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Luambo ya Gireidi ya R

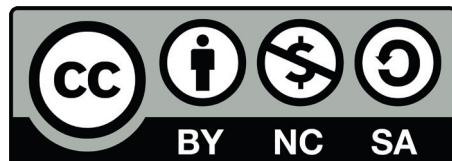
Grade R Language Improvement Programme

# Nyendedzi ya Divhaipfi

## Concept Guide



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# ★ Mulaedza u bva kha Thoho ya Muhasho/ Foreword from the Head of Department



**GAUTENG PROVINCE**  
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Dear Teacher/Practitioner

Welcome to the training of the Grade R teachers/practitioners. The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) has prioritized Early Childhood Development as its Strategic Goal 1. This is to ensure that we can lay a solid foundation and seamless transitioning of learners to Grade 1.

The Grade R Mathematics and Language Improvement Project has been developed to provide the much-needed classroom based support for the Grade R teachers/practitioners in Gauteng. It is about classroom practices with exciting techniques and methodology most appropriate for Grade R Teaching and Learning. This is in response to a study that reported that 65% of children across South Africa have not mastered the skills required to be able to succeed in Literacy and Numeracy when entering Grade 1. This project is intended to support the Grade R practitioners/teachers to address this challenge.

The Department's expectation is that you are ready to learn and be a more empowered Grade R teacher/practitioner. Your commitment to the training process and thereafter the implementation of lessons learnt in your classroom will contribute to the improvement of Grade R learner readiness for Grade 1.

We trust that this intervention will help enhance your potential, innovation and creativity as you lay an important foundation for learning of our children. This project would not have been possible without the support of our partners. The GDE is grateful for the support of the GEDT, Zenex Foundation and USAID who contributed to this initiative.

I trust you will learn a great deal from this training programme and improve the learning experience of the young children in your care.

Yours Sincerely



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# ★ U shumisa Nyendedzi ya Ɗivhaipfi ya Luambo

Nyendedzi ya Ɗivhaipfi ya luambo yo khethekanyiwa ya bva khethekanyo tharu dzine dzi nga vhaliwa nga thevhekano iñwe na iñwe ngauri dzi na vhułumani. Ri vha tłuwedza uri vha humele kha iyi nyendedzi tshifhinga tshothe tsha vhugudisi havho ha mbekanyamushumo na u vhala hafhu khethekanyo dzo fhambanaho. Vha do wana uri kupfesesele kwavho kwa zwigudwa kwu a engedzea tshifhinga tshiñwe na tshiñwe vha tshi vhala nahone zwi do vha laedza uri vha shumise hani kha u funza vhagudi vhałuku vha re kiłasirumi yavho. Iji siałari jo itaho kavhili iji vha ɳetshedza manweledzo a khethekanyo iñwe na iñwe na u vha rumela kha masiałari ane vha nga kona u vhala nga vhudalo.

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## Khethekanyo ya 1:

### Mbekanyamushumo ya u Khwinisa Luambo ya Gireidi ya R

Khethekanyo iyi i rera nga zwitäluli zwa malo zwa Mbekanyamushumo ya Khwiniso ya Luambo, ye ya bveledzelwa GDE u khwathisa pfunzo ya luambo na ndivho ya u vhala na u ńwala kha Gireidi ya R.

- ★ Mbekanyamushumo i tshimbida vhana kha lwendo lwa u amba kana lwa u ńwala.
- ★ Mbekanyamushumo yo disendeka kha zwiko, zwi itaho uri vhagudi vha swikelele zwishumiswa zwi nyanyulaho.
- ★ Mbekanyamushumo i ɻoda miniti ya 50 ya tshifhinga tsho sedzaho kha u funziwa ha luambo ɻuvha liñwe na liñwe.
- ★ Mbekanyamushumo i ɳetshedza mishumo ya kiłasi yothe na ya tshigwada tshiłuku ya ɻuvha liñwe na liñwe.
- ★ Mishumo ya mutevhethadu wa vhege mbili wa u funza yo olwa u mona na nganea.
- ★ Mishumo ya ńwaha i dzudzanyelwa mitevhethadu ya vhege mbili ya 19.
- ★ Mishumo i ɳetshedza zwikhala kha vhagudi u fhała zwikili zweithe zwa luambo zwa CAPS.
- ★ Mishumo i vha tendela uri vha lavhelese mvelaphanda ya vhagudi nahone zwishumiswa zwe ɳetshedzwa u itela u linga ha tshifhinga tshothe.



## U ɻangana na Stella

Vha do zwi vhona uri hu na mudededzi a re hone u swikela magumoni a Nyendedzi ya Ɗivhaipfi. U do tshimbila na vhone kha lwendo lwavho lwa u guda nahone tshifhinga tshothe u do vha ɳetshedza nyeletshedzo yo disendekaho kha tshenzhemo yawe ya miñwaha a kha kiłasirumu ya Gireidi ya R. U na dzina jo khetheaho iji bvaho kha English:

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## Khethekanyo ya 2:

### Milayo ya u endedza u funza na u guda kha Gireidi ya R

Iyi khethekanyo i rera nga ha **milayo ya malo** ye ya endedza u oliwaha Mbekanyamushumo ya u Khwinisa Luambo ya Gireidi ya R nahone ri fulufhela uri i ḋo vha ranga phanda kha kufunzele kwavho.

- ★ **Mulayo wa nyimele.** U guda hu bvelela kha nyimele dzi pfeseseaho na dzo teaho.
- ★ **Mulayo wa mushumo.** Vhagudi vha fanelu u dzhenelala thwii kha kuitele kwa u guda na u funza.
- ★ **Mulayo wa u tamba.** Vhana vha guda lwa khwinesa kha nyito dzine vha tamba nga u funa na dzine dza endedzwa.
- ★ **Mulayo wa vhuimo.** Vhagudi vha pfuka nga kha maimo o fhambanaho a u pfesesa na mveledziso.
- ★ **Mulayo wa nyambedzano.** U guda hu bvelela musi hu na vhudavhidzani na u kovhekana mihibulo.
- ★ **Mulayo wa nyendedzi.** U guda hu bvelela musi mugudisi a tshi ranga phanda vlagudi kha u bveledza ndivho ntswa.
- ★ **Mulayo wa vhukateli.** U guda hu bvelela kha vhupo vhune muñwe na muñwe o ṭanganedzwa, o katelwa, u farwa zwavhuđi, u a ḥonifhiwa nahone u kona u shela mulenzhe.
- ★ **Mulayo wa ndowendowe.** U guda hu pfumbiswa nga kha u ita ndowendowe ya zwikili zwiwa na ndivho.

*I dovha ya sedza ndeme ya mutheo wa mveledziso ya zwipfi na misipha u itela u gudiwa ha luambo, hu na nyombedzelo ya u vhona, u pfa, u kwama na vhukoni ha vhunzani.*

## Khethekanyo ya 3:

### U funza luambo na u rangela u kona u vhala na u ḫwala kha Gireidi ya R

Iyi khethekanyo i ḥalutshedza uri vhana vhaṭuku vha guda hani u vhala na u ḫwala na u sumbedza uri mbekanyamushumo i fhaṭa hani kha kupfesesele ukwu. Idzi **mbuno** dzi nweledza muhumbulo.

