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## Bring stories home for the holidays

Can you believe that it is nearly the end of 2014? That means that it is almost time for the end-of-year holidays – time to relax a little as we enjoy being with family and friends, and more time to spend with stories and books!

If you are spending money on entertainment and gifts for your children this holiday season, don't forget to include a book or two. Let your children help to choose which books you buy, by spending the morning in a bookshop together. Ask your children to find and make a list of the five books they would most want to own. Buy at least one book from this list when you go Christmas shopping for your children, or when you want to buy something to keep them busy during the holidays. You'll encourage them to read and give them hours of pleasure at the same time!

## Wazise ekhaya amabali kwezi holide

Ungakholwa xa ndisithi ngoku sele sisekupheleni konyaka wama-2014? Oko kuthetha ukuba ngoku sele iza kuba lixesha leeholide zokuphela konyaka – ixesha lokuba sikhe siphumle kancinane xa sonwabele ukuba kunye neentsapho nabahlolo bethu, nexesha elininzi esiza kuba nalo lokufunda amabali neencwadi!

Ukuba uza kuchitha imali usonwabiswa kwaye uthengela abantwana bakho izipho ngeli xesha leeholide, uze ungalibali ukubathengela nencwadi enye okanye ezimbini. Bavumele abantwana bakho bakuncedise ukukhetha iincwadi oza kuzithenga, ngokuthi nichithe intsasa nibhulusha kwivenkile ethengisa iincwadi. Bacele abantwana bakho ukuba bakhangale baze babhale uluhlu lweencwadi ezintlanu abangathanda ukuba banganazo. Thenga ubuncinane incwadi ibenye ekolu lulhu xa usiya kuthengela abantwana bakho izipho zeKrisimesi, okanye xa ufuna ukubathengela into eza kubagcina bexakekile ngexesha leeholide. Ngoku ke ubakhuthaza ukuba bafunde kwaye ubanika neeyure zolonwabo ngaxeshanye!

Nazi ezinye zeengcebiso zokuqinisekisa ukuba amabali nokufunda kuyaqhubeke ngezi holide.

- **Bhala amagama.** lincwadi zemifanekiso ezingenamagama zibalisa ibali ngokusebenzisa nje imizobo kuphela. Zingumthombo omangalisayo wokukhuthaza ababhali aba basithi! Boleka incwadi yemifanekiso engabhalwanga magama

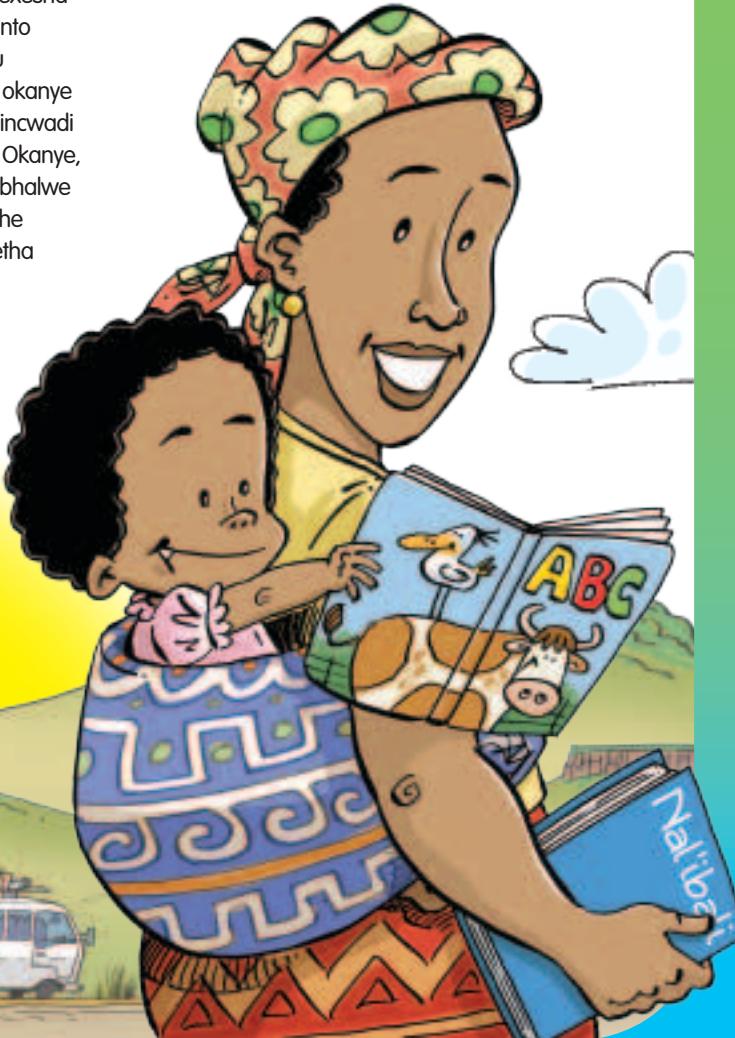
Here are some other ideas to keep stories and reading happening during the holidays.

