teng mme dira gore lelapa lotthe le kopanele le lona.



## How to use the story Let's be friends!

At the bottom of page 4, you will find instructions on how to fold and cut out the story, *Let's be friends!*, on pages 5-8, 11 and 12. Once you have made the little book, you can use it in the following ways:

1. Invite – never force – your child to read with you.
2. Find somewhere quiet and comfortable to read. Turn off the radio, TV and cell phone.
3. Sit close together or with your child on your lap.
4. Start by looking at and talking about the book's front cover. Read the story's title and the names of the author and illustrator.
5. Look at the pictures on each page. Encourage your child to smell, hold or touch the pages.
6. Make the story come alive! Use different voices for different characters. In *Let's be friends!* use a deep or rough voice for the shark.
7. Ask, "What do you think is going to happen next?" when the shark says hello to the different creatures in the sea. This kind of question will help to stimulate your child's imagination.
8. Talk to each other about the story. What did the other creatures do when they saw the shark? Why did they do this? Is it always easy to make friends?
9. Say what you like about the illustrations. Ask your children what they like about the illustrations.
10. Most of all, enjoy sharing the book, and always try your best to make reading fun!
11. Repeat this routine as often as possible and get the whole family to join in.



## Megopolo ya ditiro tse di ka dirwang mo go A re nneng ditsala!

Mo tsamaong ya letsatsi (tota le fa o dira ditiro tsa gago tsa mo gae!), o ka dira dilo tseno tse di monate le bana ba gago:

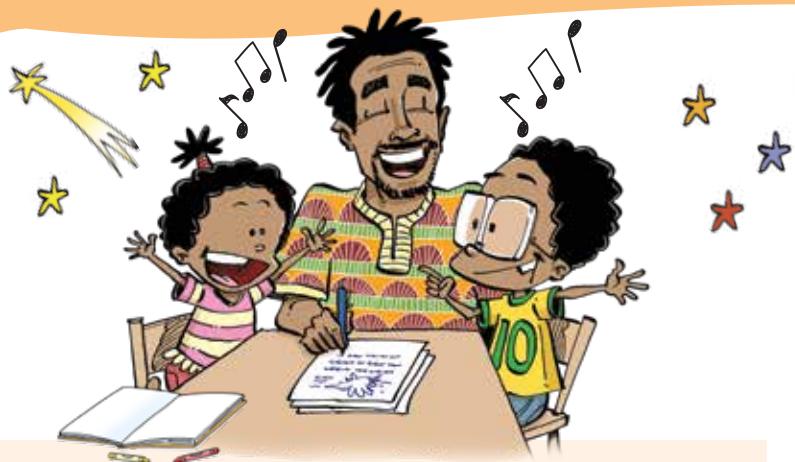
- \* Opelang pina e e leng kaga go dira kgotsa go nna ditsala.
- \* Itireng e kete lo dishaka tse di thumang mo lewatleng.
- \* Lebelela bana ba gago mme o bo o re, "Dumelang! Agee! A re nneng ditsala!" nako nngwe le nngwe fa o batla go dira jalo. Seno se tla dira gore ba tshege!
- \* Rotloetsa bana ba gago go leka go torowa dingwe tsa ditshedi tsa lewatle.
- \* Kopa bana ba gago go tlotla ka mainane a a buang ka dishaka, ditsala kgotsa sengwe le sengwe se ba se kgatlhegelang.
- \* Buisa leinane la A re nneng ditsala! gangwe le gape. Rotloetsa bana ba gago go bua ba re A re nneng ditsala! mo lefelong le le tshwanelang mo leinaneng.

## Activity ideas for Let's be friends!

Throughout the day (even when you are doing chores!), you can do fun activities with your children:

- \* Sing a song about making or being friends.
- \* Pretend to be sharks swimming in the sea.
- \* Look at your children and say, "Hello! Hi! Let's be friends!" whenever you feel like it. This will make them laugh!
- \* Encourage your children to try drawing some of the sea creatures.
- \* Invite your children to tell stories about sharks, friends or anything that interests them.
- \* Read *Let's be friends!* again and again. Encourage your children to say *Let's be friends!* at the correct place in the story.





# Nal'ibali yo o rategang ... Dear Nal'ibali ...

## Nal'ibali yo o rategang

Ke itumelela karolo e ntsha ya setheo sa ECD e e mo tsebeng 2 le 3! Ke sone fela se ke se tlhokang go dira gore morwadiake wa dingwaga di le 4 a nne a tshwaregile e bile a itumetse mo tsamaong ya letsatsi. Ke ne ke sa itse gore dipoko tsa bana le metshameko e botlhokwa jaana go mo thusa go tokafatsa puo ya gagwe. Setlhophpha sa Nal'ibali ke a lo leboga, ka nthya kgakololo ya lona e e molemolemo!

Madume

*Ke nna Xolisile Mvubu, wa kwa Isipingo*



## Xolisile yo o rategang

Re itumela thata go utlwa gore karolo e ntsha ya setheo sa ECD e go thusitse thata. Go bua le go tshameka le ngwana wa gago go thusa ngwana wa gago go tokafatsa bokgoni jwa gagwe jwa puo le jwa go dirisa leithlo la mogopolo – e bile go nonotsha kamano e e fa gare ga lona. Itumelela dipina, dipoko tsa bana le metshameko le bana ba gago!

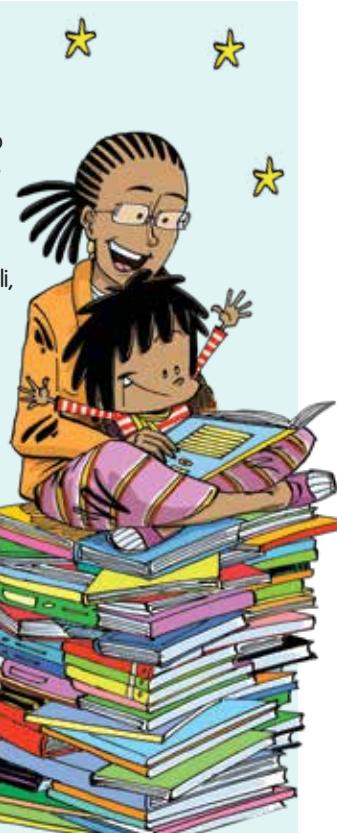
*Setlhophpha sa Nal'ibali*

## Dear Nal'ibali

I am so excited by the new ECD section on pages 2 and 3! It is just what I need to keep my four-year-old daughter busy and happy during the day. I did not know that rhymes and games were so important for her language development. Thank you, Nal'ibali, for your amazing advice!

Kind regards

*Xolisile Mvubu, Isipingo*



## Dear Xolisile

We are very happy to hear that our new ECD section is so helpful to you. Talking to and playing with your child helps to develop their language skills and imagination – and strengthens the bond between you. Enjoy songs, rhymes and games with your little ones!

*The Nal'ibali Team*

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## Nal'ibali yo o rategang

Ga ke itse gore nka dira jang gore morwadiake wa dingwaga di le robongwe a kgone go buisetsa go ijesa monate. O na le bothata jwa go buisa kwa sekolong, mme ka nthya ya seo ga a battle go buisa kwa gae.

*Ke nna Cornell Williams, wa kwa Goodwood*

## Cornell yo o rategang

Fa go buisa go le thata mo baneng, ga se gantsi ba ka buisang ka nako e ba sa direng sepe ka yone. Leka go batla ditsela tse ka tsone morwadio a ka kgonang go itumelela dibuka le mainane kwantle ga gore a di ipusetse. Ka sekai, mo battlele dibuka tsa ditshwantsho tse di senang mafoko. Dira gore a reetse mainane. (O ka kgonang go bona mainane a a rekotlweng mo go [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org)). Lebelelang filimi e e buang ka buka nngwe mmogo mme o bo o akantsa gore lo buise buka eo mmogo. Re a tlhomamisega gore go ise go ye kae o tla bo a rata dibuka thata.

*Setlhophpha sa Nal'ibali*



## Dear Nal'ibali

I don't know how to get my nine-year-old daughter to read for pleasure. She struggles with reading at school and so she doesn't want to read at home.

*Cornell Williams, Goodwood*



## Dear Cornell

When reading is difficult for children, they are less likely to read in their spare time. Try to find ways for your daughter to experience the joy of books and stories without having to read on her own. For example, find wordless picture books for her. Let her listen to stories. (You can find audio stories on [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org)). Watch a movie based on a book together and then suggest reading the book together. We're sure that she'll get hooked on books in no time.

*The Nal'ibali Team*

## Godisa laeborari ya gago.

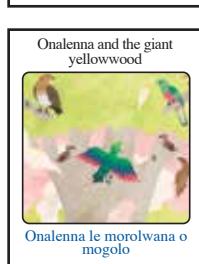
### Itirele dibuka tsa sega-o-boloke tse PEDI

#### Onalenna le morolwana o mogolo

1. Ntsha letlhare la tsebe 9 la tlaleletso e.
2. Mena letlhare ka bogare go lebagana le mola wa dikhutlo tse dintsho.
3. Le mene ka bogare gape go lebagana le mola wa dikhutlo tse di tala go dira buka.
4. Seg a go lebagana le mela ya dikhutlo tse dikhibidu go kgaoganya ditsebe.