- ★ U guda u vhala na u ḫwala a si zwithu zwine zwa itea nga khathihi, fhedzi ndi kuitele kwune kwa dzhia miñwaha. Izwi ri zwi vhidza uri ndi ndivho ya u rangela u vhala na u ḫwala.
- ★ Hu si na zwikili zwa luambo zwa u amba, u guda u vhala na u ḫwala zwi nga kondja vhukuma kha vlagudi vhaṭuku.
- ★ ḅivhaipfi yo pfumaho na yo ḥandavhuwaho ndi ya ndeme kha mveledziso ya u guda u vhala na u ḫwala na u guda maipfi maswa, vlagudi vha tea u ḥangana nao lunzhilunzhi kha nyimele dza masia o fhambanaho.
- ★ **Luambo lwa bugu** ndi lwa ndeme kha u guda u vhala na u ḫwala. Luambo lwo raliho lu shumiswa kha dzinganea na musi ri tshi amba nga zwithu zwi sa vhonalih sa mihibulo, vhudipfi na zwiñwe huñwe fhethu na tshiñwe tshifhinga.
- ★ Nga kha ḥitambwa, nyedziselo, u ḥalutshedza na u ḥalutshedza hafhu dzinganea, vlagudi vha fhaṭa kupfesesele kwavho kwa vhabvumbedza, nzulele na thevhékano ya zwiwo. Izwi ndi mutheo wa ndeme wa u vhala, kupfesesele na u ḫwala.
- ★ Nga kha therisano, vlagudi vha na tshikhala tsha u vhudzisa na u fhindula mbudziso dzi ḥodaho phindulo i fhiraho nthihi. Izwi zwi ḥutuwedza vlagudi u humbula ngazwo na u kovhekana mihibulo na mavhonele avho.
- ★ Vlagudi vhane vha vhona vhaaluwa vha tshi khou vhala na u ḫwala vha a ḥutuwedzea u vhala na u ḫwala nga vhone vhañe ngauri vha guda uri tswayo dzine vha dzi ita kha bammbiri dzi nga hwala mulaedza nahone dza vha na zwine dza amba.
- ★ Vlagudi vha anzela u thoma u "vhala" vha sa khou vhala maipfi a re one, na u "ᬁwala" vha sa khou ḫwala maipfi nga ndila yone – ulwu ndi luṭa lwa ndeme kha lwendo lwanho lwa u guda u vhala na u ḫwala.
- ★ U vha vhavhali vha re na vhutsila, vlagudi vha tea u pfesesa mulayo wa thevhékano ya alifabethe – wa uri hu na vhuṭumani vhukati ha maledere ane vha a vhona kha siaṭari na mibvumo ine vha i pfa kha maipfi.
- ★ Ndivho ya u ḅivha mabulele na ndivho ya ḥedere na mubvumo zwi vhukati ha zwibvumbi zwa khwinesa kha uri vlagudi vha ḋo guda u vhala na u ḫwala nga ndila i bveledzaho.

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# ★ Using the Language Concept Guide

The Language Concept Guide is divided into three sections which can be read in any order because they all connect with one another. We encourage you to return to this guide throughout your training on the programme and to reread the different sections. You will find that your understanding of the content deepens each time you read and that it will inform how you approach your teaching of the young learners in your classroom. This double page offers you a summary of each section and refers you to the pages where you can read more.

## Section 1:

### The Grade R Language Improvement Programme

This section discusses **eight features** of the Language Improvement Programme, which was developed for the GDE to strengthen the teaching of language and literacy in Grade R.

- ★ The programme takes learners on a journey from spoken to written language.
- ★ The programme is resource-based, giving learners access to exciting materials.
- ★ The programme requires 50 minutes of focused language teaching time every day.
- ★ The programme provides whole class and small group activities for each day.
- ★ The activities for a two-week cycle of teaching are designed around a story.
- ★ The activities for the year are planned for 19 two-week cycles.
- ★ The activities provide opportunities for learners to build all the CAPS language skills.
- ★ The activities allow you to observe learners' progress and tools are provided for continuous assessment.

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### Meet Stella

You will see that there is a teacher present throughout this Concept Guide. She will keep you company on your learning journey and will often give advice based on her years of experience in the Grade R classroom. She has a special name:

**S**trengthening the **T**eaching of **E**arly  
**L**anguage and **L**iteracy for **A**ll.





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## Section 2: Guiding principles of teaching and learning in Grade R

This section discusses **eight principles** which have guided the design of the Grade R Language Improvement Programme and which we trust will guide your teaching.

- ★ *The context principle.* Learning takes place in meaningful and appropriate situations.
- ★ *The activity principle.* Learners should be directly involved in the learning-teaching process.
- ★ *The play principle.* Children learn best in free-play and guided-play activities.
- ★ *The level principle.* Learners pass through various levels of understanding and development.
- ★ *The interaction principle.* Learning takes place when there is communication and sharing of ideas.
- ★ *The guidance principle.* Learning takes place when teachers guide learners in developing new knowledge.
- ★ *The inclusivity principle.* Learning takes place in an environment where everyone is welcomed, included, treated fairly, respected and can participate.
- ★ *The practice principle.* Learning is consolidated through practising new skills and knowledge.

It also focuses on the fundamental importance of perceptual and motor development for the learning of language, with an emphasis on visual, auditory, tactile and kinaesthetic perception.

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## Section 3: Teaching language and emergent literacy in Grade R

This section explains how young children learn to read and write and shows how the programme builds on this understanding. These **points** summarise the thinking.

- ★ Learning to read and write is not something that happens overnight, but is a process that takes many years. We call this emergent reading and writing.
- ★ Without good oral language skills, learning to read and write can be very difficult for young learners.
- ★ A rich and wide vocabulary is key to literacy development and to learn new words, learners need to encounter them many times in a range of different situations.
- ★ *Book language* is critical for literacy. This kind of language is used in stories and when we talk about abstract things such as thoughts, feelings and events in another place and time.
- ★ Through role play, pretend play, telling and retelling stories, learners build their understanding of characters, context and the sequence of events. This is an important foundation for reading, comprehension and writing.
- ★ Through interactive discussions, learners have the opportunity to ask and answer open-ended questions. This encourages learners to think through and share their own ideas and opinions.
- ★ Learners who see adults reading and writing are inspired to read and write themselves because they learn that the marks they make on paper can carry a message and have meaning.
- ★ Learners usually start to “read” without reading actual words, and to “write” without writing words correctly – this is a very important stage in their literacy journey.
- ★ To become skilled readers, learners need to understand the alphabetic principle – that there is a link between the letters they see on a page and the sounds they hear in words.
- ★ Phonological awareness and letter-sound knowledge are among the best predictors that learners will learn to read and write successfully.





# ★ Khethekanyo ya 1: Mbekanyamushumo ya u Khwinisa Luambo ya Gireidi ya R

## Marangaphanda

Vhu no vhuya vha humbula nga ha musi vhagudi vha tshi thoma u guda u vhala na u nwala naa? Kha marangaphanda aya ri sedza nga vhuronwane fhungo iji ja ndeme.

