



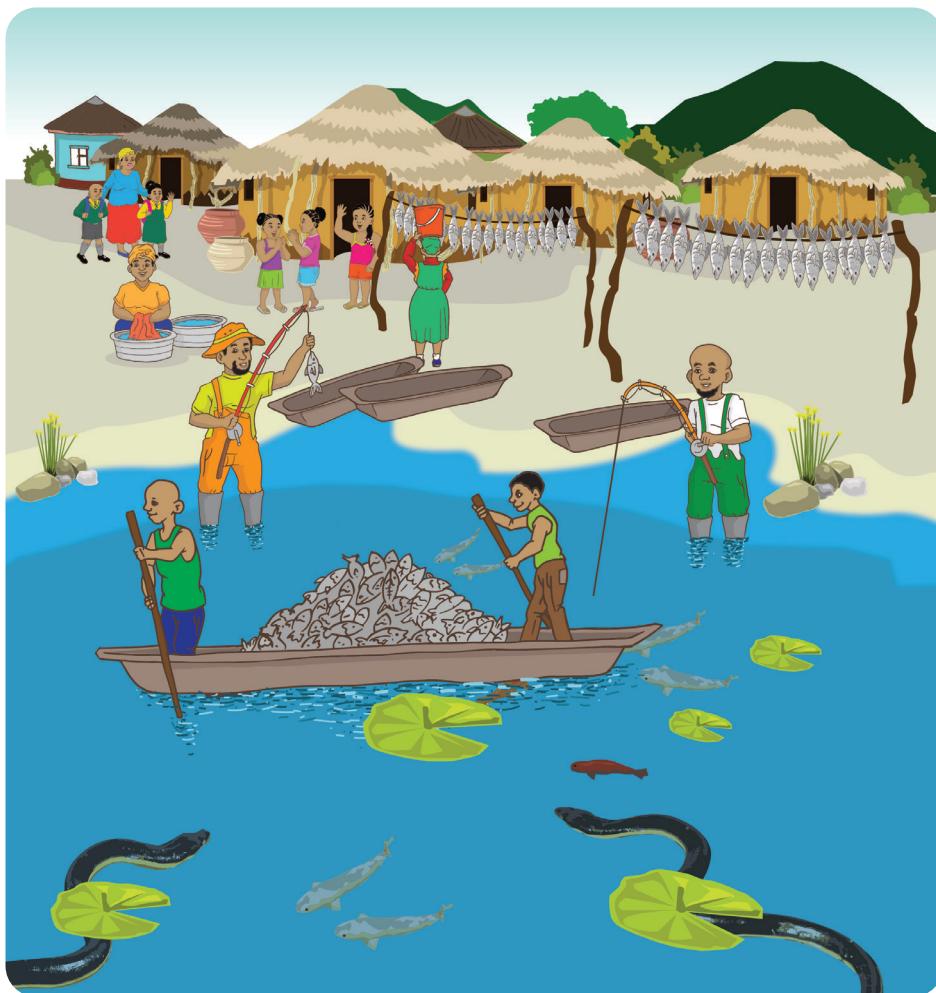
Umdobi wetinhlanti



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Lidamu iNkhomati latiwa kakhulu ngetinyoka tasemantini letinyenti. Mancoba nemndeni wakhe bebahhlala dvute nalelidamu lelikhulu. Badobi betinhlanti bebalinconota kakhulu lelidamu.





Takhamuti letinyenti kulendzawo betiphila
ngekudoba. Labanye bebatsengisa letinhlanti
emakethe, labanye badobel a kudla.



Mancoba naye abefisa kuba ngumdobí.
Abehlala acela babe wakhe kutsi amtsengele
emadoba.





Ngalelilanga babe wakhe amtsengele
emadoba, wajabula kakhulu. Inkinga kwaba
ngulokutsi uyesaba kuhamba yedwwa
edamini kuyewudoba. Wacela bangani
bakhe, Tonkhe naSipho kutsi bahambe naye.
Bangavumi. Basaba tinyoka tasemantini.



Utakwenta njani? Uyafuna kudoba kute
asite babe wakhe ngekutsengisa tinhlanti
emakethe. Mancoba wacinisela wahamba
yedvwa wayawudoba tinhlanti.

Ngemuva kwesikhashana, wabona inyoka
yasemantini ihlamba ita ngakuye.





Wabutsa tintfo takhe wagijima abuyela
ekhaya angenayo nayinye inhlanti.



Ngakusasa Mancoba waya kubangani
bakhe kuyobancenga kutsi bahambe naye
edamini. Bachubeka bala. Basaba tinyoka
tasemantini.





Utawuhamba nabani? Ngeke ahambe
yedvwa futsi. Kepha inhlitiyo yakhe
ifisa kudoba. Uticabanga angumdobi
lophumelelako kulenzawo.



Babe Ngomane ngumakadzebona wemdobi. Ngelilanga lelilandzelako, wacondza kubabe Ngomane. Wacela kuhamba naye kuyodoba tinhlanti. Babe Ngomane wavuma. Mancoba wajabula watimisela kubamba tinhlanti letinyenti.