- **Write the words.** Wordless picture books tell a story by using only illustrations. They are a wonderful resource for encouraging the writer in us! Borrow a wordless picture book from the library or find an old favourite at home. Give every family member a piece of paper and let them write the words for the story to go with each picture. Then have fun reading each of your stories and noticing in what ways they are the same and different!
- **Have a reading adventure.** Follow the instructions on page 7 to create a holiday reading passport for your child that encourages new adventures into reading and stories.

- **Try something new.** Set aside one week during the holidays where you all read something you would not usually choose to read. Maybe this means reading a book of poems, or the biography of an interesting person, or an information book on a topic you know nothing about. Or, maybe it means that you try out a new author. Either way, this is your chance to get hooked on something new!
- **Listen to stories.** Why not experience stories in a different way by listening to them? Listen to Nal'ibali's selection of stories on the radio at the times advertised on page 2, or download them from [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) or [www.nalibali.mobi](http://www.nalibali.mobi).

We will be taking a break until the week of 25 January 2015. Join us then for more Nal'ibali reading magic!

Siza kukhe sithathe ikhefu kude kuge yiveki yomhla wama-25 kweyoMqungu 2015. Zibandakanye nathi ngoko ukuze ufumane imilingo yokufunda emininzi yakwaNal'ibali!



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Story Power.  
Bring it home.  
Wazise ekhaya amandla ebali.

Nal'ibali  
It starts with a story...



## Story corner

Here is the final part of the story about the promise made by the storks. Enjoy reading it aloud or retelling it.

### A promise is a promise (Part 2)

By Wendy Hartmann

The ostrich was delighted, and so he tried again. He ran about. He flapped his wings and practised to fly in peace and quiet, but he never left the ground. Eventually he went back to the storks. There they sat, huddled together with their feathers fluffed and their beaks shut.

"Oh dear," said the ostrich, "they look so miserable and hungry. They may be irritating, but they have to eat. I wish they could eat without all the talking."

At midday the animals had a meeting. They knew that they had only until midnight to come up with a plan.

"If the storks open their beaks now, they'll talk even more," said the tortoise.

"We have to think of a way to keep those beaks shut," mumbled the hippo.

"But they have to eat," said the ostrich ... and then he had a brilliant idea.

Just before midnight the animals gathered around the storks. "Do you want to end the spell that keeps your beaks from opening?" they asked. The storks nodded eagerly.

"Well, we can arrange that," said the ostrich, "but first, you have to make a promise, and a promise is something that can NEVER be broken." Even the storks knew that. One by one they nodded and agreed to promise whatever the ostrich asked.

The midnight owl hooted. The storks were ready to open their beaks and chatter in excitement when the ostrich stood straight. "Now," he said, "remember your promise." The storks nodded again. "You will each promise NEVER EVER to speak another word."