#### A re nneng ditsala!

1. Go dira buka e dirisa ditsebe 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 le 12.
2. Tlogela ditsebe 7 le 8 mo gare ga ditsebe tse dingwe.
3. Mena matlhare ka bogare go lebagana le mola wa dikhutlo tse dintsho.
4. A mene ka bogare gape go lebagana le mola wa dikhutlo tse di tala go dira buka.
5. Seg a go lebagana le mela ya dikhutlo tse dikhibidu go kgaoganya ditsebe.



## Grow your own library.

### Create TWO cut-out-and-keep books

#### Onalenna and the giant yellowwood

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.

#### Let's be friends!

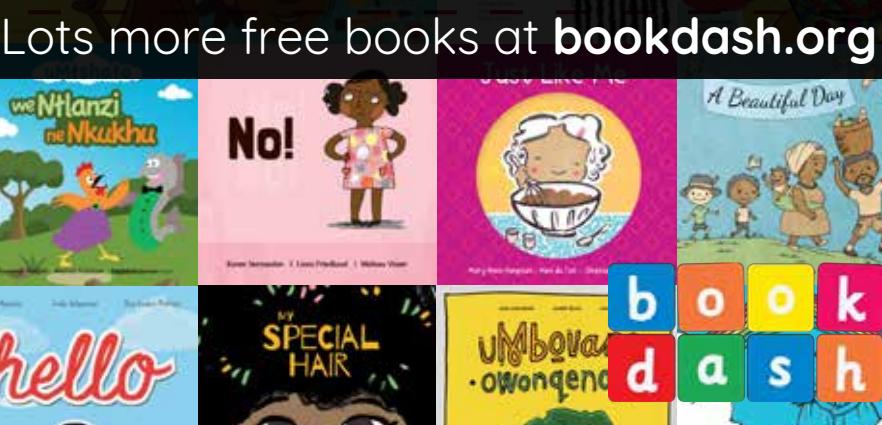
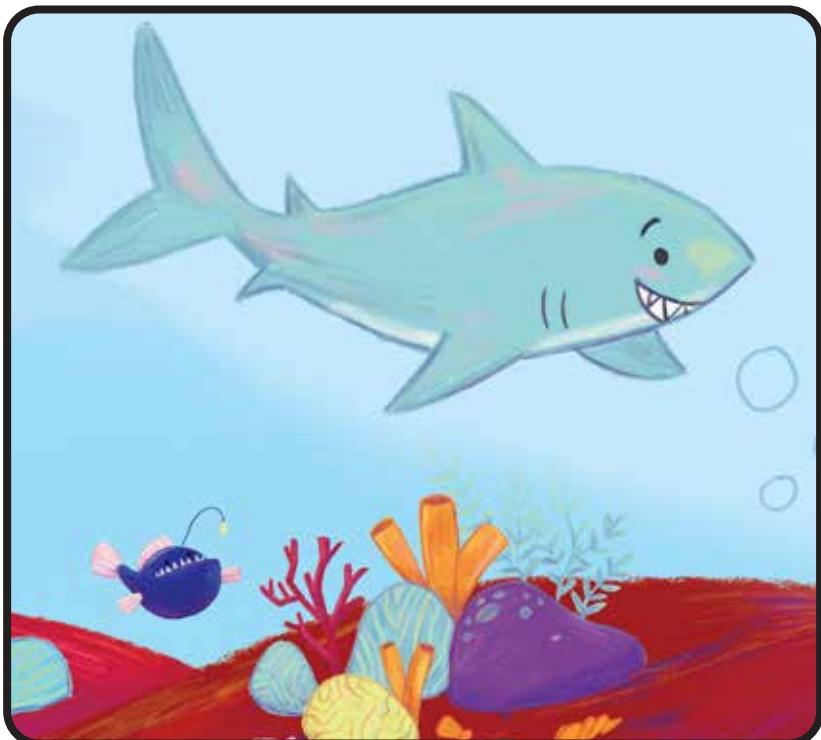
1. To make this book, use pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and 12.
2. Keep pages 7 and 8 inside the other pages.
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4. Fold them in half again along the green dotted line to make the book.
5. Cut along the red dotted lines to separate the pages.



Ao bathong.  
Oh my.



Let's be friends!



### Get story active!

★ Make a *Let's be friends!* badge in the shape of a shark.

1. Draw a shark on a piece of paper. Colour in your picture with pencil crayons or kokis.
2. Cut out the shark shape with a pair of scissors.
3. Use glue to paste the shark drawing onto a thin piece of cardboard, for example, a cereal box.
4. Cut the cardboard around the shark shape.
5. Use sticky tape or masking tape to attach a safety pin to the back of the badge. Or make a hole at the top and thread some wool or string through it so that you can hang it around your neck.
6. Enjoy wearing your badge anywhere and any time you want to make friends!

### Nna le mathagatlhaga a leinane!

★ Dira betshe ya A re nneng ditsala! ka sebolego sa shaka.

1. Torowa shaka mo pampitshaneng. Tsenya setshwantsho sa gago mebal ka dikerayone tsa pensele kgotsa dikhoki.
2. Segolola sebolego sa shaka ka sekere.
3. Dirisa sekgomaretsi go kgomaretsa setshwantsho sa shaka mo khatebokosong e nnye e tshesane, ka sekai, lebokoso la seriele.
4. Segolola sebolego sa shaka.
5. Dirisa theipe e e kgomaretsang kgotsa masking tape gore o tsenye sepelete kafa morago ga betshe. Kgotsa dira leroba mo godimo o bo o tsenya wulu kgotsa mogala gore o kgone go ka e tsenya mo thamong ya gago.
6. Itumelele go tsenya betshe ya gago gongwe le gongwe le nako nngwe le nngwe e o batlang go dira ditsala ka yone!

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**Ideas to talk about:** Is it easy to make friends? What do you think? Have you made any friends before? What can someone do to make new friends? Is it normal for some people not to want to be your friend? Why?

**Megopol e re ka buang ka yona:** A go mothlofo go dira ditsala? O akanya jang? A o kile wa dira ditsala dingwe? Motho a ka dira eng gore a dire ditsala tse disha? A go tlwaelegile gore batho bangwe ba se ka ba batla go nna ditsala tsa gago? Ka ntsha yang?

**A re nneng ditsala!**

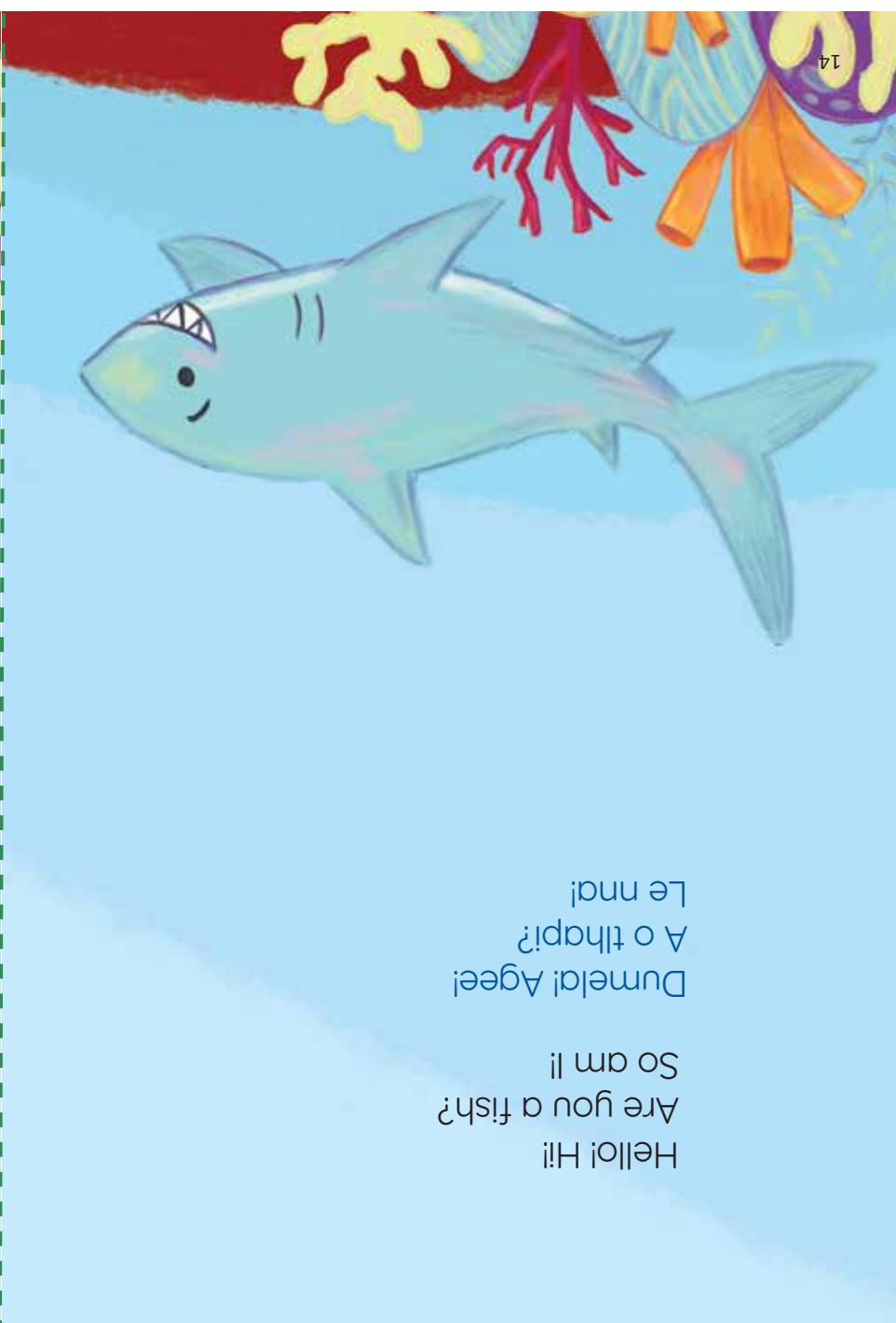
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A RE NNENG DITSALA!  
LET'S BE FRIENDS!

