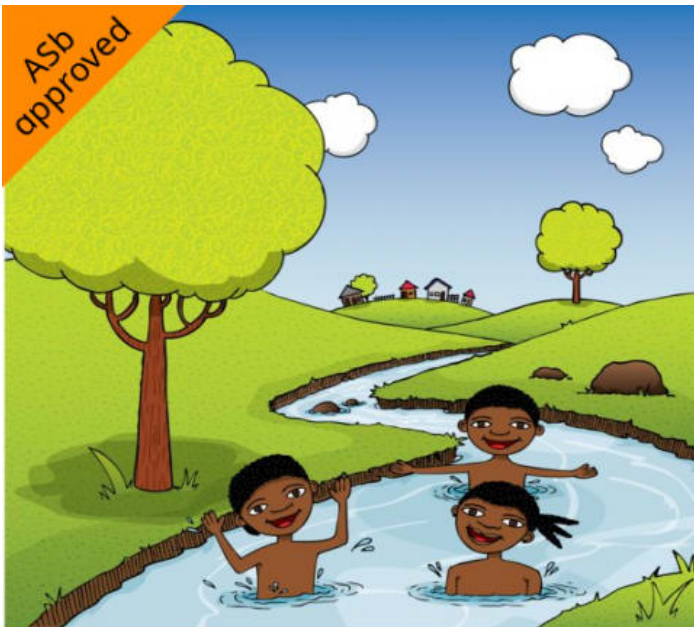


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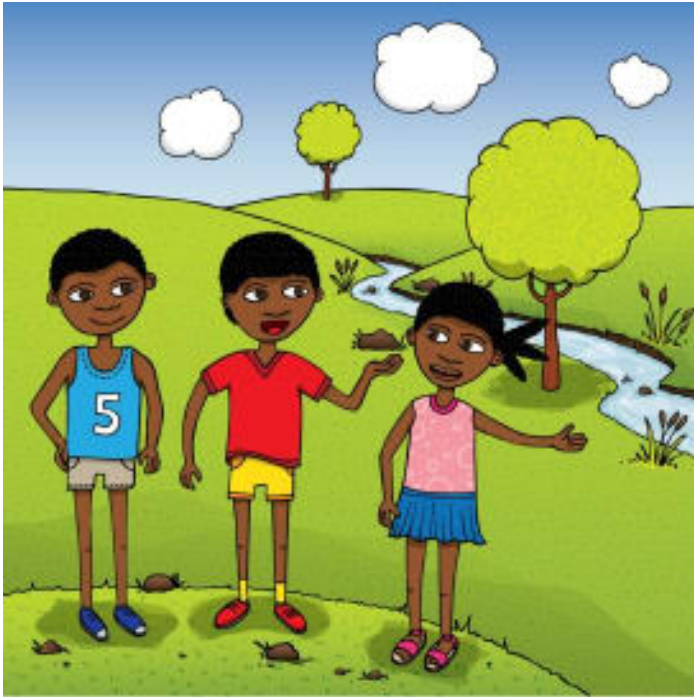
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NguMgcibelo ntsambama, lilanga likhipha umkhovu etjeni.



"Zanele, Nosipho nawe Sanele, phumani niyodlala ngaphandle." kusho make wabo. Nembala saphuma silandzelana.



Kwevakala Sanele atsi, "Asambeni siyodlala ngasemfuleni, kupholile lapho."

"Hhayi bo! Make wasitjela kahle kutsi singayi kuyohlamba emfuleni," kusho Zanele. "Angeke sihlambe, sitatidlalela emtfuntini edvute nemanti," kuphendvula Sanele.



Kodwa kudlala nako kubangelana kushisa noma singadlala emtfuntini edvute nemfula.

Sacala ngekukhipha ticatfulo kodwa kushisa kwatsi ngikhona. Sakhumula tikipa netiketi, kodwa siloku sikuva kushisa.



Ngekuphangisa safaka tinyawo tetfu emfuleni kute sitipholise. Satselana ngemanti, sagcina sesimanti nte.



"Maye utsi kumnandzi, asivele sihlambeni," kusho Nosipho.

Sangena emantini, sashaya emadamudamu sihlamba
kumnandzi. Sakhohlwa ngesikhatsi.

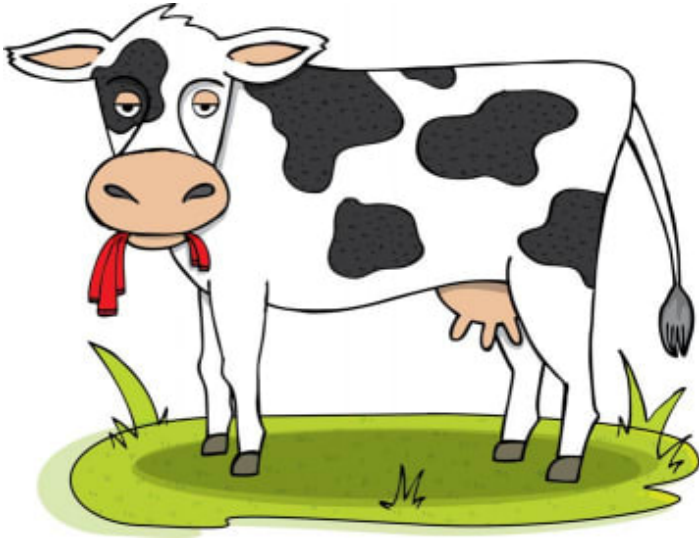


Lashona lilanga, sacala kuchucha.

Tikuphi timphahla tetfu? Sesibutana sodvwa, Satibuka,
satibuka, do!



Safuna ngaphasi kwetihlahla. Timpahla benilapha! Safuna nasehlatsini, do! Sabuka yonkhe indzawo.



Edvute nemfula kwakunetinkhomo titidlela, letinye tetjisa
tjani tinanela bunandzi betjani.

Kwatsi lapho Zanele abuka etulu, "Hawu! Yini le lesemblonyeni
wenkhomati?" Sanele waphendvula ngekunganaki, "Hhayi!
Itidlela imbali lebovu." Ngekushesha Nosipho wamemeta,
"Ye Zanele! Bukisisa, akusiyo imbali, lihembe lakho!"



Vumbu! Nayi lenye inkhomo, nayo beyihlafuna lokuluhlatana
sasibhakabhaka. "Siketi sami!" kumemeta Zanele.



Sitawenta njani? Bekumele sibuyele ekhaya. Sahamba ngetimphahla tangaphasi, sichachatela sesicondze ekhaya.

Sasingasabangelwa ngumoya loholile, kodvwa sasichuchiswa ngulesento setinkhomo. Sahamba sikhala.
"Timpahla tetfu tidliwe tinkhomo!"



Ucabanga kutsi make utawukholwa ngalesikhatsi simcocela
sibe sikhala tinyembeti? Angeke!

Ngekushesha seva sekukhakla sibhacu etibunu.

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