Babe Ngomane abelati kakhulu lelidamu
iNkhomati. Wahamba naMancoba endzaweni
lengenato tnyoka tasemantini. Mancoba
wativa ajabulile ngalesincumo.



Baphosa emadoba abo base bayalindza.
Lidoba laMancoba likhombisa kuyakata.
Kusho kutsi lidoba libambe inhlanti.





Babe Ngomane watjela Mancoba kutsi
advonse lidoba lakhe masinyane.

Mancoba wadvonsa lidoba, kwaphuma
inhlanti lenkhulu lenhle. Babe Ngomane
watsatsa sitfombe salenhlanti wase
uyayikala.



Lidoba lababe Ngomane nalo lakhombisa
kunyakata. Wadvonsa waphuma nabhabuli.

Ngalelo lilanga, bonkhe baya ekhaya
baphetse tinhlanti etandleni.





Mancoba wadzabuka uma kuphela
emalanga ekuphumula ababe Ngomane.
Wakhumbula kutsi babe Ngomane abelusito
kangakanani kuye. Abengakajabuli kutsi
sewutawuhamba yedvwa kuya edamini.



Wenta konkhe ngendlela babe Ngomane
amfundzise ngakhona.

Abesakhona kubamba tinhlanti onkhe
emalanga.



Sipho naTonkhe bamncenga kutsi abaphe
tinhlanti. Nyalo sebayafuna kuhamba naye.
Bafuna kufundza kuye.



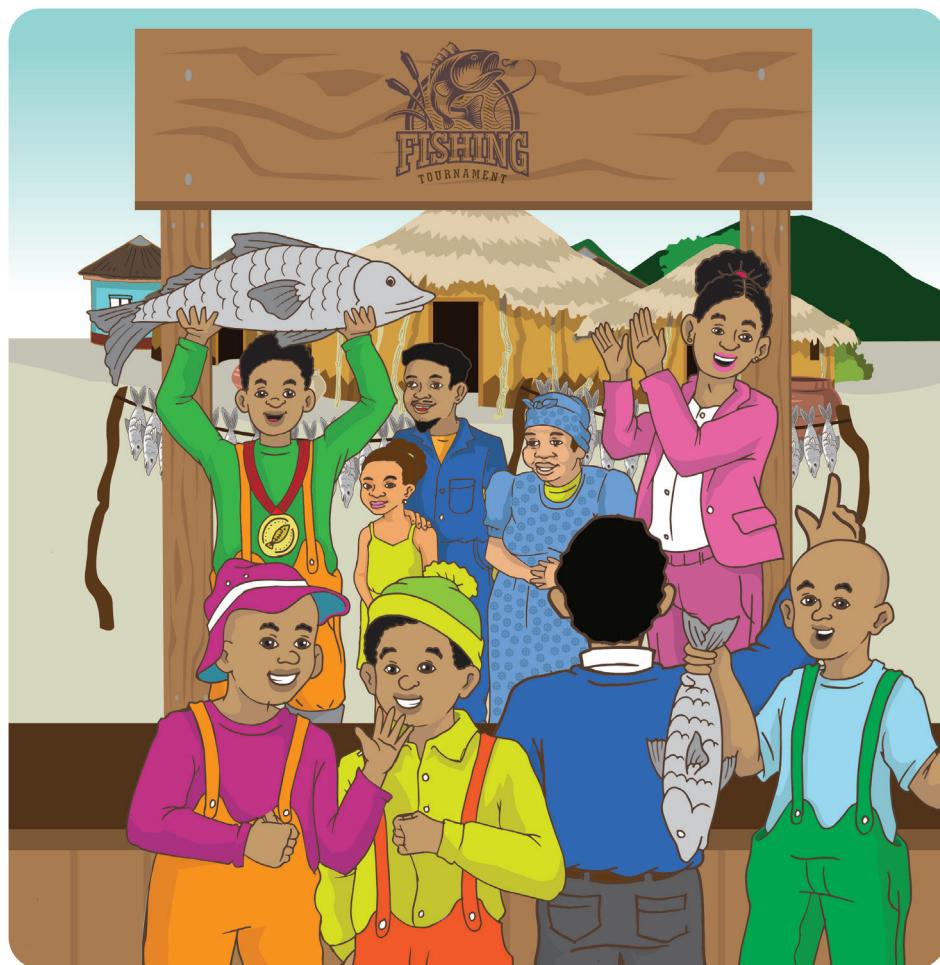


Mancoba wacala licembu lekudoba. Babe Ngomane naye abengulomunye wemalunga alelicembu.



Madvute, Mancoba utsetse ligama lemdobi lodvumile endzaweni.

Itolo bekumcudzelwano wemnyaka edamini iNkhomati. Badobi basekudzeni nadvutane bafika.





Licembu laMancoba latfola indzebe nemali.
Lamuhla batfokotela kuncoba ekhaya
kaboMancoba.