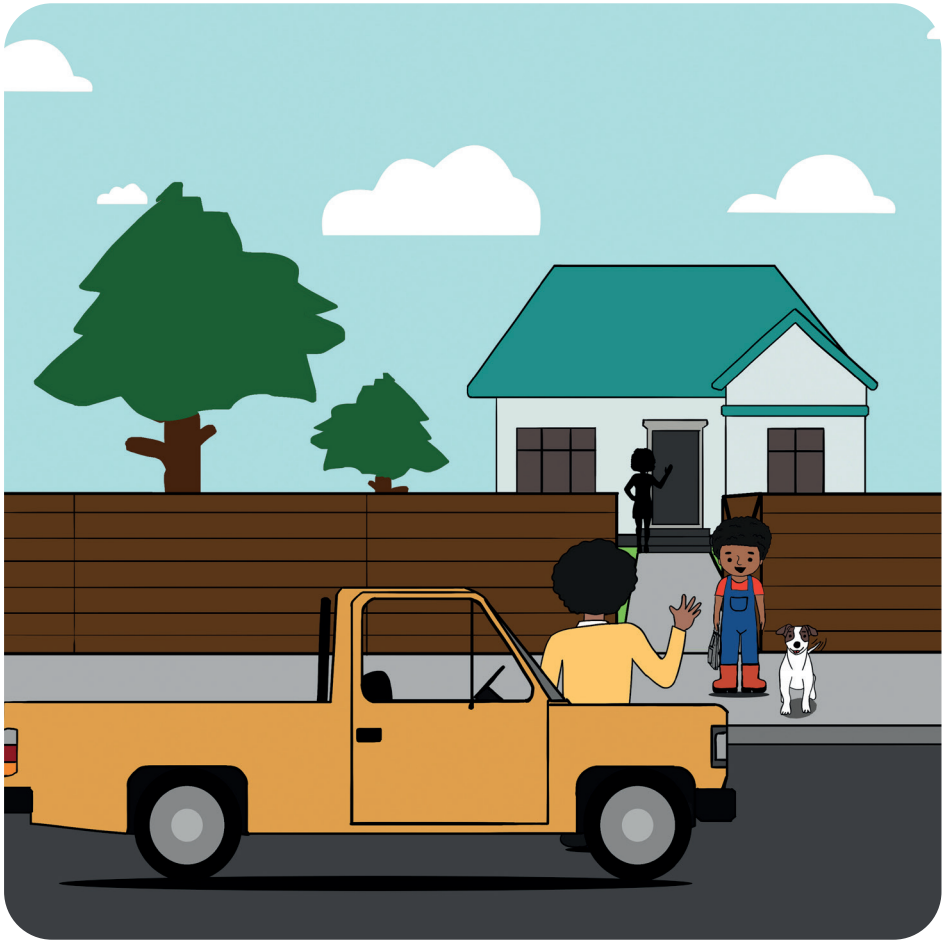




# Ithabo eplasini!



**Nompumelelo Vilakazi**



Li-iri lesithandathu ekuseni. USandile noSosi balinde umalume azobathatha.

Umalume ubathatha uyanabo eplasini kamngani wakhe, ubaba uThubana.

Bobathathu bathabile!



Ilanga libalele begodu kufuthumele.

Umalume, uSandile noSosi bayafika eplasini.  
Bafike ngesikhathi esihle.





Bafumana umngani wakamalume abalindile.  
Uyabamukela.

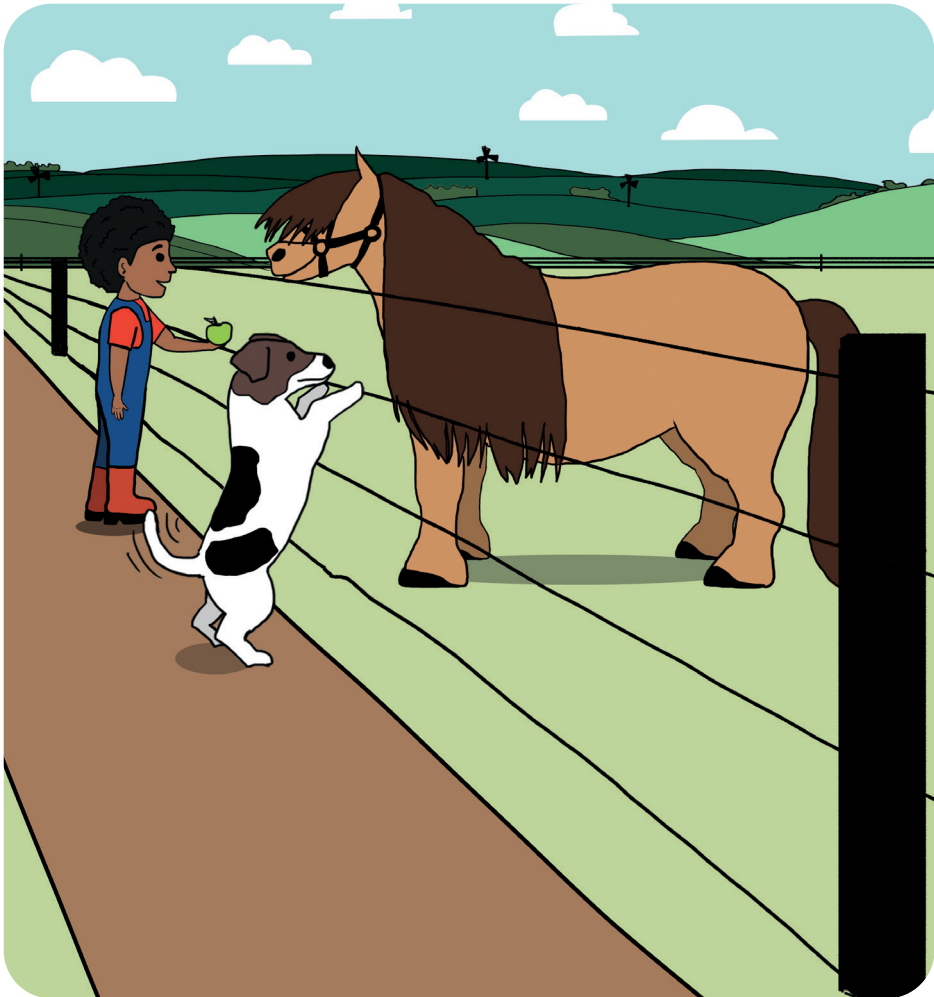
“Akwande, baba uThubana,” kukhuluma  
umalume noSandile.

