



Ubaba uzokubuya nini?

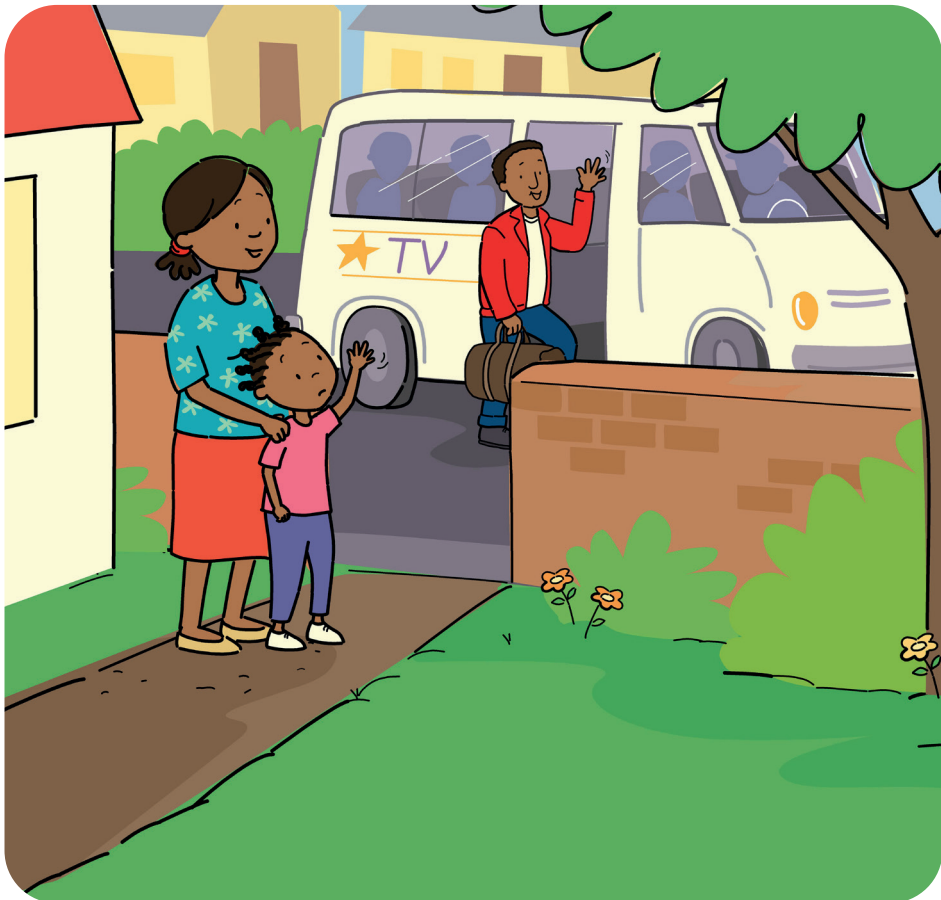


Molteno



UNtando mntazana oyintandokazi ehlala nonina noyise.

Uyise kaNtando mlingisi kumabonakude. Kanengi kufanele athathe ikhambo eliyakude nekhaya ngonobangela womsebenzi.





UNtando uhlulukela uyise khulu nakangekho ekhaya.

Gadesi, uzobe angekho ekhaya iimveke ezingaphezu kwezintathu.



Ngamalanga, uNtando ubuza unina,
“Uzokubuya nini ubaba? Ngimhlulukele.”

“Nami ngimhlulukele, ntazi,” kuphendula
unina, amsingatha.





Ubaba naye ukhumbule umntazanyana wakhe uNtando kwamambala.

Ucabanga ngaye lokha nakazilungiselela indima yakhe yehlelo lakamabonakude.

“Ngifisa ngathana ngingabona uNtando,” uyacabanga.



Ngamalanga, uNtando ucabanga ngoyise.

Nakulokhu isikhathi sikhamba, ihliziyo kaNtando ibabuhlungu. Iinyembezi zehla ngemihlathi. Ukhumbule uyise kwamambala! Ukhumbule ukusingatha uyise. Ukhumbule nokuhleka naye.





Ngelinye ilanga kusentambama, uyise wadosela ekhaya. Unina wamomotheka. Wanikela uNtando umtato.

“Qagela, Ntando!” kwatjho uyise. “Ngizabe ngisekhaya kusasa. Kufanele ulinde ilanga libe linye kwaphela!”

Ngalobo ubusuku, uNtando bekathakasile wahluleka nakulala!



Ngelanga elilandelako, uyise wabuya ekhaya!

UNtando uyamhlangabeza, uyamsingatha.

“Ngikuthanda kwamambala, baba,” kutjho uNtando. “Ngithabile kobana ubuyile!”

“Nami, ntandokazi. Nami!” kutjho ubaba.