It's time to make  
some friends!

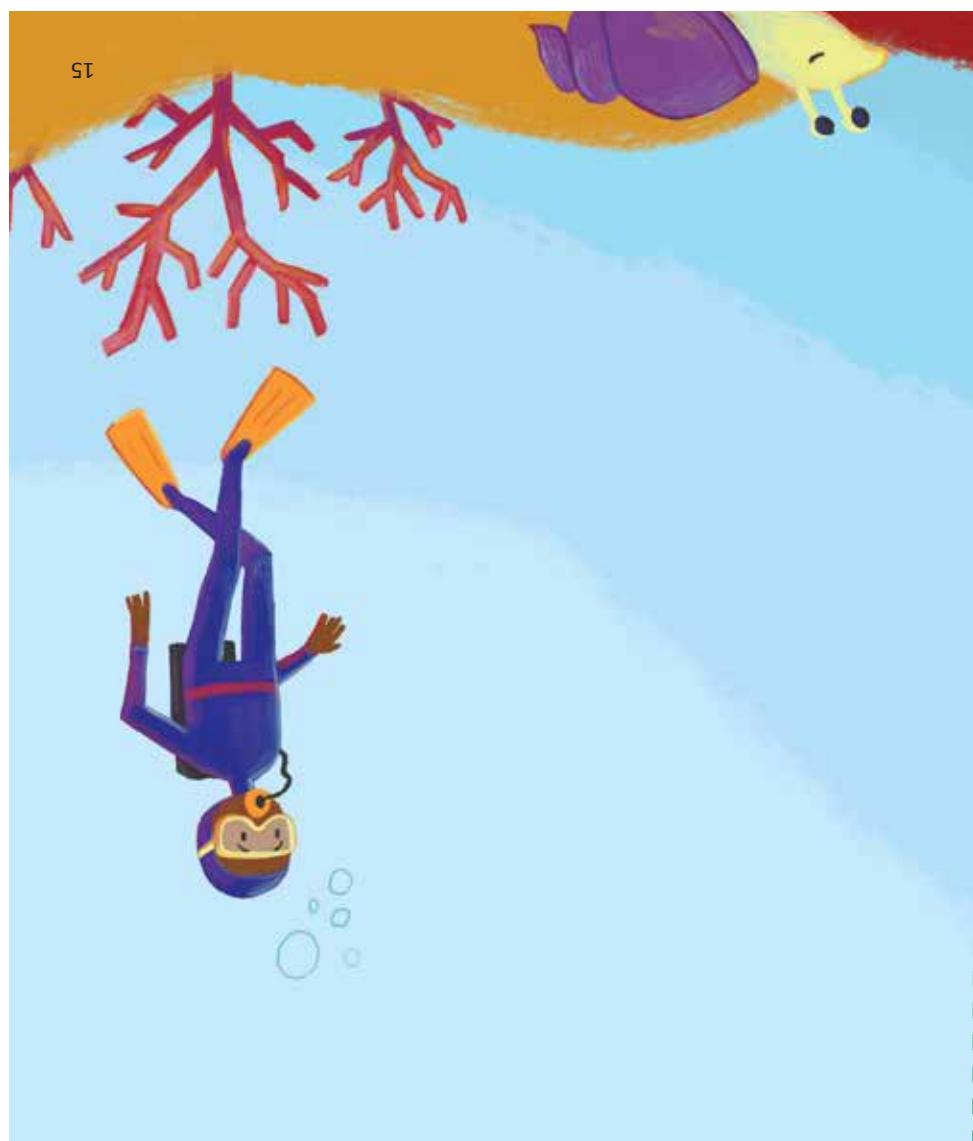
Ke nako ya  
go dira ditsala  
dingwe!



Le nna!  
A o thapi?  
Dumeia! Ageel  
So am li!  
Are you a fish?  
Hello! Hi!



A RE NNENG DITSALA!

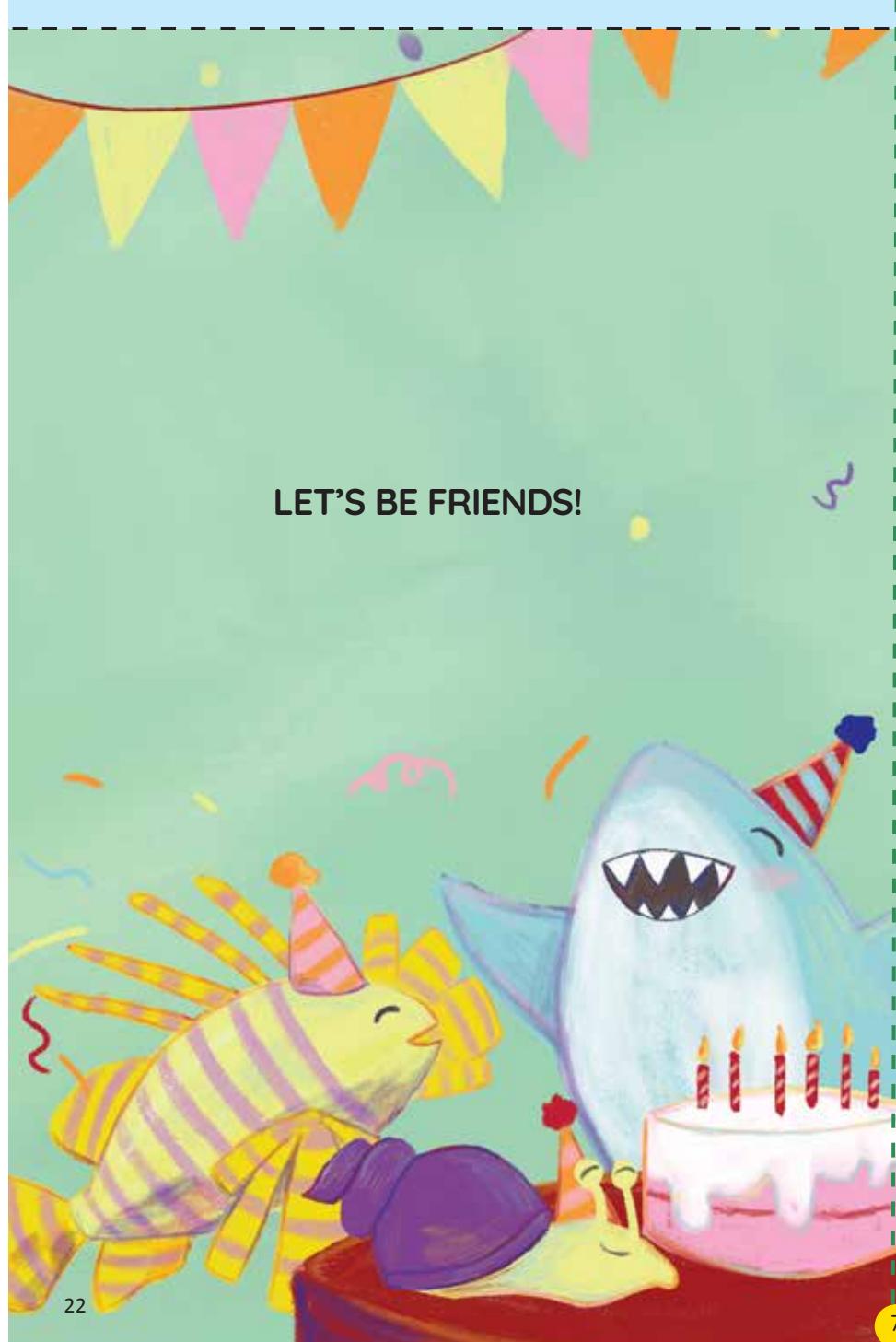


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LET'S BE FRIENDS!