The storks' beaks dropped open in shock, but they had just made a promise. And, of course, they had to do what they had promised.

From that day on storks have been silent. You will still see them clacking their beaks together pretending to make a noise, but a promise is a promise and they have not broken their promise yet.

You will also still see the ostrich running at full speed, flapping his wings trying to fly. But, to this day he has never been able to. And because of their promise not to speak, the storks cannot tell him that ostriches do not fly.

**Missed Part 1 of the story?**  
Read it at [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) or [www.nalibali.mobi](http://www.nalibali.mobi).



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## Nal'ibali on radio!

Enjoy listening to stories in isiXhosa and in English on Nal'ibali's radio show:

Umhlobo Wenene FM on Monday to Wednesday from 9.30 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.

SAfm on Monday to Wednesday from 1.50 p.m. to 2.00 p.m.



## UNal'ibali kunomathotholo!

Yonwabela ukuphulaphula amabali ngesiXhosa nangesiNgesi kwinkqubo kanomathotholo yeNal'ibali:

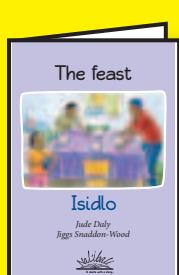
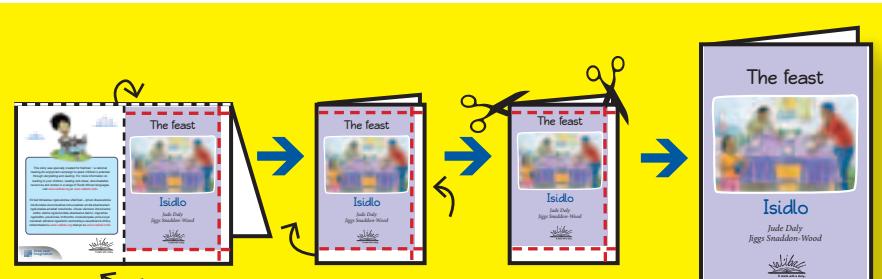
Umhlobo Wenene FM ngoMvulo ukuya ngoLwesithathu kusasa, ukususela ngo-9.30 ukuya ngo-9.45.

SAfm ngoMvulo ukuya ngoLwesithathu emini, ukususela ngo-1.50 ukuya ngo-2.00.

### Create your own cut-out-and-keep book

- Take out pages 3 to 6 of this supplement.
- Fold it in half along the black dotted line.
- Fold it in half again.
- Cut along the red dotted lines.
- Thatha iphepha lesi-3 ukuya kwelesi-6 kolu hlelo.
- Wasonge phakathi kumgca wamachaphaza amnyama.
- Phinda uwasonge phakathi.
- Sika kwimigca yamachaphaza abomvu.

### Zenzele eyakho incwadana onokuyisika-ze-uyigcine



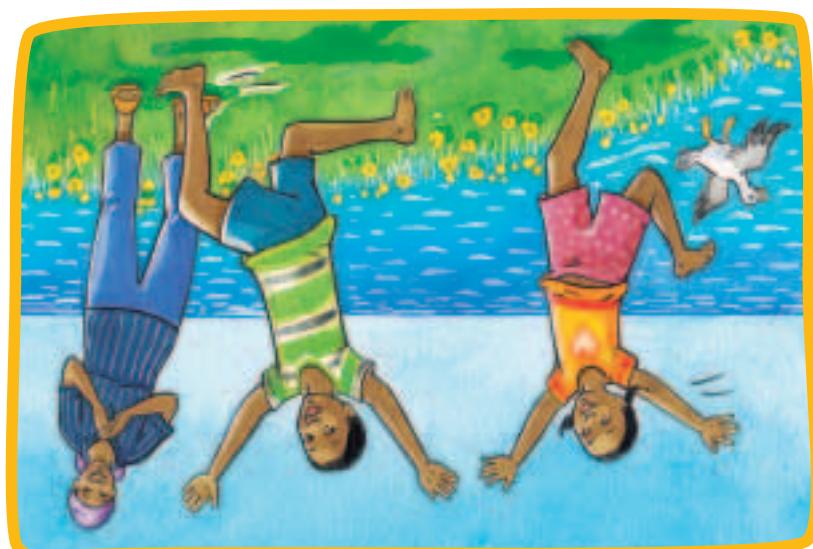
Ngaloo ndlela yayiza kuba ngathi zintizi kakhuu.  
aze akugqiba andundie issoseli azizamisele kuyo.  
Wayezza kwenza eyona Chakalaka yakhe yamanad  
wayeyazi kakuhle into awayezza kuyenza naga.  
U Mama Usmts wazikuphela kwyona playit  
yakhe intle issoseli wazibeka ekhabathini.