### U rangela u guda ndi zwa ndeme

Saizwi ri tshi zwi divha uri vhagudisi vha na mushumo wa ndeme une vha tea u u ita, vha nga mangala u divha uri kuitele kwa u guda u vhala na u nwala kwu thoma zwavhu di nwana a sa athu u dzhena klasirumuni ya Gireidi ya R naa? U rangela u guda hu thoma vhutukuni, khathihi na zwikili zwa matshilisano na u nyanyuwa, luambo lwu gudiwa musi mugudi a tshi ambedzana na mirado ya muja, dzikhonani na vhagudisi. Izwi zwothe zwi netshedza mitheo kha u guda lwa vhutshilo hothe kha mugudi na u fhaa mutheo wa zwikili zwine zwa sedziwa nga tshikolo u fana na u thetshelesa, u amba, u vhala na u nwala zwe zwa bveledzwa zwi tshi ya phanda nga mugudisi. Vhagudi vhane vha guda u vhala na u nwala nga ndila i bveledzaho a vha tou vha na vhagudisi vhavhu di tshikoloni, fhedzi hu anzela u vha avho vho vhuelwaho u bva kha tshenzhemo dza ndeme dza u rangela u guda u bva vhutukuni u ya kha miwaha ya rathi.



### U thetshelesa na u amba

Thodisiso yo sumbedza uri u vhala na u nwala nga ndila ya vhutsila zwi ditika nga vhukoni ha luambo lwa u amba (u fhindula na u nyanyuwa) zwine zwa thoma u bva maquivhani a u tou thoma kha vhutshilo ha mugudi. Nga kha vhushaka ha u alusa, vhutuman ha vhuluvhi ha ndeme hu itelwa u tikedza mveledziso ya luambo lwa mugudi u bva vhutukuni. Luambo lwa vhagudi lu aluwa izwo vhathogomeli na vhagudisi vha tshi amba navho, u talutshedza zwine maipfi a amba zwone, vha tshi tevhedzela zwine vha zwi takalela, u vhudzisa na u fhindula dzimbudziso na u kovhekana dzibugu na nganea dza zwiwo zwa duvha na jinwe na jinwe.

Ri a zwi divha uri vhagudi vhane vha aluwa vhuponi hu re na luambo lwo pfumaho ngaurali vha na divhaipfi ya khwine nahone hu vha vhone vha khwine kha u pafesesa u vhala musi vha na miwaha ya tahe. Ndi nnyi we a vha a tshi nga zwi humbula uri u amba na vhagudi hu nga vha iinwe ya mpho khulwane dzine ri nga fha?



Vhagudisi vha vhagudi vhatuku na vhone vha na mushumo wa ndeme une vha tea u u ita kha u fhaa luambo lwa u amba lwa vhagudi vhatuku. Izwi a zwi ambi u funza lwa foma! Vhagudisi vha nga ita izwi nga u kovhekana dzinganea na dzibugu, u tutuwedza u ola na u rangela u nwala na u fhaa luambo lwa u amba nga kha u fha dzithalutshedzo, u divhadza maipfi maswa na u tutuwedza vhagudi uri vha vhudzise na u fhindula dzimbudziso.

### U rangela u nwala

Zwiinwe hafhu kha u pfa na u shumisa luambo miwahani yavho ya u thoma, vhagudi vha tea u guda nga ha khandiso. Luambo lwo nwaliwaho lwo fhambana na luambo lwu ambiwaho, nahone ndi jiga jihulwane ja vhagudi ja u pafesesa uri u nwala zwavhu di vha ndi tshipitshi tsho nwaliwaho fhasi. Nga u sumbedza khandiso kha vhupo vhu ngaho sa kha zwiga, madzina, na zwinambatedzwa, vhagudi vha thoma u zwi vhona uri u nwala hu na ndivho.

Musi vhagudi vha na bammbiri na dzikhirayoni nahone ra tutuwedza u ita havho tswayo, u ola na u talatadza, vha pfa vha na vhudifulufheli ha u lingeda nga u sumbedza mihumulo yavho nga u "ola" na "u nwala", ri vhidza u lingeda ha u tou thoma u nwala "u rangela u nwala" saizwi hu sa athu u fana na muhwalo wa vhaaluwa – a vha tevhedzeli mitaladzi, vha tanganyisa maledere, dzinomboro na zwifanyiso, nahone mupelelo wavho ndi wa u tou diitela! Iji ndi jiga lo doweleaho ja mveledziso. U guda u nwala ndi kuitele, nahone u tou fana na tshikili tshiinwe na tshiinwe tshiswa, zwi a dzhia tshifhinga, nqowendowe na thuthuwedzo khulwane hu sa athu u koniwa.



### U rangela u vhala

Saizwi vhagudi vha tshi talela vhaaluwa vha tshi khou vhala na u nwala, vha a guda uri tswayo dzi re kha bammbiri dzi hwala mulaedza nahone dzi na zwine dza amba zwone. Vha guda uri bugu dzi shumisa hani, na u mbo di kungiwa nga nganea dza vhatku vha vha na vhaaluwa matshiloni avho vhane vha vhala navho, vha guda u badekana u vhala na vhushaka ha tsini, nahone izwi zwi vha nea vhudifulufheli ha u lingeda u vhala nga vhone vha. U vhala ha vhagudi vhatku hu nga kha di vha ho khakhea nahone vha nga "vhala" u bva kha nyelelo kana vho di vhumbela nganea uri dzi tshimbidzane na zwifanyiso. Musi tshifhinga tshi tshi khou di tanqulukana, vha do thoma u sedzesha kha maledere na maipfi o gandiswaho, nahone u vhala havho hu do vha hu songo khakhea.





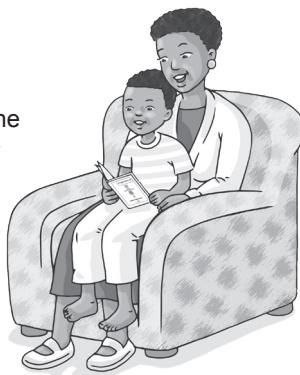
# ★ Section 1: The Grade R Language Improvement Programme

## Introduction

Have you ever thought about when learners begin learning to read and write? In this introduction we look carefully at this important issue.

### Early learning is crucial

While we know that teachers have a very important role to play, would you be surprised to know that the process of learning to read and write begins well before a child steps into a Grade R classroom? Early learning starts from birth and, along with social and emotional skills, language is learnt as the learner interacts with family members, friends and teachers. All these provide foundations for the learner's life-long learning and lay the ground for the school's focus on skills such as listening, speaking, reading and writing which are developed further by the teacher. Learners who learn to read and write successfully do not only have good teachers at school, but tend to be those who have benefited from critical early learning experiences from birth to six years.



### Listening and speaking



Research has shown that skilled reading and writing depends on oral (receptive and expressive) language abilities that begin developing from the earliest days in a learner's life. Through nurturing relationships, critical brain connections are made that support a learner's language development from birth. Learners' language grows as caregivers and teachers talk with them, explain what words mean, follow their interests, ask and answer questions and share books and stories about day-to-day events. We know that learners who grow up in these sorts of language-rich environments have a better vocabulary and are likely to be better at reading comprehension at age nine. Who would have thought that talking with learners would be one of the greatest gifts we could give?

Teachers of young learners also have a very important role to play in building young learners' oral language. This does not mean formal teaching! Teachers can do this by sharing stories and books, encouraging drawing and emergent writing and building oral language through giving explanations, introducing new words and encouraging learners to ask and answer questions.



### Early writing

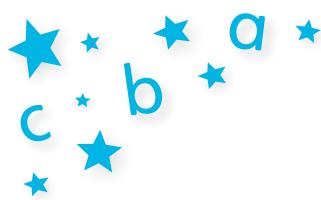
In addition to hearing and using language in their early years, learners need to learn about print. Written language is different to spoken language, and it is a big step for learners to understand that writing is in fact speech written down. By pointing out print in the environment such as signs, names and labels, learners start to see that writing has a purpose.