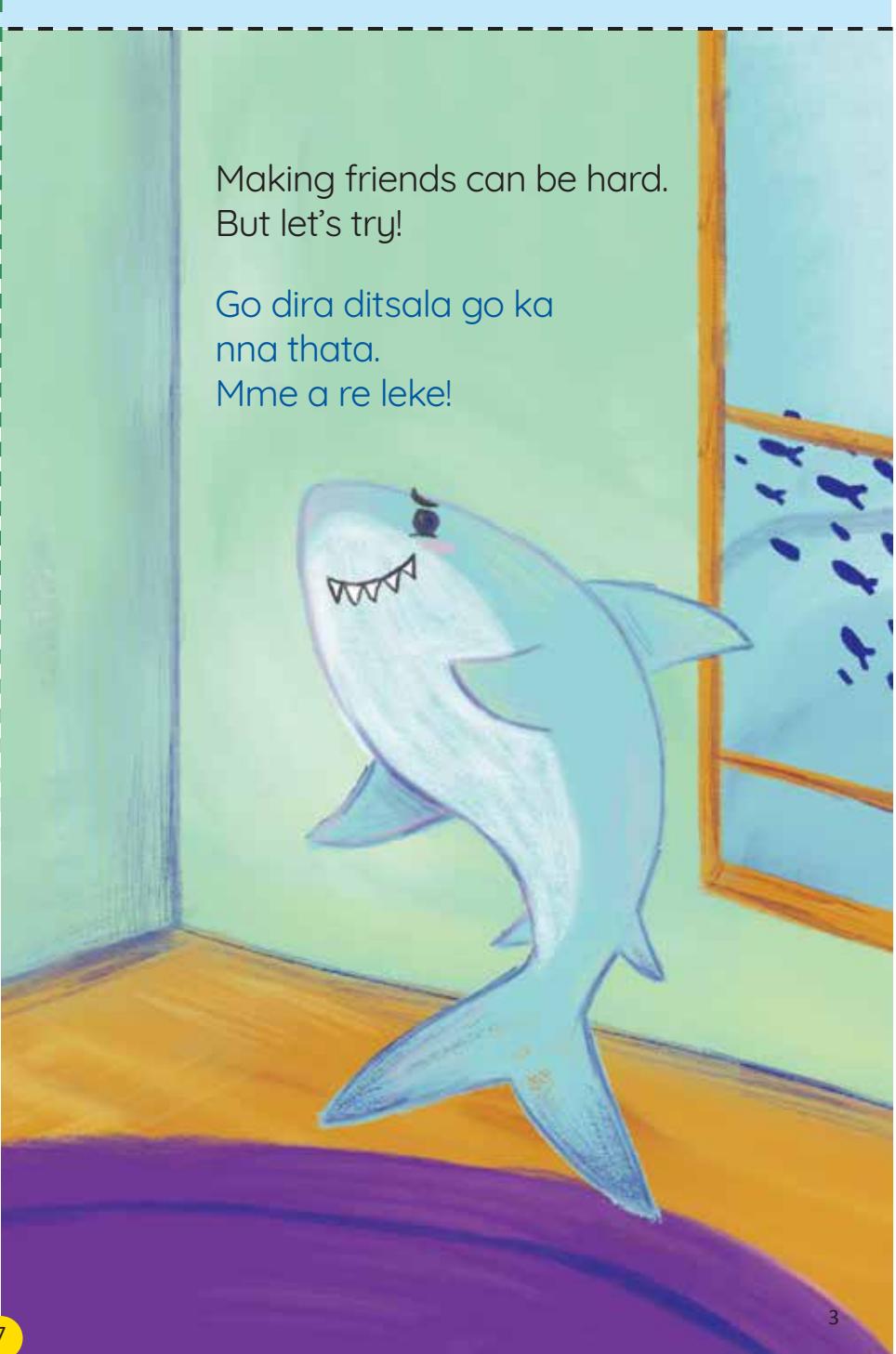


Le nnd!  
tsa lewata?  
A o rata dikkapetla  
Dumela! Agge!

So do li!  
Do you like seashells?  
Hello! Hi!



LET'S BE FRIENDS!



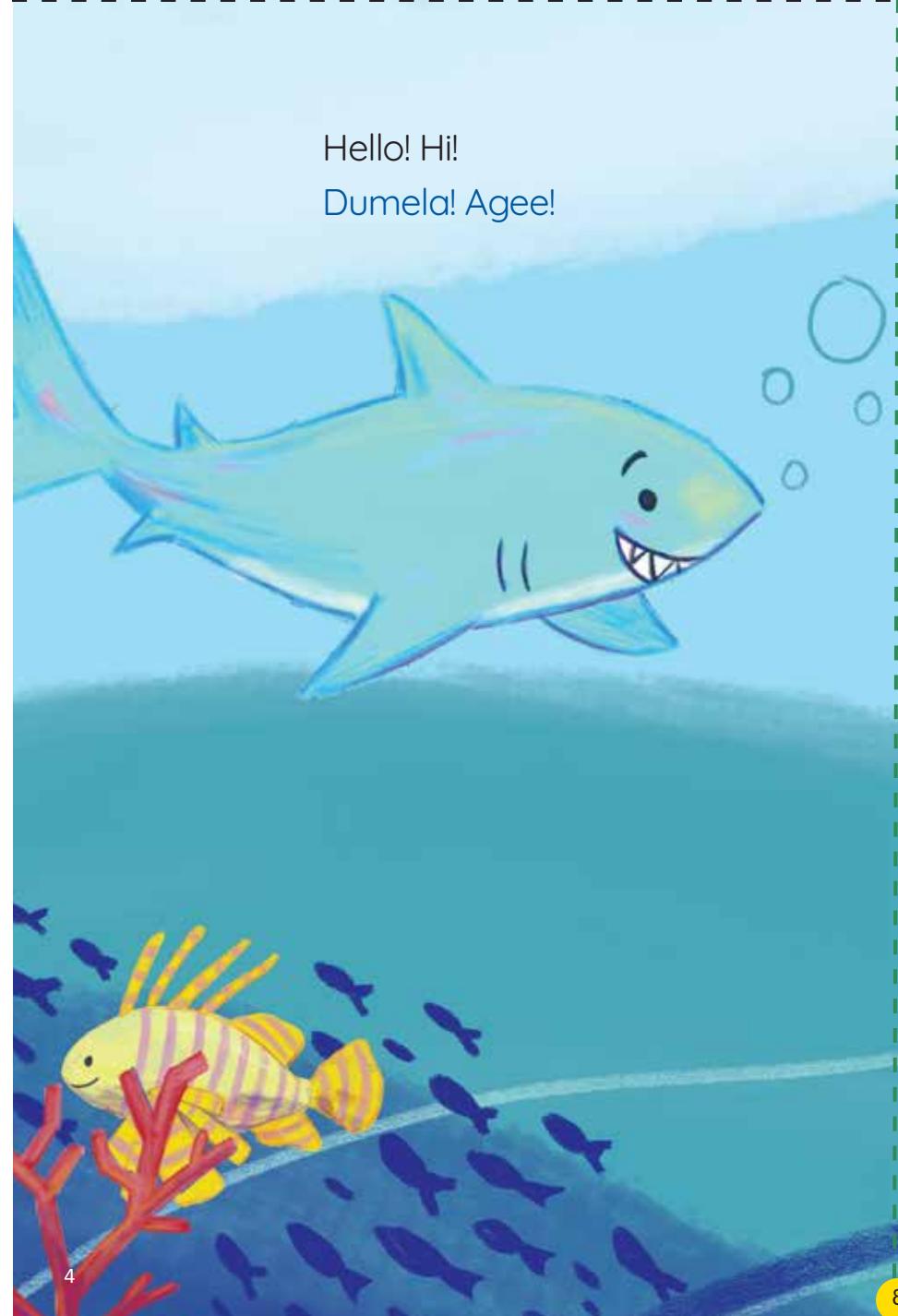
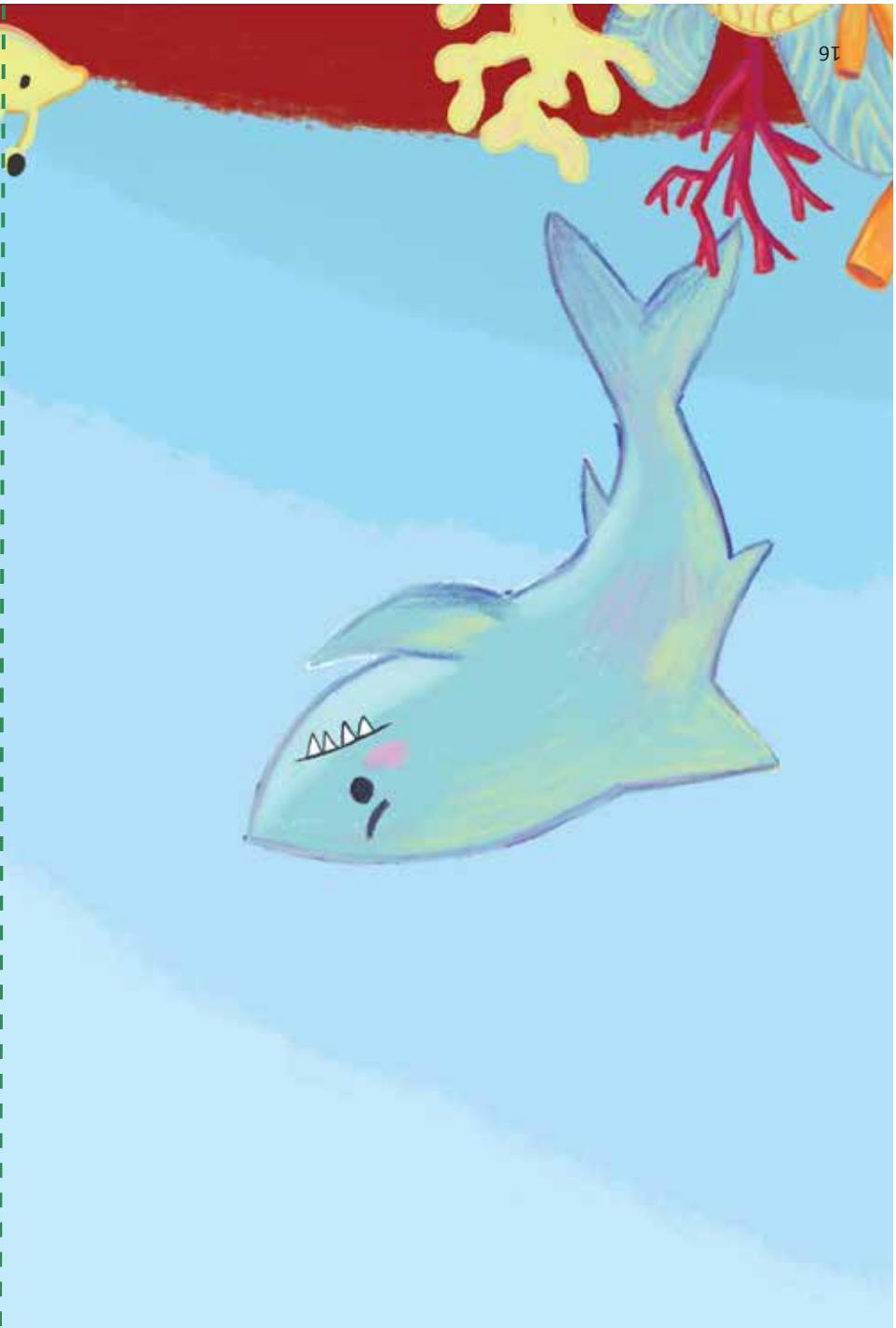
Making friends can be hard.  
But let's try!