Mama Smuts laid out the plump, pink sausages on her prettiest plate and put them in the cupboard. She knew exactly what she would make with them. It was to be her best-ever Chakalaka and then, at the last minute, she would cut up the sausages and stir them in. That way, they would seem to go further.

Kwabakho uchulumanco olukhulu xa  
Usanne NoFrirkie malungas nosuku lwaake  
lwechamsanda. Kwakungathi uze nobutryebi  
Uta Usmts axelela U Mama Usmts,  
ngenye middlela.

Thee was such excitement when Dapa Smuts told Mama Smuts, Sannie and Frirkie about his lucky day. It was as if he had brought home treasure and, in a way, he had.



This story was specially created for Nal'ibali – a national reading-for-enjoyment campaign to spark children's potential through storytelling and reading. For more information on reading to your children, reading club ideas, downloadable resources and stories in a range of South African languages, visit [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) or [www.nalibali.mobi](http://www.nalibali.mobi).

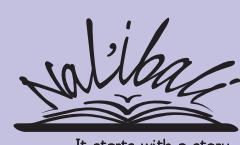
Eli bali libhalelwengokukodwa uNal'ibali – iphulo likazwelonek lokufundela ukuzonwabisanokuvuselela umda ebantwaneni ngokubalisa amabali nokufunda. Ukuze ufumane iinkcukacha ezithe vetshe ngokufundela abantwana bakho, iingcebiso ngeklabhu yokufunda, imithombo onokuzikopela yona kunye namabali abhalwe ngeelwimi ezohlukileyo zaseMzantsi Afrika, ndwendwela ku-[www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) okanye ku-[www.nalibali.mobi](http://www.nalibali.mobi).

## The feast



### Isidlo

Jude Daly  
Jiggs Snaddon-Wood

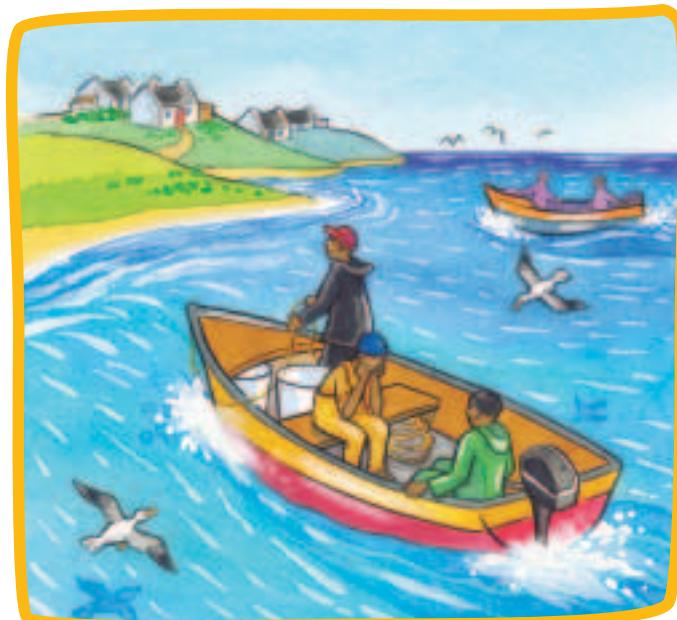


waze UTata uSmuts wakhwuleza ukugoduka.  
ke, UMařya notata uSmuts batsimishelela  
zazikhangelka zimnandi ngekwenene! Ngoko  
yaba ngumuzwana njé kuhela kuba lisosej!