When learners have access to paper and crayons and we encourage their mark making, drawing and scribbling, they feel confident to experiment with expressing their ideas through drawing and "writing". We call learners' very earliest attempts to write "emergent writing" as it does not yet look like grown-up writing – they do not keep to the lines, they mix letters, numbers and pictures, and their spelling is invented! This is a normal stage of development. Learning to write is a process, and as with any new skill, it takes time, practice and a great deal of encouragement before it is mastered.

### Early reading

As learners watch adults reading and writing, they learn that the marks on paper carry a message and have meaning. They learn how books work, and become captivated by the stories of different people and places. If they have adults in their lives who read with them, they learn to associate reading with warm and trusting relationships, and this gives them confidence to try and read themselves. Young learners' reading may not be accurate and they may "read" from memory or make up stories to go with pictures. Over time, they will start to focus more on printed letters and words, and their reading will become more accurate.



## U guda nga ha maledere na mibvumo

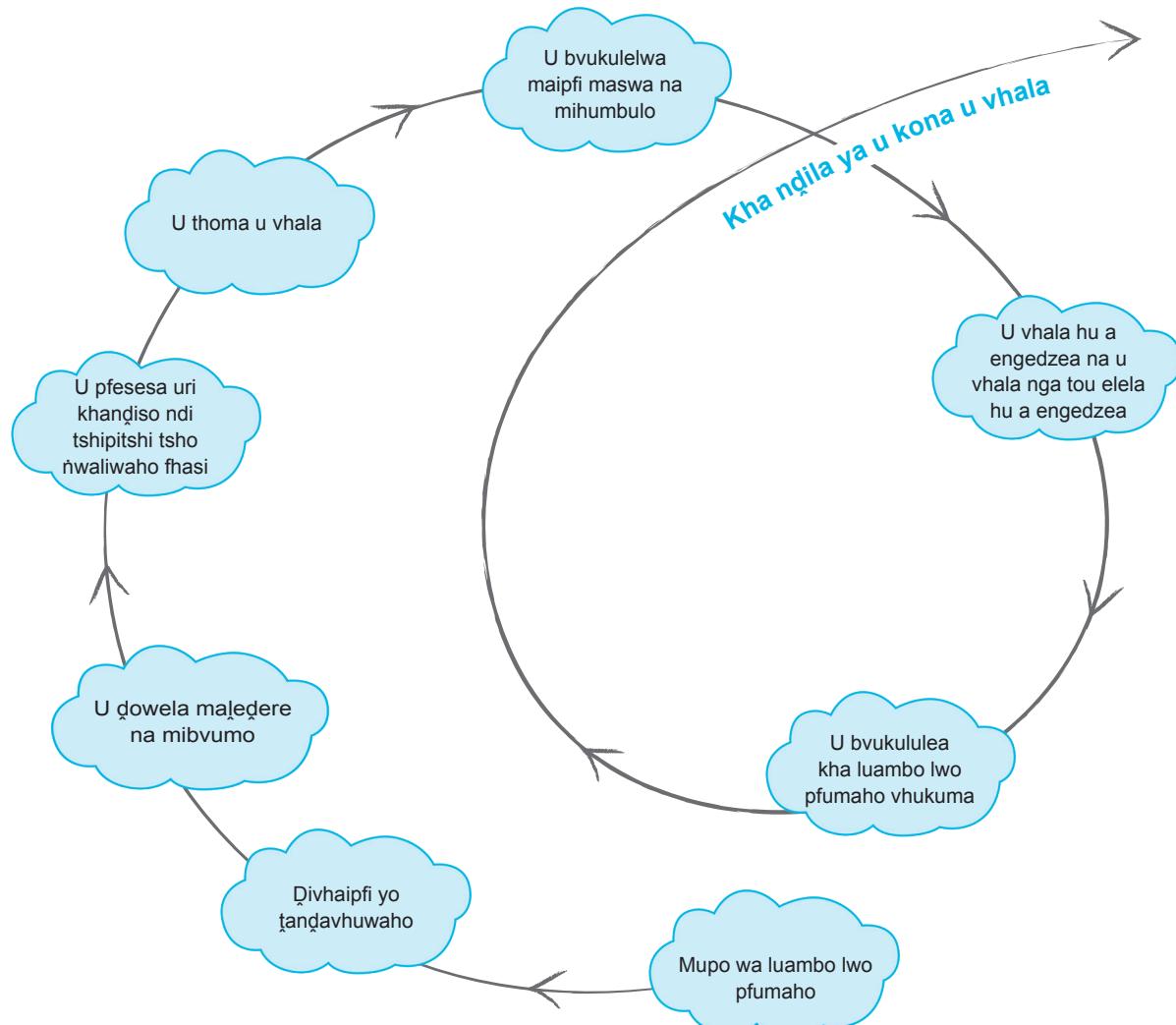
Uri vha kone u vhala na u ñwala, vhagudi vhañuku vha tea u pñesesa uri tswayo dzine vha vhona kha siañari zwavhuñivhuñi ndi tshipitshi tshashu tsho ñwalwaho fhasi! Iñi ndi liga lñulwane kha vhagudi vhañuku, saizwi zwi tshi amba uri vha tea u ñivha mibvumo ya maipfi a ambiwaho, na u ñumanya iyi mibvumo kha zwiga zwa maledere. Mitambo ya u vhandelela madungo na u thetshelesa i ngaho sa “Ndi a ñolela nga lito langa lñuku” i thusa vhagudi uri vha ñivhe mibvumo i re kha maipfi. Maledere a nga ñivhadziwa nga kha vhagudi musi vha tshi khou ñwala madzina avho, u ñwala maledere fhethu ho ñalahlo muñavha, u ñwala maledere nga pennde kana u ita maledere nga suko ja u tamba. Mitambo iyi yoþe ya u takadza i nga kha ñi vhonala i songo tea kha mushumo muhulwane wa u guda u vhala na u ñwala, fñedzi ndi nga kha tshenzhemo dzenedzi dzine vhagudi vha dzhena kha lñfhasi ja u kona u vhala na u ñwala.



## Vhupo ho pfumaho luambo na khandiso

Vhagudi vho alutshelaho mahayani o pfumaho luambo na khandiso na kha dzikhireshe vha anzela u thoma tshikolo vha na maipfi o ñandavhuwaho na o nwelelaho. Vha ño pñesesa uri maipfi a amba mini nahone vha ño kona u shumisa luambo lune vha vho lu ñivha u itela uri vha kone u pñesesa musi vhatu vha tshi khou amba na u vhalela ñtha, nahone nga ñdila iyi vha ño guda luambo luswa na mihibulo. Vha ño thoma tshikolo vho no ñowela maledere na mibvumo, na u pñesesa uri khandiso ndi tshipitshi tsho ñwaliwaho fhasi. Izwi zwi amba uri vha ño kona mañwalwa a mutheo nga u ñavhanya vha tshi ya kha Gireidi ya 1, vha ya nga tshihadu kha mañwalwa malapfu a tserekano ane a dovha a vha bvukululela maipfi maswa na mihibulo. Musi vha tshi vhala tshifhinga tshoþe, zwi ño ita uri vha kone u vhala nga tou elela, nahone musi luambo lwo tshi aluwa nga maanda lu ño vha konisa uri vha ñidzhenise kha mañwalwa ane a khou thoma u konða. Vha ñdilani ya u kona u vhala.

