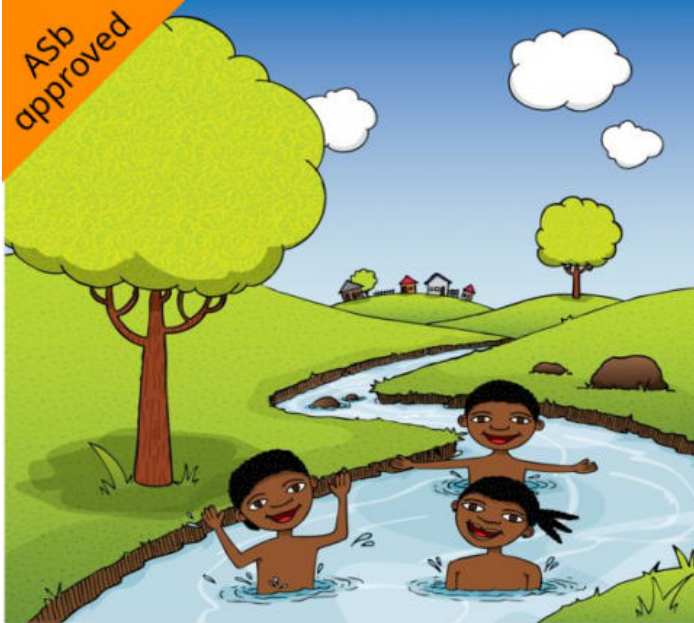


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KwakuMgqibelo otjhisa khulu ngemuva kwamadina
ngoNobayeni.



"Bontle, Mpho nawe Lerato, khambani niyokudlala!" umma utjho kithi. "Anginifuni ngaphasi kweenyawo zami."

Sagijimela ngaphandle kwendlu.



"Asiyeni emlanjeni," kutjho uLerato. "Kupholile khona."
"Kodwana umma wasitjela bona singadudi ngemlanjeni,"
kwatjho uBontle.

"Angekhe sidude," kuphendula uLerato. "Sizokudlala
emthunzini eduze namanzi."



Kodwana ukudlala kumsebenzi otjhisako, nalokha ungaphasi kwemithi eduze namanzi.

Kokuthoma sikhuphe amanyathelo wethu. Kodwana sisezwa ukutjhisisa. Sahlubula amarhembe neenkerde zethu. Kodwana sisezwa ukutjhisisa.



Sifaka iinyawo zethu ngemlanjeni ukuze ziphole. Ngemva kwalokho sathelana ngamanzi.

Msinyazana nje besele simanzi.



"Izani! Asidudeni," kwatjho uMpho. "Umma angeze azi."

Saduda besaduda salibala ngesikhathi.



Ilanga lathoma ukutjinga, phasi kwathoma ukuphola.

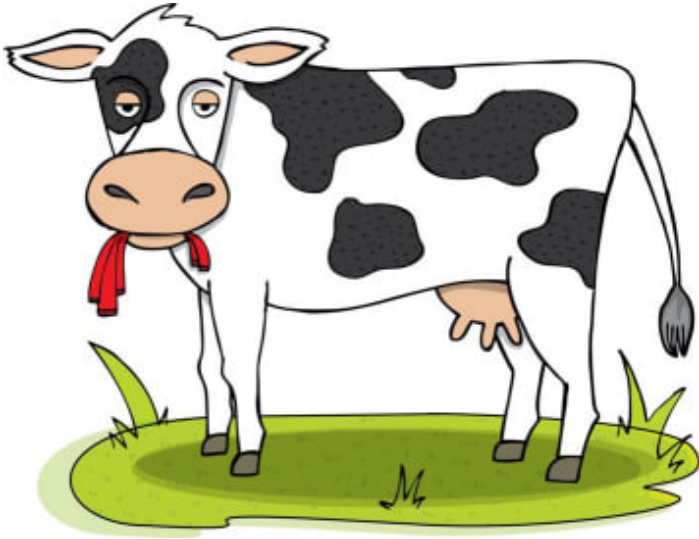
Bezakuphi izambatho zethu?



Sazuma ngaphasi kwemithi.

Sazuma emithini emincani.

Sazuma kiyo yoke indawo.



Bekuneenkomo eduze komlambo, ebezidla utjani obuhlaza
tlabha. UBontle waqala ngaphezulu, "Qalani ikomo leya!
Kunani ngemlonyeni wayo?"

"Idla ithuthumbo elibovu," kwatjho uLerato. "Akusilo
ithuthumbo elibovu," kwarhuwelela uMpho. "Yirhembhe
yakho!"



Saqala enye ikomo ebeyihlafunya into ehlaza
okwesibhakabhaka.

"Lesa sikerde sami!" kwarhuwelela uBontle.



Sabuyela ekhaya ngezambatho zethu zangaphasi,
sihlengezela. Ingasi ngombana bekumakhaza.

"Bekuziinkomo," salila. "Iinkomo zidle izambatho zethu."



Ingabe umma wasikholwa?

Ngokurhabako imizimba yethu besele itjhisa bhe! Nokho
bekungasiwo umtjhiso welanga.

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