UTata uSmuts wacunga umuzwana, kodwa  
nesosej! Ayinakuba yinto emnandi na Leyo?  
euyé into eyohukileyo ngeaduke nayo, into efana  
„Kungani“, kubaza UMařya, „xa utahadi

Papa Smuts hurried on home.  
good! So Maria and Papa Smuts did a swap and  
for a moment because the sausages did look

moment, but only  
Papa Smuts  
thought for a  
be a real treat?  
Now wouldn't that  
these sausages?  
something like  
different home,  
took something  
Maria, „you  
„What if?“ asked



Papa Smuts was a fisherman. But, fish  
were not as plentiful as they used to be  
and some days he came home empty-  
handed. Then poor Papa Smuts would  
feel really downhearted.

UTata uSmuts wayengumlobi. Kodwa,  
iintlanzi zazingenzanga njengokuba  
kwakunjalo kudala kwaye ngezinye iimini  
wayekhe abuye nelize. Xa kunjalo, isi-  
aram esinguTata uSmuts sasiye sizive  
sikhathazeke kakhulu.

Fold

ngusamnie noFrikie.  
izilayi, vacukuceza, eqholia, encediswa  
UMama uSmuts wangunda, esika



Mama Smuts chopped and sliced, diced and  
spiced, with the help of Sammie and Frikie.

But then she thought, “Sausages for  
breakfast. What a treat!”



Kodwa wabuya wacinga, “lisosej sisidlo  
sakusasa. Kuza kuba mnandi kakhulu!”

Itafile uNgokukha iintyalyambo zokuyihombisa.  
uSmuts ukuluungiselela isidlo sangokuhlwva  
Ieyya, USannie noFrikkie bancedisa Utata  
wayesongenza intwana yale aze agalele kakhuLu  
Emva koko, lo gama uMama uSmuts



Then, while Mama Smuts added a little bit of  
this and quite a lot of that, Sannie and Frikkie  
helped Papa Smuts set the table and pick a  
bunch of wild flowers to go on it.



Mama Smuts went quietly over to the kitchen cupboard. She covered up the plump, pink sausages and wondered how she could possibly have forgotten them.

UMama uSmuts waya ekhabhathini  
esekhitshini ngokukhawuleza.  
Wazigquma ezo soseji zipinki ziqumqum,  
wabe emangalisiwe ukuba uzilibele njani  
ukuzizamisela kwiChakalaka yakhe.

Fold 5

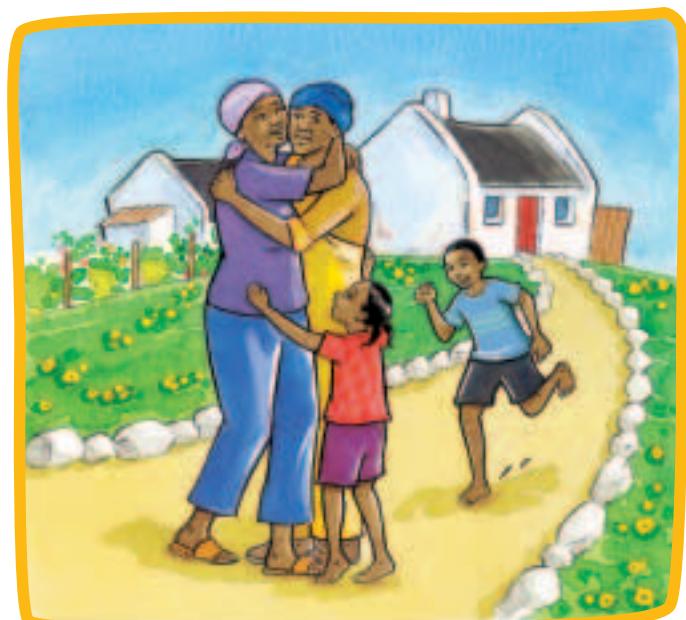
Uta Usmts, "Le yeysidlo  
"Uxolo Matya," washo  
ngalo o uLanzi"  
Ungandibiza malini  
uMlatya wambusa esithi,  
estendini silkaMatya,  
Wadi xa Utata uSmuts edlula  
our dinner."