## Mutevheþhaðu wa u bveledza





## Learning about letters and sounds

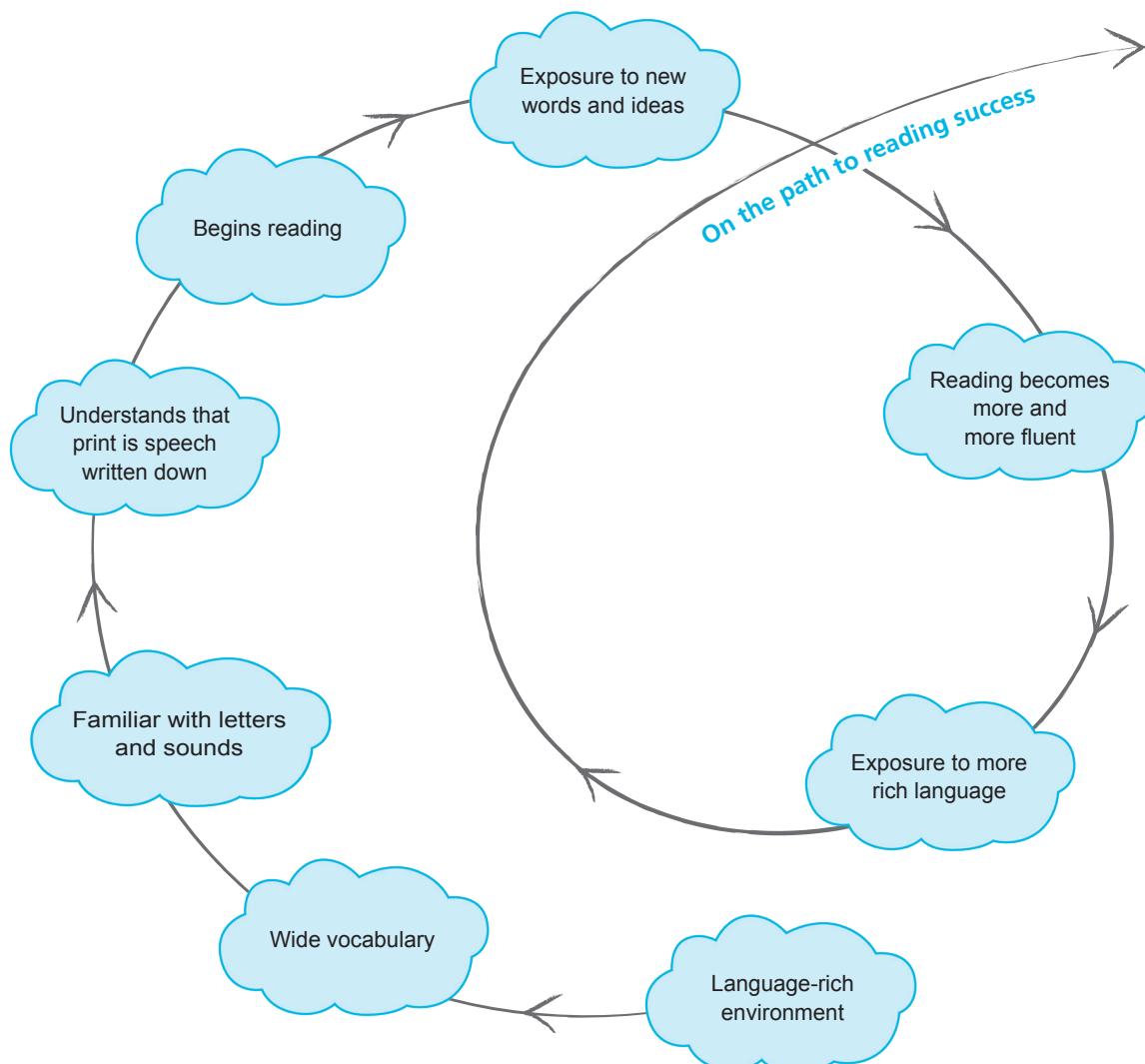
In order to learn to read and write, young learners need to understand that the marks they see on a page are in fact our speech written down! This is a big step for young learners, as it means they need to become aware of the sounds of spoken words, and to link these sounds to letter symbols. Clapping out syllables and listening games such as “I spy with my little eye” help learners to become aware of sounds in words. Letters can be introduced through learners writing their names, writing letters in the sandpit, writing letters with paint or making letters with playdough. All of these fun activities might not seem that relevant for the serious business of learning to read and write, but it is through these experiences that learners enter the world of literacy.

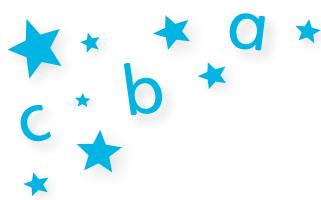


## Language- and print-rich environments

Learners who have grown up in language- and print-rich homes and preschool environments are likely to begin school with a wide and deep vocabulary. They will understand what words mean and will be able to use the language they already know to understand when people talk and read aloud, and in this way will learn new language and ideas. They will start school being familiar with letters and sounds, and will understand that print is speech written down. This means that they will master basic texts early on in Grade 1, quickly moving onto longer and more complex texts which give them exposure to new words and ideas. The more they read, the more fluent their reading will become, and the more their language will develop and enable them to engage with increasingly difficult texts. They are on a path to reading success.

## A cycle of success





Mashudu mavhi, Afurika Tshipembe hu na vhagudi vha si gathi vhane vha vha na tshenzhemo dza u guda dza u thoma dzine dza vha dzudzanyela kha iyi ndila ya u kona u vhala. Vha nga vha vha tshi khou ḋivhudzisa arali ho no tou vha u lenga u fhaṭa zwikili izwi zwa luambo kha Gireidi ya R. Hai, a ri tendi kha izwo. Arali Vhagudisi vha ḋiimisela u ḋetshedza tshenzhemo ya luambo lwo pfumaho kha vhagudi ḋuvha ḥiñwe na ḥiñwe, zwi nga ita phambano khulwane kha u guda havho nga ndila i bveledzaho. Izwi ndi zwine **Mbekanyamushumo ya u Khwinisa Luambo ya Gireidi ya R** yo olelwa u ita zwone!

Kha vha sedze zwine Stella a ḥoda u amba afho phasi nga ha mbekanyamushumo nahone vha gude zwinzhi kha masiaṭari a tevhelaho.

## Lwendo lwa u bva kha luambo lwa u amba u ya kha lwa u ḥwala ...



Mbekanyamushumo ya u Khwinisa Luambo ya Gireidi ya R yo bveledzelwa u itela u ḋetshedza vhagudi vha Gireidi ya R tshenzhemo ine ya tikedza luambo lwa u thoma na mveledziso ya u guda u ḥwala na u vhala. Hu tshi khou shumiswa dzinganea, mbekanyamushumo i isa vhagudi kha Lwendo lwa u bva kha luambo lwa u ambiwa u ya kha lwa u ḥwaliwa. Nganea iñwe na iñwe i ita mutheo wa u funza wa vhege mbili, mishumo ya u guda na u linga.