Go dira ditsala go ka  
nna thata.  
Mme a re leke!

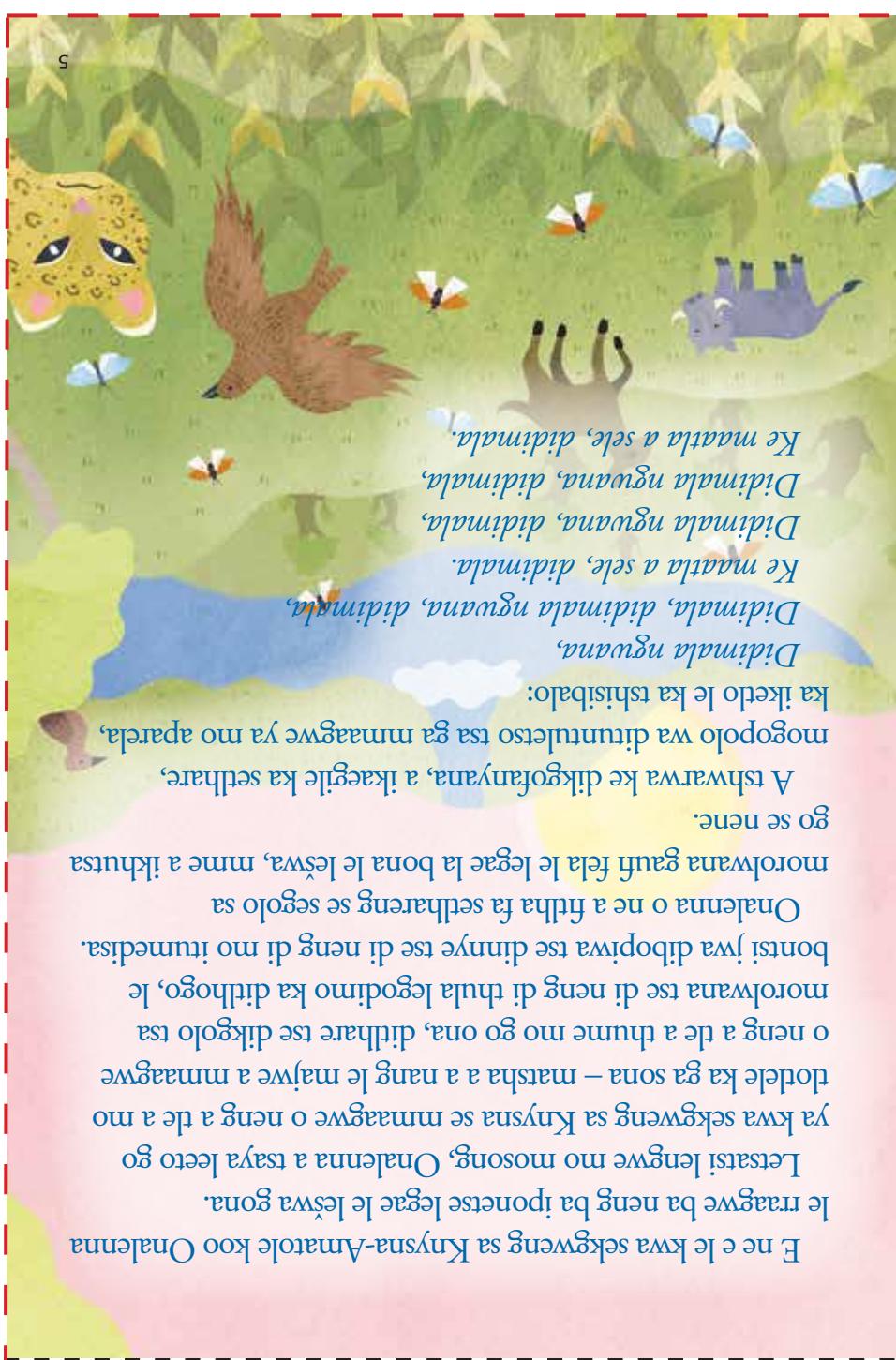


Hioo.

Oh dear.



Hello! Hi!  
Dumela! Agee!



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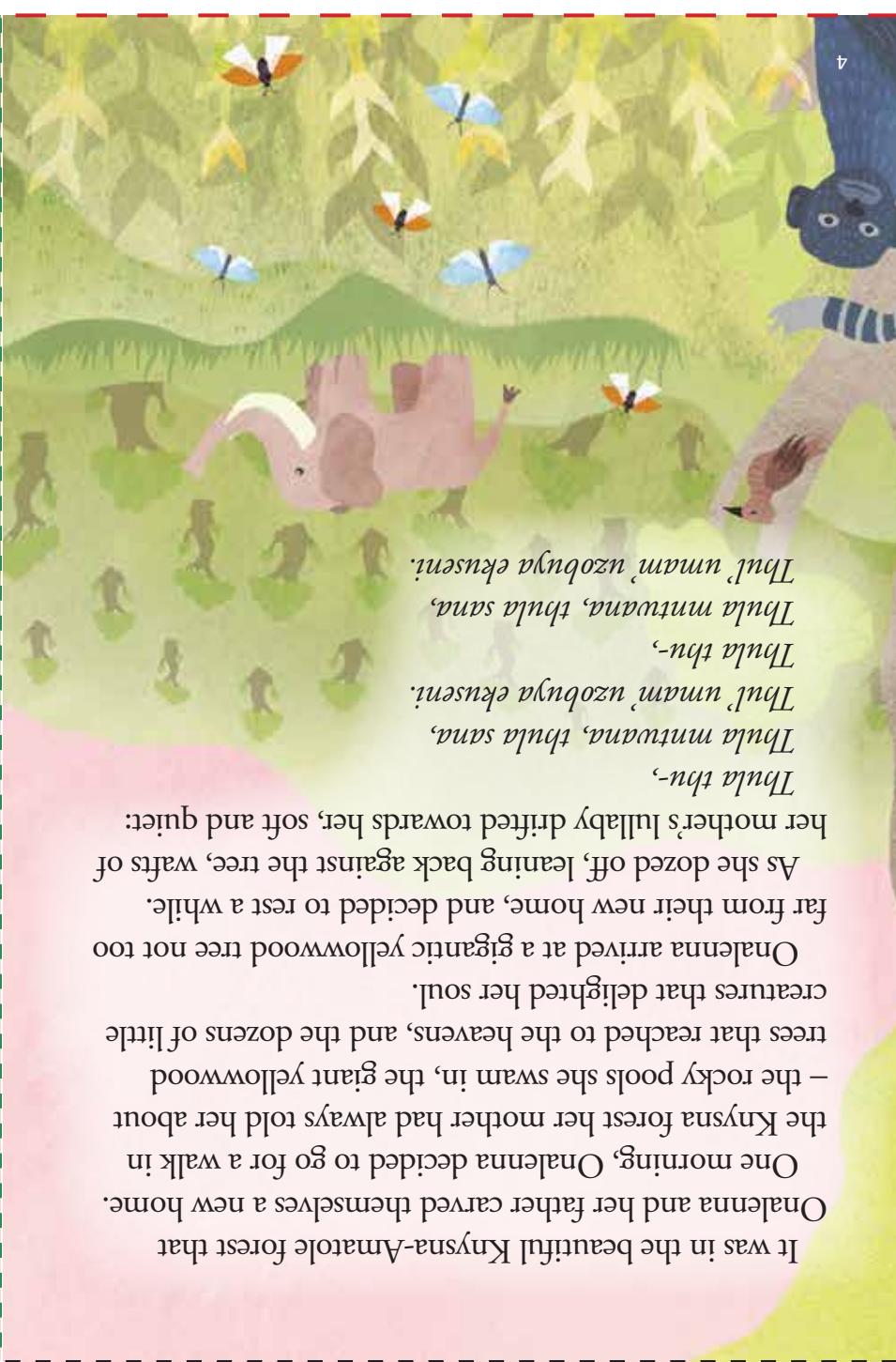
**Get story active!**

- ★ Sing the lullaby in the story, or sing a lullaby you know.
  - ★ Be a word detective! Find words in the story that tell you the following:
    - ★ The yellowwood trees were very big.
    - ★ The little creatures in the forest made Onalenna very happy.
  - ★ Onalenna missed her mother very much. Imagine that you are Onalenna. Write a letter to Onalenna's mother about living in the Knysna forest.
  - ★ Look in old magazines for pictures of the animals of the Knysna forest, or draw your own pictures. Cut out the animals. Draw a forest on a big sheet of paper. Paste your animal cut-outs on the picture of the forest.