"Sorry, Maria," said Papa Smuts, "but this one is for  
out, "How much for the fish?"  
As Papa Smuts passed Maria's farm stall, she called

ilungiselewe isidlo sangokuhlwva  
wayigcina ukuze agoduke uayo khon' ukuze  
Wathengisa ezine waza enye  
intanzi ezintanu.



One lucky day, Papa Smuts  
caught five fish. He sold  
four and kept one to  
take home for dinner.



That's when Mama Smuts would give him  
a big hug and say, "We'll make ends meet."  
And Sannie and Frikkie would add, "We  
always do, Papa." And somehow they always  
did because ...

Xa kunjalo uMama uSmuts wayeye amange  
aze athi, "Kuza kulunga, soze silale  
singatyanga." USannie noFrikkie babeye  
bongeze ngelithi, "Icebo liyazakha Tata,  
zange silale singatyanga." Ngokwenene  
kwakusoloko kunjalo kuba ...



Kwaye akukho namnye, nditho omnye nje  
encediswa ngusannie noFrikkie!  
sisidlo esimanandi ukodlula uMama uSmuts,  
kram kuyne nekhaphetshu eligramgram zibbe  
zibomvu, iipepile eziluhlaza, iminqathe ekram  
kuphela, owayekwazi ukugudula ezona tuma to



And no one, absolutely no one, could turn the  
reddest tomatoes, the greenest peppers, the  
crunchiest carrots and the crispiest cabbage into  
a more scrumptious meal than Mama Smuts,  
with the help of Sannie and Frikkie!



... no one could grow redder tomatoes,  
greener peppers, crunchier carrots and  
crispier cabbage than Papa Smuts, with the  
help of Sannie and Frikkie.

... akukho namnye owayelima iitumato  
ezibomvu, iipepile eziluhlaza, iminqathe  
ekramkram kuyne nekhaphetshu eligram-  
gram ukodlula uTata uSmuts, encediswa  
ngusannie noFrikkie.

Waze, "Ah mh, ah, mh!"  
watsho uTata uSmuts.  
"I did not think it was possible, but this  
Chakalaka is better than your best. Those  
sausages made all the difference!"  
And, "My, oh my . . . oh my!" said Papa Smuts.



"Mh, mh!" kutscho uFrikkie.  
"Mh!" kutscho uSmuts.  
Ekgqyibeleni lafka ixesha  
lesidlo. Esinjani sonal  
said Frikkie.  
"Mmm, mmm!"  
"Mmm!" said Sannie.  
a dinner!  
And then, at last, it was  
dinner time. And what  
a dinner!



Mama Smuts said nothing. But, if Papa  
Smuts, Sannie and Frikkie had not been so  
busy tucking into seconds, they might have  
heard her let out a little gasp.

UMama uSmuts zange athethe. Kodwa,  
ukuba uTata uSmuts, uSannie noFrikkie  
babengaxakekanga besitya ukutya  
abazongeze kona ngebabemvile xa  
wayesenzo isingqala.

# A holiday reading passport!

During the school holidays, our families' daily routines are often different. Although there is more time to spend on leisure activities, sometimes we can find ourselves spending less time reading regularly with our children. Children learn to read by reading – and they get better at it the more they do it. So, in fact, the holidays are a great time for children to catch up on their reading. Make sure your kids stay on track during these long end-of-year holidays with the Nal'ibali holiday reading passport.

