



# Naka na Nala va vulavula hi mati

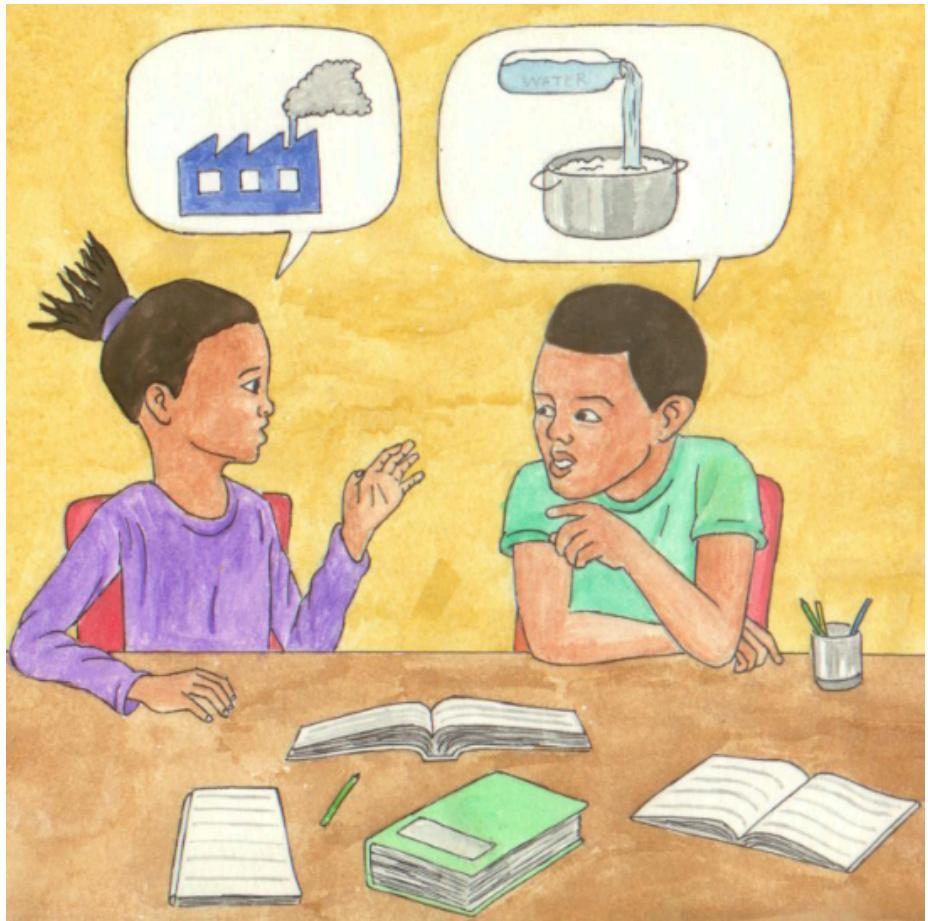
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Naka na Nala va endla ntirho-kaya. vadyondza  
hi mati.

“Mati ya hava muhlovo na nantswo, kambe i  
xitirhisiwa xa nkoka!” ku vula Nala.



Naka wa pfumela, "Hikwaswo leswi hanyaka swilava mati. Vanhu va tirhisa mati ku nwa, ku sweka, ku basisa na ku rima."

"Na ku endla swilo etifemeni," ku engeta Nala.



"Ku tlula hafu ya miri i mati! Mati ya endla swotala handle ko tima torha. Miri ya hina ya malava ku ri yi tirha," ku vula Naka.



"Misava yi phutseriwe hi mati, milambu, swidziva, malwandle," ku vula Nala.

Nala a pfumela hi nhloko, "Ku tlula kambirhi ka nharhu eka pulanete i mati."



"Kambe mati yo tala laha misaveni i mati ya munyu. Kova mati ya tsongo lawa ya tirhisekaka, lawa ya laviwaka hi vanhu," ku vula Naka.



"Mati ya na munyu, naswona swatika na ku durha ku humesa munyu eka mati. Kambe vanhu va nge nwi mati ya munyu, kambe va nga n'wa mati yo teng!" ku vula Naka.



"Ina, hikwalaho hi faneleke ku hlayisa  
switirhisiwa swa mati laha misaveni. Hi fanele hi  
nga thyakisi milambu na swidziva hi thyaka ku  
vula Nala.



"A hi dyondzeni hi ku vuyelerisela ka mati," ku vula Naka.

I endlelo leri mati ya fambaka ehenhla kusuka emisaveni kuya emoyeni, naswona ma ya ehansi nakambe," Nala wa hlamusela.



Nala a ya emahlweni, "Swimatani swa famba  
swi ya ematilweni swivumba mapapa. Mati  
emapapeni ya wela ehansi emisaveni tanihi  
mpfula, xihangu, kumbe gamboko."



Naka a vula, "Ndzi na torha, ndzi lava mati!"

Nala a hlamula, "Ina, byongo bya wena byi lava mati ku anakanya no dyondza! Mati i vutomi, ya hlayise hi mfanelo."

## —Swivutiso

1. I mani a lavaka mati yo tengā?  
Hikokwalaho ka yini?
2. Longoloxa 5 wa swilo leswi mati yo tengā hi wa tirhisaka swond.
3. Xana mati yo tala emisaveni ya tengile kumbe ya taleriwe hi munyu? Hlamusela.
4. Dirowa mafambelo ya mati. Tirhisa marito ku suka eka ntsheketo ku hlamusela leswi nga humelela.
5. Xana ku cinca ka maxelo i yini?
6. Hlamusela tindlela tinhарhu leti ku cinca ka maxelo ku khumbhaka mati emisaveni.



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