# Nna le matlhagatlhaga a leinane!

- ★ Opela tuntuletso e mo setoring, kgotsa opela tuntuletso e o e itseng.
  - ★ Nna mophuruphutshi wa mafoko! Batla mafoko a mo setoring se a a go bolelelang tse di latelang.
    - ★ Dithlare tsa morolwana di ne di le dikgolo.
    - ★ Dibopiwanyana tsa mo sekgweng di ne tsa itumedisa Onalenna fela thata.
  - ★ Onalenna o ne a tlhologetsws mmaagwe fela thata. Ikakanye e le wena Onalenna.
    - Kwalea mmaagwe Onalenna lekwalo kaga go nna mo sekgweng sa Knysna.
  - ★ Leba ditshwantsho mo dimakasineng tsa bogologolo o batle diphologolo tsa mo sekgweng sa Knysna, kgotsa terowa ditshwantsho tsa gago. Segolola diphologolo.
    - Terowa sekgwae mo pampiring e kgolo. Kgomaretsa ditshwantsho tsa diphologolo tse o di segolotseng mo setshwantshong sa sekgwae.

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# Onalenna and the giant yellowwood



# Onalenna le morolwana o mogolo

*Rujeko Moyo • Neil Badenhorst*

**Ideas to talk about:** Onalenna's mother died when she was very young. Have you lost someone you love? What is your special memory of that person?

**Megopolو e re ka buang ka yona:** Mmaagwe Onalenna o tlhokafetse a santse a le monnye. A o tlhokafaletswe ke mongwe yo o mo ratang? Ke eng se se kgethegileng se o se gopolang ka motho yoo?

Onalenna e ne e le ena nqwanana fela a le nosi  
 o neng a rata go mo robartsa ka yona fa a ne a  
 mmaagwe. Tota o ne a rata pima e mmaagwe  
 mo lapeng, o ne a rativa thata ke rraagwe le  
 tuutlecsa:

Didimala nqwanana,  
 Didimala, didimala nqwanana, didimala,  
 Didimala nqwanana, didimala,  
 Didimala, didimala nqwanana, didimala,  
 Didimala nqwanana,  
 Didimala, didimala nqwanana, didimala,  
 Didimala nqwanana, didimala,  
 Didimala, didimala nqwanana, didimala.

Ka letstasi lengwe mmaagwe Onalenna a  
 le monnye, mmaagwe a tlhokafala. Onalenna a  
 simolola go lwalla, ya re fa Onalenna a sa nse a  
 khudisa go opela.

Rraagwe a swetsa go ba fudusetsa gauh le kwa  
 mmaagwe o neng a golerte gona.

One day, a beautiful, melodious sound greeted Onalenna's father as he approached home.  
 "How was your day, Pap?" And every day, she would tell him all about her: "But she began to ask her father: "Onalenna began visiting the tree she awoke enveloped in the return home with a smiling aura of her mother's embrace and she would tell him all about her: "It was Onalenna singing.

Onalenna was an only child, dearly loved and treasured by her father and mother.

She especially loved the lullaby her mother sang to her every time she rocked her to sleep:

*Thula thu-, (Quiet, shhh)*  
*Thula sana, thula mntwana, (Quiet child, hush my baby)*  
*Thul' umam' uzobuya ekuseni.*  
*(Quiet, mother will come in the morning)*  
*Thula thu-,*  
*Thula mntwana, thula sana,*  
*Thul' umam' uzobuya ekuseni.*

But one day Onalenna's mother became sick, and when Onalenna was just a little girl, her mother passed away. Onalenna stopped singing.

Onalenna's father decided to move them closer to where her mother was raised.

Ya re a thanya a bo a aperwe ke bothitho jwa sehuba sa ga mmaagwe mme a boela gae pelo e phophoma ka boitumelo.

Onalenna a simolola go etela setlhare se letsatsi le letsatsi.

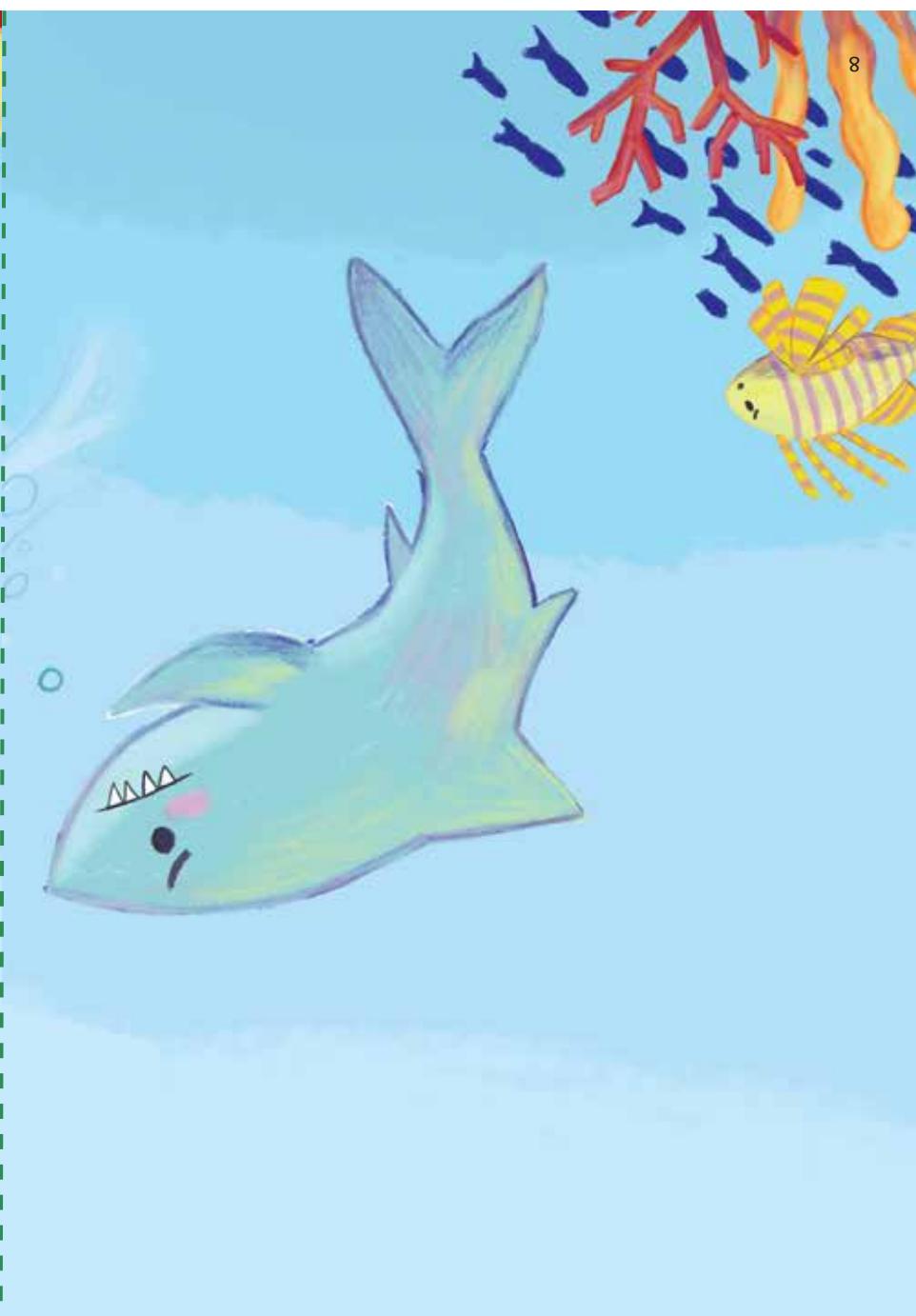
A simolola go botsa rraagwe potso:  
 "O tlhotse jang Rra?" Mme a simolole go mmolelala ka tsotlhe tse di mo diragaletseng mo letsatsing.

Letsatsi lengwe rraagwe Onalenna o ne a utlwa fela lentswe le le molodi le mo dumedisa fa a atumela fa gae.

E ne e le Onalenna a opela.