# Get going

Follow these steps to help your child create their own reading passport.

1. Cut out the top half of this page.
  2. Fold along the purple line.
  3. Now fold along the green line.
  4. Cut along the red line and trim the edges. Now the passport is ready to use!
  5. Let your child try the eight reading challenges on pages 2 to 5 of the passport. There is a stamp next to each one which they can colour in once they have completed the challenge.
  6. Let your child write down the names of the books they read during the holidays and rate them on the holiday reading log on pages 6 and 7 of the passport.

Don't forget that we will be taking  
a break until the week of 25 January 2015.  
Enjoy the holidays, and join us again in 2015  
for more Nalibali reading magic! In the  
meantime, visit [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) or  
[www.nalibali.mobi](http://www.nalibali.mobi) to find stories and  
reading-for-enjoyment inspiration.



Ungalibali ukuba siza kuthatha ikhefu kude  
kube yiveki yomhla **wama-25 kweyoMqungu**  
**wama-2015.** Yonwabela iiholide zokuvalwa kwezikolo, uze  
uzibandakanye nathi kwakhona kowama-2015 ufumane  
umlingo wokufunda wakwaNal'ibali ongaphezulu. Okwalo  
mzuzu, ndwendwela ku-[www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) okanye ku-  
[www.nalibali.mobi](http://www.nalibali.mobi) ufumane amabali onokuwafundela  
ukuzonwabiso nokuzivuselela.

# Ipaspothi yokufunda ngexesha leeholide!

Ngexesha leeholide zesikolo, izinto ezenziwa ziintsapho zethu imihla ngemihla ziyoohluka. Nangona kukho ixesha elinanzi esilisebenzisa ukwenza izinto ezisonwabisayo, ngamany amaxesha sizifumanisa sisebenzisa ixesha elincinane kakhulu ekufundeleni abantwana bethu rhoqo. Abantwana bafunda ukufunda ngokufunda – kwaye baya besiba ngcono xa besenza oko amaxesha amaninzi. Ngoko ke, inyaniso yeyokuba, iiholide lixesha eliminandi kakhulu lokuba abantwana bafunde. Qinisekisa ukuba abantwana bakho bahlala befunda ngezi holide zinde zokuphela konyaka ngepaspothi yeNal'ibali yokufunda ngeeholide.

## Idlela onokuqala ngayo

Landela la manyathelo ukunceda umntwana wakho azenzele eyakhe ipaspothi yokufunda.

1. Sika isiqingatha esingentla seli phepha.
  2. Lisonge ulandela umgca omfusa.
  3. Ngoku ke lisonge ulandela umgca oluhlaza.
  4. Sika ulandela umgca obomvu ze uncwele, ulungelelanise imiqukumbelo. Ngoku ke ipaspothi sele ilungele ukusetyenziswa!
  5. Vumela umntwana wakho ayizame yosibhozo imingeni yokufunda ekwiphepha le-2 ukuya kwele-5 lepaspothi. Kukho isitampu ecaleni komngeni ngamnye abanokuwufaka umbala xa bewugqibile umngeni lowo.
  6. Umntwana wakho makabhale phantsi amagama eencwadi azifundileyo ngegesha leeholide aze azinike amanqaku kuluhlu lokufunda ngeeholide olukwiphepha le-6 nele-7 lepaspothi.

**The challenges/Imingeni**

**Challenge 2**

Bella likes stories about animals. Do you have a favourite story about animals? Read it again, or find a new story about animals to read.

**Umgeni wesi-2**

UBella uthanda amabali angezilwanyana. Ingabo unalo ibali olifhonda kakhulu elingezilwanyana? Phinda ulifunde, okanye ufune elinye elisha elingezilwanyana, ulifunde.

**Challenge 1**

Neo loves playing soccer, so he enjoys soccer stories. Read a story about someone who has the same hobby as you or who enjoys playing the same sport as you.