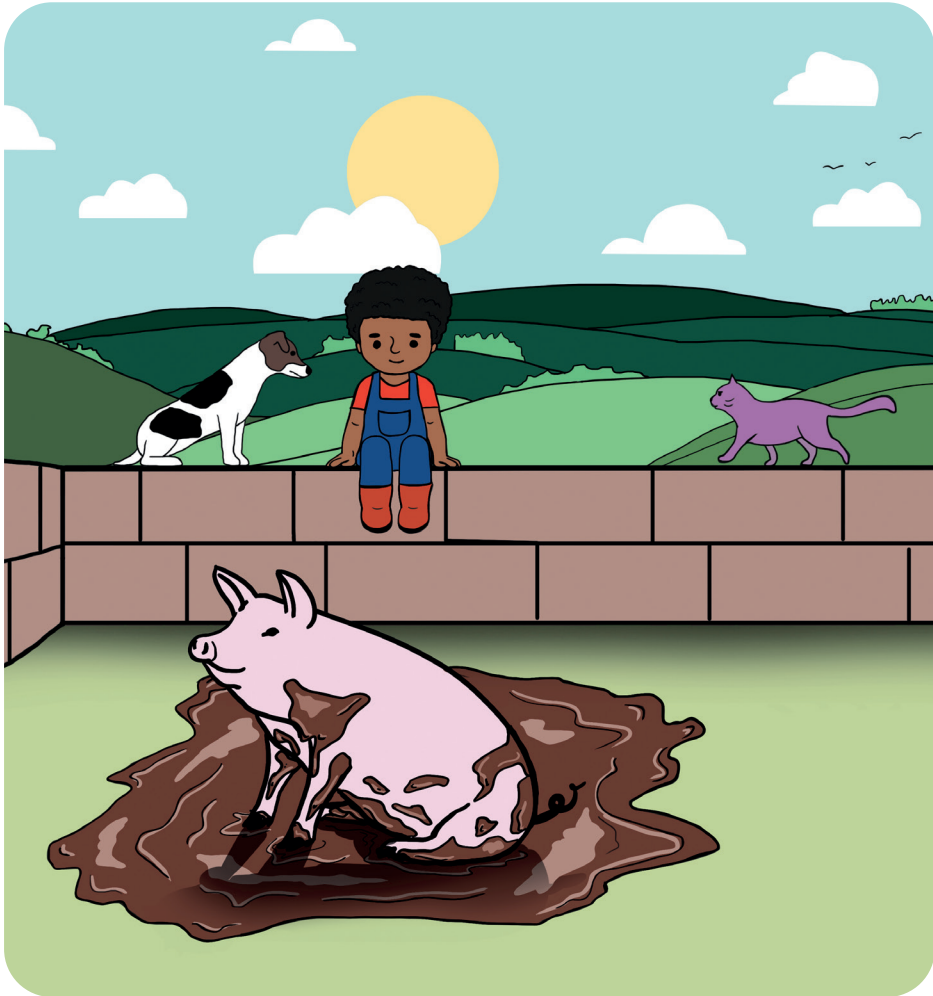


USandile noSosi bazungeza iplasi.

“Ungathukwa, Sosi. Ipera le inomusa,”  
kukhuluma uSandile.

Unikela ipera isithelo kobana izithokozi.





“Qala, Sosi. Uyasibona isavukazana edakeni?” kubuza uSandile.

Bese uSosi abone ukatsu emthangaleni. USosi ufuna ukumgijimisa!



“Awa, Sosi! Ungathomi umgijimise!”  
kukhalima uSandile.

USandile ulinga ukukhandela uSosi.

Bobabili bayawa emthangaleni bese bawela  
edakeni!





“Baba-ke! Gadesi sizele idaka! Kufanele sigeze, Sosi,” kukhuluma uSandile.

“Naka amanzi,” kukhuluma ubaba uThubana.

Yena nomalume bayamomotheka!

Iplasi yindawo ethabisako ukuba kiyo.  
Nanoma kungaba neengozi!