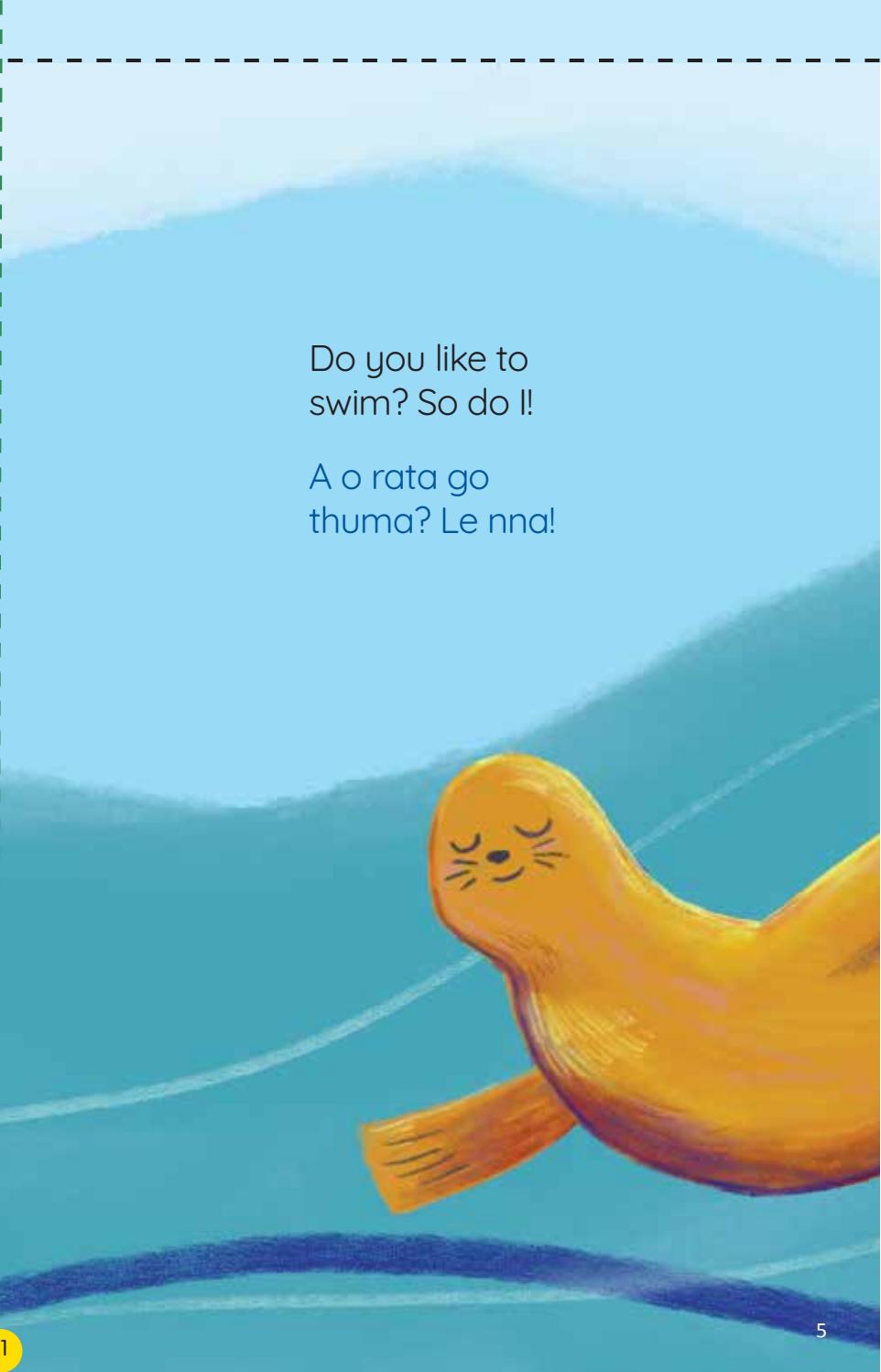


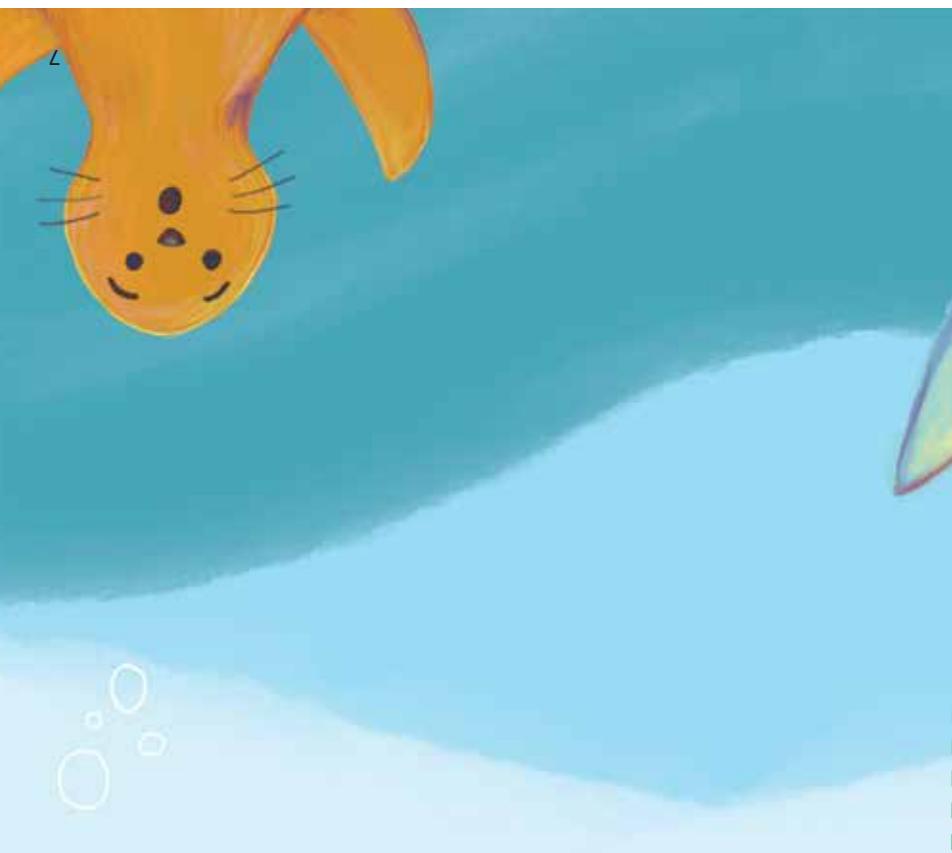
NNYAA tilhe.  
Oh my.



Do you like to  
swim? So do !!

A o rata go  
thuma? Le nna!





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GA GO NA OPE yo o batiang  
NOBODY wants to be my  
friend.  
go nna tsala ja me.

LET'S BE FRIENDS!  
ARE NNENG DITSALA!



Knock,  
knock.  
Koo,  
koo.

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# Ke mmadi!



# I am a reader!

Contact us in any of these ways:

Ikgolaganye le rona ka nngwe ya ditsela tse:



# Maseka a botsala

Ka Zahida Wahab ■ Ditshwantsho ka Chantelle le Burgen Thorne



Palesa le Gracie e nnile ditsala tse dikgolo go tloga ba le dingwaga di le tharo. E ne e le baagelani mme le bommabone le bone e ne e le ditsala. Ba ne ba fetana ka kgwedi mme ba ne ba godisitswe jaaka bonkgonne. Ba ne ba dira sengwe le sengwe mmogo. Ba ne ba tsena sekolo se se tshwanang mme ba feleletsa ba le mo tlelaseng e le nngwe!



Mme ka letsatsi lengwe, fa basetsana bano ba ne ba setse ba godilenyana, go ne ga direga sengwe se se neng sa dira gore ba hutsafale thata. Gracie o ne a goroga kwa ntlong ya gaabo Palesa a geletse dikeledi.

"Bothata ke eng?" ga botsa jalo Palesa, a tshwenyegile thata ka tsala ya gagwe.

"Papa o bone tiro kwa toropong e nngwe, mme lelapa la gaetsho le tshwanetse go fuduga," Gracie a rialo a ntse a lela.

Basetsana ba babedi ba ne ba kgapha dikeledi. "Mama, a Gracie a ka sala le rona tlhe?" Palesa a lopa mmaagwe jalo.

"Mama, a Palesa a ka tsamaya le rona tlhe?" Gracie a lopa mmaagwe jalo. Mme, ka maswabi, seno se ne se ka se kgonege ka gonnes mongwe le mongwe wa basetsana o ne a tshwanetse go nna le balelapa la gaabo.

Letsatsi pele ga balelapa la gaabo Gracie le tsamaya, Palesa o ne a akanya ka mpho e e kgethegileng e a ka e nayang tsala ya gagwe. E ne e le leseka la pheko le mmèmogolo wa gagwe a kileng a le mo naya dingwaga di le dintsi tse di fetileng. Mosadi yo o neng a rekisetsa mmèmogolo wa gagwe leseka leo o ne a re o dirile maseka a le mabedi fela a mofuta oo. Lesekla le lengwe le ne le na le pheko ya letsatsi, mme e nngwe e ne e na le pheko ya ngwedi.

Mmèmogolo wa ga Palesa o ne a tlhophetse Palesa letsatsi. "O lesedi la matshelo a rona," o ne a rialo fa a naya Palesa leseka leo. Fa mmèmogolo wa ga Palesa a tlhokafala, Palesa o ne a utlwa lorato la ga mmèmogolo wa gagwe ka metlha fa a tsentse leseka leno. Le ne le

kgethegile thata mo go ene.

"Ke batla go naya Gracie leseka leno," Palesa a sebaseba a bua a le nosi. "Le tla mo gopotsa gore re tla nna re le ditsala tse dikgolo ka metlha."

Gracie o ne a fudugela kwa sekolong sa gagwe se sesha, mme o ne a tlholo gelelwa tsala ya gagwe thata. Basetsana ba babedi ba ne ba kwalelana nako nngwe le nngwe fa ba bona nako.