**Umgeni woku-1**

UNeo uyakuthanda ukudlala isoka, naoko ke wonwabela amabali angezokwa. Funda ibali ellindlunga nomnye umntu oftando ukwenza into ethandova nguwwe okanye owonwabela ukudlala umdhalo owwuthandayo nawe.

**Challenge 4**

Neo's favourite place to read is on his bed. Spend some time reading in your favourite place and then find a new, fun place to read!

**Umgeni wesi-4**

Eyona ndawo afhanda ukufundela kuyo ukleo kuseleqebeni! Izinto ezintsha kwaye ukonwabala ukwenza izinto - Funa incwadi ekufundisa igendla yokwenza izinto - ukupheka ukutya okanye ukwenza exinye izinto. Khetha into ozazi kuyenza uze ulandele imylelo yokuyenzai!

**Uluhlu lwam lokufunda ngeholide**

★	★	★	★
★	★	★	★
★	★	★	★
★	★	★	★
★	★	★	★

Rate this book!

Nika le ncwadi amanqaku!

3 = Loved it  
Ndyithande kakhulu  
2 = Liked it  
Ndyithandile  
1 = Just okay  
Innandi

**My holiday reading log**

	<b>Author</b> Umbhali
	<b>Book title</b> Ishihloko sencwadi
	1. _____
	2. _____
	3. _____
	4. _____
	5. _____
	6. _____
	7. _____
	8. _____

## Know your Nal'ibali characters

Books are not the only places where we can find stories and other interesting things to read. Develop your children's reading by sharing books with them, as well as stories from the Internet and on your cellphone! Find out about the Nal'ibali character, Josh and his reading habits, then enter the competition to win a gift card from Jet!

Josh is 12 years old and lives with his father and his aunt not far from where Neo and Mbali live. He speaks Afrikaans, English and a little Sesotho. Josh loves anything to do with computers and cellphones – especially reading teen stories on his cellphone!

## Bazi \* abalinganiswa bakho beNal'ibali

Iincwadi ayizizo kuphela iindawo esinokufumana kuzo amabali nezinye izinto esinokuba nomdla wokufunda. Phuhlsa ukufunda kwabantwana bakho ngokwabelana nabo ngeencwadi, kwakunye namabali avela kumnathazwe nakwiselula yakho! Funda ngomlinganiswa weNal'ibali uJosh, kune nemikhwa yakhe yokufunda, uze ungenele ukhuphiswano ukuze uphumelele isipho sokuthenga esilikhadi lakwaJet!

UJosh uneminyaka eli-12 ubudala kwaye uhlala notata wakhe nomakazi wakhe kwikhaya lakhe elikufutshane nakuloNeo noMbali. Uthetha i-Afrikaans, isiNgesi kune neSesotho esincinane. UJosh uthanda nantoni na enento yokwenza neekhompyutha kune neeselula – ingakumbi ukufunda amabali abafikisayo kwiselula yakhe!



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## Win! Phumelela!

To stand a chance of winning one of four Jet Gift Cards worth R100 each, send us the word "Josh" plus the name of one story on the Nal'ibali mobisite. Email your answer to [letters@nalibali.org](mailto:letters@nalibali.org), or SMS it to 32545 (standard data rates apply). Competition closes on 11 December 2014.

Ukuze ube sethubeni lokuphumelela elinye kumakhadi ezipho zokuthenga amane akwaJet naxabisa i-R100 liliyene, siithumelele igama elithi, "Josh" kune nesihloko sebali elinye elifumaneka kwimobhisayithi yeNal'ibali. Impendulo yakho yithumele nge-imeyili ku-[letters@nalibali.org](mailto:letters@nalibali.org) okanye SMSela ku-32545 (kuhlawulwa amaxabiso amiselweyo edata). Ukhuphiswano luyaphela ngomhla we-11 kweyoMnga 2014.

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