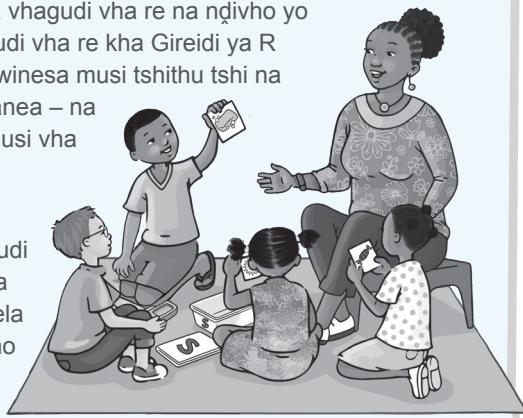
U ḥangana lwa u tou thoma ha vhagudi na nganea ndi musi vha tshi pfa nganea i tshi khou anetshelwa nga mugudisi nga zwipopai na dziñwe dzisifhereswenda u itela uri vhaanewa vha nyanyule. Nga murahu ha u pfa nganea i tshi khou ambiwa, vhagudi vha ḫo vha na tshifhinga tsha u imba luimbo lu ḥutshelanaho na nganea. Dzinyimbo ndi ndila yavhuḍi ya u bveledza zwikili zwa luambo nahone vhañwe vhagudi vha wana zwo leluwa u humbula luambo luswa nga kha luimbo, pfalandoṭhe, mutevhetsindo na tshidade. Nga murahu ha u imba, vhagudi vha a dzhenelela kha u edzisela nganea musi i tshi khou anetshelwa. Izwi zwi vha nea tshifhinga tsha u dzhenelela kha u ḥalutshedza nganea nga ndila i nyanyulaho na u shumisa maipfi na mafhungo a vhaanewa vho fhambanaho. Zwi dovha zwa vha ḥoda uri vha humbule nga ha thevhekano ya nganea – hu itea mini nga murahu.

U fhaṭa kha u anetshela nganea nga mulomo, u imba, ḥitambwa, thevhekano ya zwiwo, vhagudi vha vha na tshifhinga tsha u ola tshipiḍa tshavho tshine vha tshi funesa kha nganea na u ita ndingedzo dzavho dza u thoma dza u ḥwala mihumbulo yavho (naho izwi hu u talatadza). Vha dovha vha vhona uri u ḥwala hu shumisa hani na uri mihumbulo yavho i nga ḥwaliwa hani phasi musi u tshi edzisela u ḥwala ḥiñwalwa u itela ndivho (ledere, mutevhé, luimbo). Mushumo uyu u thoma nga therisano dzo pfumaho na u kovhekana mihumbulo, nga u dzhenelela hu bvaho kha vhunzhi ha vhagudi nga hune zwa nga konadzea ngaho.

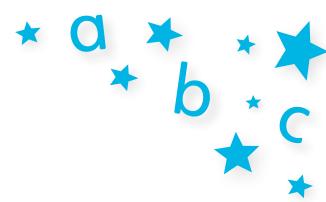


Musi vha tshi edzisela kuitele kwa u ḥwala, vha tshi khou shumisa maipfi na mihumbulo ya vhagudi, vha a zwi vhona uri zwine ra amba zwi nga ḥwalwa phasi. Izwi zwi ḫo vha nea vhudifhinduleli ha u thoma u lingedza u ḥwala nga vhone vhane – naho arali vha tshi nga thoma nga u talatadza na u vhumba maledere! Zwiñwe hafhu, kha u vhala mañwalwa e vha a ḥwala navho, vhagudi vha dovha vha vha na tshiñwe tshikhala tsha u vhona uri u vhala hu shumisa hani musi vha tshi ita zwibugu zwine vha ḥuwa nazwo hayani, na musi vha tshi vha whalela Bugu Khulu kha vhege ya vhuvhili. Afha vha ḫo ḥangana na nganea i fanaho, yo ḥoweleaho fhedzi i kha tshivhumbeo tsha khandiso.

Zwiñwe hafhu kha mishumo yo ḋisendekaho kha nganea ine ya fhaṭa u thetshela, u amba, u vhona na u ḥwala ha vhagudi, mbekanyamushumo i katela u ḋiphina hunzhi, ndila dza miñwaha yo teaho kha u fhaṭa ndivho ya nga ha maledere ya vhagudi. Ri a zwi ḋivha zwi tshi bva kha ḥodisiso uri vhagudi vhane vha ḋivha zwiñwe nga ha maledere na mibvumo ine a i ita, vha a anzela u guda u vhala na u ḥwala nga ndila i leluwaho u fira vhagudi vha re na ndivho yo pimeaho ya ledere na mubvumo. Naho zwo ralo, a ri khou tshivhudza uri vhagudi vha re kha Gireidi ya R vha gudiswe nga ha maledere nga ndila ya fomaja. Vhagudi vha guda lwa khwinesa musi tshithu tshi na ḥhalutshedzo khavho, zwino maledere na mibvumo yo ḥumanywaho na dzinganea – na kha maipfi maswa, zwifanyiso na zwithu. Vhagudi vha guda nga ha luambo musi vha tshi khou fhaṭa ndivho yavho ya maledere.



Thodisiso yo dovha ya sumbedza uri ndi zwa ndeme uri vhagudi vha ḋivhe mibvumo kha luambo lune lwa ambiwa (ndivho ya ḋivhamabulele). Arali vhagudi vha sa guda u thetshela mibvumo kha luambo lwa u ambiwa, vha nga ḋivha zwine vha ḥoda u ḥwala, fhedzi vha si kone u pfa mibvumo i re kha maipfi u itela uri vha i ḥwale. Khethekanyo ya maledere na mibvumo ya mbekanyamushumo i katela mishumo ya u amba nga mulomo ine ya thusa vhagudi u bveledza ndivho iyi.



Unfortunately, in South Africa very few learners have the kind of early learning experiences that set them on this path to reading success. You may be wondering if it is too late to build these language skills in Grade R. No, we do not believe so. If Grade R teachers commit to providing a rich language experience for learners every day, it can make a significant difference to their learning success. This is what the **Grade R Language Improvement Programme** was designed to do!

See what Stella has to say below about the programme and learn more in the pages that follow.

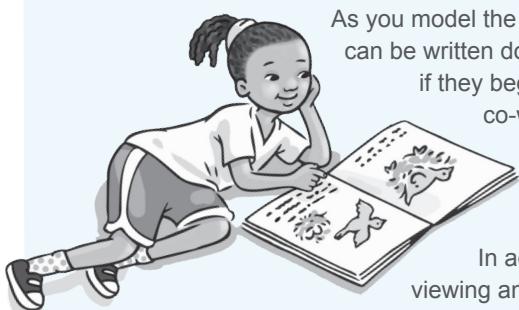
## A journey from spoken to written language ...

The Grade R Language Improvement Programme has been developed to give Grade R learners experiences that support early language and literacy development. Using stories, the programme takes learners on a journey from spoken to written language. Each new story forms the basis of two weeks of teaching, learning and assessment activities.

The learners' first encounter with the story is when they hear the story being told by their teacher with puppets and other props to make the characters come alive. After hearing the story being told, learners will have a chance to sing a song related to the story. Songs are a wonderful way to develop language skills and some learners find it easier to remember new language through melody, rhythm and rhyme. After singing, learners participate in role playing the story as it is narrated. This gives them a chance to participate in the telling of the story in an active way and use the words and phrases of the different characters. It also requires them to think about story sequence – what happens next.



Building on the oral telling of the story, the singing, role play and sequencing of events, learners have a chance to draw their favourite part of the story and make their first attempts to write their ideas (even if these are scribbles). They also see how writing works and how their ideas can be written down as you model writing a text for a purpose (a letter, a list, a song). This activity begins with rich discussions and sharing of ideas, with contributions from as many learners as possible.