Ka letsatsi lengwe, Palesa o ne a amogela sephuthelwana ka poso. Se ne se tswa kwa go Gracie. "Ke ipotsa gore go na le eng mo go yone," Palesa a rialo fa mmaagwe a mo naya sephuthelwana.

"Se bule!" Mama a nyenya.

Palesa o ne a gakgamala, ka gonnes o ne a fitlhela leseka le le tshwanang fela jaaka le a le fileng Gracie mo teng ga sephuthelwana seo. "Ke eng fa Gracie a busitse leseka la me?" Palesa a botsa jalo, a tshwenyegile e bile a hutsafetse go sekaenyana.

Mme fa Palesa a lebelela leseka ka kelotlhoko, o ne a bona gore leno le ne le na le pheko ya ngwedi. "Leno ke leseka le lengwe le Nkoko a ileng a mpolelela ka lone!" Palesa a rialo a na le monyenyo o mogolo. Mme o ne a amogela gape le lekwalonyana le le tswang kwa go Gracie. Gracie o ne a kwala jaana: Ke fitlhetsese leseka leno mo ntlong ya rona e ntsha. Ke ne ka leka go le busetsa kwa go mong wa lone, mme o ne a re ke le tseye ke mpho. Ke a go le romelela go go gopotsa gore re tla nna re le ditsala tse dikgolo ka metlha.

"A bo e le tiragalo e e gakgamatsang ruri," Palesa a rialo, fa a ntse a tsenya leseka.



Palesa o ne a itse gore ke letshwao la gore ditsala tse pedi tse di tla nna e le ditsala ka metlha, go sa kgathalesege gore yo mongwe o nna kgakala go le kana kang le yo mongwe. Ba ne ba tshwana le letsatsi le ngwedi, mongwe le mongwe a ntsha lesedi ka tsela ya gagwe e e tlhomologileng.

## Nna le mathagathaga a leinane!

- ★ A o na le tsala e kgolo? Ke eng se o se ratang ka tsala ya gago e kgolo?
- ★ Torowa setshwantsho sa gago le tsala ya gago e kgolo lo dira sengwe se lo se ratang thata.

- ★ O ka nna gape wa kwala lekvalo le go le kgabisa o tlhalosa kafa o ratang tsala ya gago e kgolo ka teng. O ka simolola lekvalo la gago ka go bolela jaana, "Jabu yo o rategang, ke leboga go bo o le tsala ya me. Ke a go rata ka gonnes ..."

# The friendship bracelets

By Zahida Wahab ■ Illustrations by Chantelle and Burgen Thorne

Palesa and Gracie had been best friends since they were three years old. They lived next door to each other, and their mothers were friends too. They were born a month apart and were raised like sisters. They did everything together. They went to the same school and always ended up in the same class!



Then one day, when the girls were a bit older, something happened that made them very sad. Gracie arrived at Palesa's house in tears.

"What's wrong?" Palesa asked, very worried about her friend.

"My dad got a job in another city, and my family has to move," Gracie said through her tears.

The two girls cried their hearts out. "Mama, can Gracie please stay with us?" Palesa begged her mom.

"Mama, can Palesa please go with us?" Gracie begged her mom. But, sadly, this was not possible because the girls each had to stay with their own family.

The day before Gracie's family left, Palesa thought of a special gift for her friend. It was the charm bracelet her grandmother had given her years ago. The woman who had sold the bracelet to her grandmother had said that she had made only two of this kind. One bracelet had a sun charm, and the other one had a moon charm.

Palesa's grandmother had chosen the sun for Palesa. "You are the light of our lives," she had said when she gave Palesa the bracelet. When Palesa's grandmother passed away, Palesa always felt her grandmother's love when she wore the bracelet. It was very special to her.

"I want Gracie to have this bracelet," Palesa whispered to herself. "It will remind her that we will always be best friends."

Gracie moved to her new school, but she missed her friend very much. The two girls wrote to each other every chance they got.

One day, Palesa received a package in the mail. It was from Gracie. "I wonder what's inside," Palesa said as her mom handed it to her.

"Open it!" Mama smiled.

To Palesa's surprise, she found a bracelet just like the one she had given Gracie inside the package. "Why did Gracie send my bracelet back?" Palesa asked, feeling worried and a bit sad.

But when Palesa looked at the bracelet more carefully, she saw that this one had a moon charm. "This is the other bracelet Granny told me about!" Palesa said with a big smile. Then she also found a note from Gracie. Gracie wrote: *I found this bracelet in our new home. I tried to return it to the owner, but she said I could have it as a gift. I am sending it to you to remind you that we will always be best friends.*

"What a magical coincidence," Palesa said, as she put on the bracelet.



Palesa knew it was a sign that the two friends would always stay friends, no matter how far away they lived from each other. They were like the sun and moon, each giving light in its own unique way.

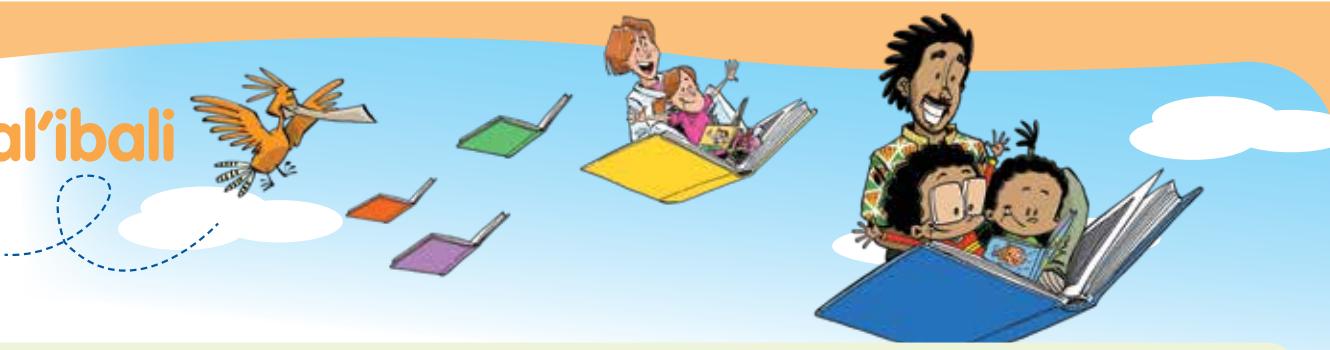
## Get story active!

- ★ Do you have a best friend? What do you like about your best friend?
- ★ Draw a picture of you and your best friend doing your favourite activity.

- ★ Write and decorate a letter saying how much you appreciate your best friend. You can start your letter by saying, "Dear Jabu, thank you for being my friend. I appreciate you because ..."

# Monate wa Nal'ibali

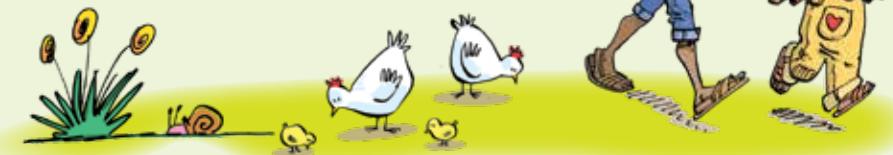
## Nal'ibali fun



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Bella le mmaagwe ba thoka go fitlha kwa go Hope le Afrika. A o ka kgona go ba thusa?

Bella and her mom need to get to Hope and Afrika. Can you help them?



2.



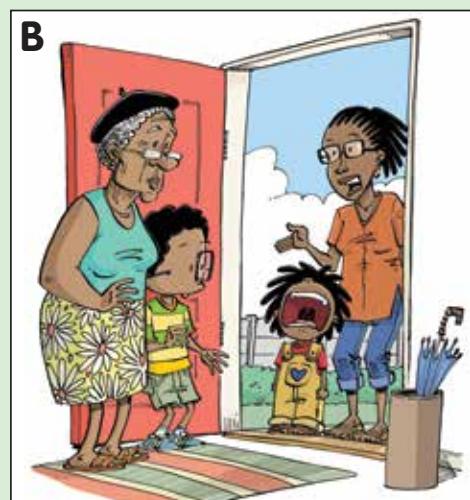
Mbali ke monnawe Neo, mme o na le dingwaga di le pedi. O rata dibuka le dipoko tsa bana tse di leng mo go tsone, mme gape o itumelela go dira e kete o buisa dibuka tsa ga Neo. Gantsi o buisetsa *teddy bearya* gagwe le ntsha ya ga Bella, e bong Noodle. O akanya gore setlhogo sa buka e Mbali a e buisang mo setshwantshong sa reng? Kwala gore o akanya gore a reng mo puduleng ya puo, morago ga foo o bo o torowa setshwantsho kgotsa kwala sengwe mo puduleng ya kakanyo go bontsha se *teddy bearya* gagwe e se akanyang.

Mbali is Neo's sister, and she is two years old. She loves books with rhymes in them, but she also enjoys pretending to read Neo's books. She often reads to her teddy bear and to Bella's dog, Noodle. What do you think the title of the book is that Mbali is reading in the picture? Write what you think she's saying in the speech bubble, and then draw a picture or write something in the thought bubble to show what her teddy bear is thinking.

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A o ka kgona go bona dilo di le 8 tse di farologaneng gare ga ditshwantsho tse pedi tseno?

Can you spot 8 differences between these two pictures?



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