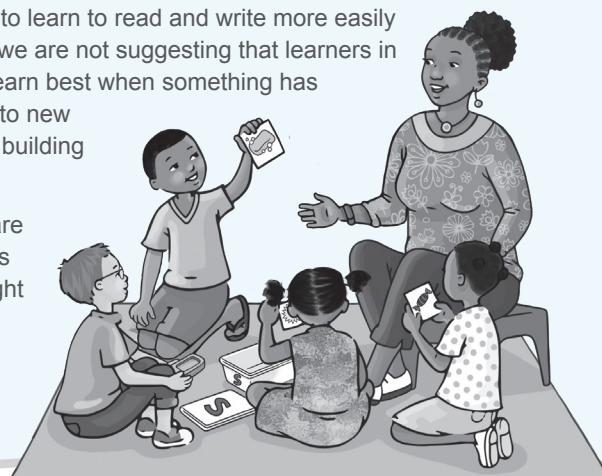


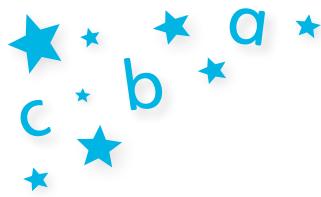
As you model the writing process, using the learners' words and ideas, they see that what we say can be written down. This will give them the confidence to start trying to write themselves – even if they begin with scribbles and made-up letters! In addition to reading the texts they have co-written with you, learners will have another opportunity to see how reading works when they make little books to take home, and when you read the Big Book to them in the second week. Here they will encounter the same, familiar story but in print form.

In addition to story-based activities that build learners' listening, speaking, reading, viewing and writing, the programme includes many fun, age-appropriate ways to build learners' knowledge of letters. We know from research that learners who know

something about letters and the sounds they make, are likely to learn to read and write more easily than learners who have limited letter–sound knowledge. However, we are not suggesting that learners in Grade R should be taught about letters in a formal way. Learners learn best when something has meaning to them, so letters and sounds are linked to stories – and to new words, pictures and objects. Learners learn about language while building their knowledge of letters.

Research has also shown that it is vital for learners to become aware of sounds in spoken language (phonological awareness). If learners don't learn to pay attention to sounds in spoken language, they might know what they want to write, but not be able to hear the sounds in words in order to write them. The letters and sounds section of the programme includes many oral activities that help learners to develop this awareness.





## Zwiko zwa mbekanyamushumo ya luambo

Vhagudisi vha khou shumisa Mbekanyamushumo ya Luambo vha do tanganedza zwiko zwa ndeme ya ntha musi vha kha vhugudisi havho.

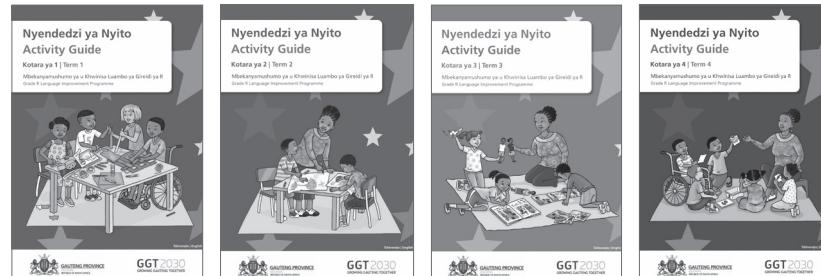
### ★ Dzinyendedzi

Nyendedzi ya Divhaipfi



Vhagudisi vha do shumisa iyi nyendedzi  
rwaha wothe wa u funza u itela u vha  
humbudza mihumbulo ya ndeme

Nyendedzi nna dza Nyito



Nyendedzi ya Nyito ya kotara iwe na iwe i divhadza dzinganea, nyimbo,  
divhaipfi na mishumo zwiswa, ho tangana na maledere na mibvumo miswa  
ine vha do i guda.

### ★ Mabuto a fumihahe a nganea

Buto liwe na liwe la nganea li shumisiwa kha mutevhetha du wa vhege mbili wa u funza nahone li na zwiko zwi neaho  
vhagudi tshenzhemo dzo fhambanaho dza nganea:

- Kha vha bvisele nnnda zwipopai zwa vhaanewa



Vhagudisi vha shumisa zwipopai na  
dziwe dzisifhereswenda u anetshela  
nganea. Zwipopai zwi dovha zwa  
shumisa nga vhagudi.

- Sethe ya thevhekano ya garaa  
dza zwifanyiso



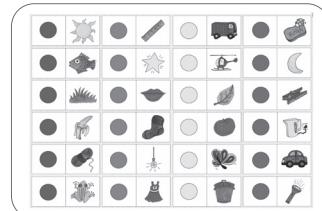
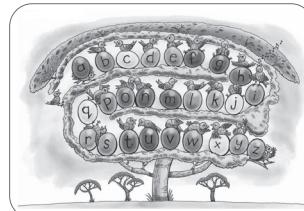
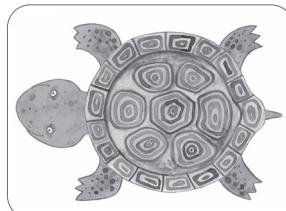
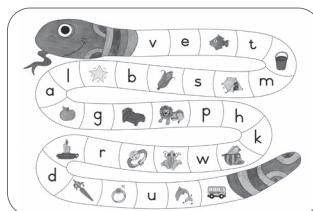
Vhagudi vha thoma u vha a na  
tshenzhemo ya nganea kha masia  
mavhili nga kha thevhekano ya  
zwifanyiso.

- Bugu Khulu na liwalwa lo  
leluwaho



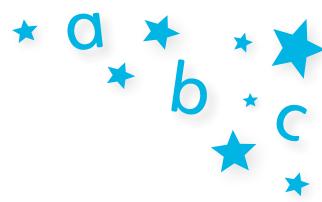
Iyi Bugu Khulu i na zwifanyiso zwi  
fanaho na zwa thevhekano ya  
zwifanyiso, na u divhadza maipfi o  
gandiswaho a u anetshela nganea.

### ★ Buto ja Zwiko ja miyhalo yothe jo katela na bodo dza mitambo na masiatari a mushumo wa u pennda



### ★ Zwiko zwa u tikedza u guda u hayani

Vhagudisi vha nga si kone u fhaa mitheo ya luambo hu si na thikhedzo ya vhabebi. Vho shomedzwa nga izwi zwiko, vhabebi  
vha nga kha di divhadzwa khathihi na u vha tufuwedzwa uri vha tikedze lwendo lwa u guda u nwala na u vhala ha nwana  
wawho hayani.



# Language programme resources

Teachers using the Language programme will receive a number of high quality resources during their training.

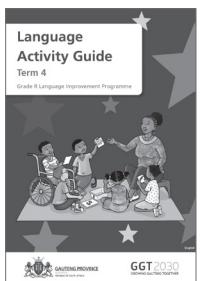
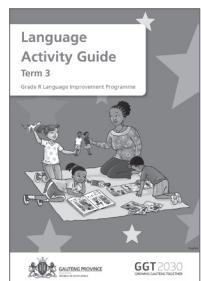
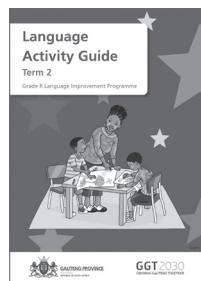
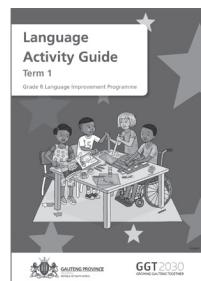
## ★ Guides

### Language Concept Guide



Teachers will reference this guide throughout the teaching year to remind them of key ideas.

### Four Language Activity Guides



The Language Activity Guide for each term introduces new stories, songs, vocabulary and activities, together with new letters and sounds that learners will learn.

## ★ Nineteen story packs

Each story pack is used for a two-week teaching cycle and contains resources to give the learners different experiences of the story:

- Pop-out character puppets on card



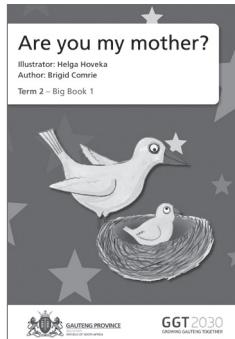
Teachers use the puppets and other props to tell the story. The puppets are used again by the learners.

- A set of sequence picture cards



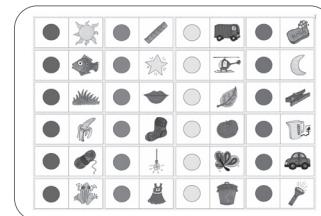
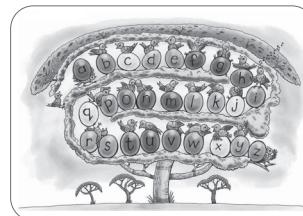
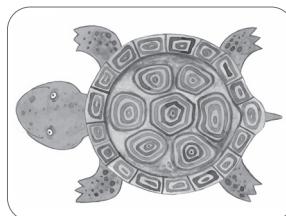
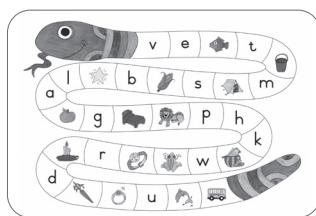
Learners first experience the story in two dimensions through the sequence pictures.

- A Big Book with simple text



The Big Book has similar illustrations to the sequence pictures, and introduces printed words to tell the story.

- A full colour Resource Pack including game boards and colour activity pages



## ★ Resources for supporting learning at home

Teachers cannot build language foundations without the assistance of parents. Equipped with these resources, parents can be informed as well as inspired to support their child's literacy journey at home.



# Ndila ya u pulana u sedza kha luambo ḫuvha liñwe na liñwe

## MBEKANYAMUSHUMO YA GIREIDI YA R YA ḫUVHA LIÑWE NA LIÑWE

Nyendedzi  
dza  
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### U SWIKA na U TAMBA NGA U FUNA

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NDUMELISO, TSHATHI YA MUTSHO, U SUMBA NA U BULA,  
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### U SEDZA kha ZWIKILI ZWA VHUTSHILO

Mishumo ya kīlasi yothe na dza u tikedza

10

TSHIFHINGA TSHA U YA BUNGANI Luambo,  
Mbalo, Zwikili zwa Vhutshilo

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ZWINWIWA Luambo, Mbalo, Zwikili  
zwa Vhutshilo

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### U TAMBA NGA U FUNA na U KUNAKISA NNDA

10

TSHIFHINGA TSHA U YA BUNGANI Luambo,  
Mbalo, Zwikili zwa Vhutshilo

50

### U SEDZA kha LUAMBO

Mishumo ya kīlasi yothe na ya u tikedza

20

### NGANEA ḫUVHA LIÑWE NA LIÑWE

TSHIFHINGA TSHA U AWELA KANA TSHA U FHUMULA

U TUWA

Mbekanyamushumo ya ḫuvha liñwe na liñwe ya Gireidi ya R  
ya Gauteng yo qisendeka kha CAPS

MITAMBO  
KHUMBULELWA  
U EDZISELA  
MUTAMBI  
MITAMBO YA U  
FHATA  
ZWIBULOKO  
ZWITAMBISWA  
ZWA PFUNZO  
MITAMBO YA  
MUHUMBULO  
DZIPHAZILI  
KHUDA YA BUGU  
TSHIFHINGA  
TSWA U  
FHUMULA

DZIBOLA  
MUTAMBO  
WA MADI  
U TAMBA  
MUTAVHANI  
U EDZISELA  
MUTAMBI  
MITAMBO YA  
NNDA  
ZWITAMBISWA  
ZWA PFUNZO  
DEMBETITI  
ZWITAMBISWA  
ZWA MAVHILI  
DEU  
MATHAILA

### MBALO

(awara 1 na miniti ya 24)

#### TSHIFHINGA TSHO SEDZWAHO:

miniti ya 50 nga ḫuvha

Nomboro, Tswayo na Vhushaka  
Phetheni, Fankisheni na Alidzheburia  
Tshikhala na Tshivhumbeo (Dzhometiri)  
Muelo  
U shuma na Data

#### NA U ṬANGANELANA:

minetse dza 34 nga ḫuvha

U shumisa zwikhala nga tshifhinga  
tsha zwiñwe zwifhinga zwo sedzwaho  
khathihi na nga tshifhinga tsha u  
tamba nga u funa ngomu/nnda, na  
zwifhinga zwa bunga na zwinwiwa.

### ZWIKILI ZWA VHUTSHILO

(awara 1 na miniti ya 12)

#### TSHIFHINGA TSHO SEDZWAHO:

miniti ya 40 nga ḫuvha

Vhunje na Mutakalo wa Matshilisano  
Ndīvho Thangeli  
Nyito dza Vhutsila  
Pfunzo ya Nyonyoloso

#### NA U ṬANGANELANA:

miniti ya 32 nga ḫuvha

U shumisa zwikhala nga tshifhinga  
tsha zwiñwe zwifhinga zwo sedzwaho  
khathihi na nga tshifhinga tsha u  
tamba nga u funa ngomu/nnda, na  
zwifhinga zwa bunga na zwinwiwa.

### LUAMBO

(awara 2)

#### TSHIFHINGA TSHO SEDZWAHO:

miniti ya 50 nga ḫuvha

U thetshelesa na u Amba  
U bveledzisa u Vhala  
Dīvhambulele na u Dzhiela  
nzhele fonimi  
U bveledzisa u Nwala

U bveledzisa Muñwalo

#### NA U ṬANGANELANA:

miniti ya 70 nga ḫuvha

U sumba na u bula (miniti ya 10)  
Nganea ḫuvha liñwe na liñwe  
(miniti ya 20)

Nga miniti yo salaho dza 40, kha  
vha shumise zwikhala nga tshifhinga  
tsha zwiñwe zwifhinga zwo sedzwaho  
khathihi na nga tshifhinga tsha u tambo  
nga u funa ngomu/nnda, na zwifhinga  
zwa ndumeliso, bunga na zwinwiwa.

Kha vha sedze siatari ji  
tevhelaho uri vha pulana hani  
mishumo ya miniti ya 50 yo  
Sedzaho kha Luambo.



## U SEDZA KHA LUAMBO

Miniti ya 50 ya mishumo ya kiłasi yothe na tshigwada tshiłuku

### MISHUMO YA KIŁASI YOTHE (i rangwa phanda nga mugudisi) miniti ya 25

Mishumo yo  
disendekaho kha  
nganea

Mishumo ya  
maledere na  
mibvumo

### MISHUMO YA TSHIGWADA TSIŁUKU (i dzudzanywa nga mugudisi) miniti ya 25



Nyendedzi nga  
liga nga liga ya  
mushumo wa kiłasi  
yothe na tshigwada  
tshiłuku yo dzudzanywa  
kha Nyendedzi dza  
Mushumo u itela kotara  
inwe na inwe.

### MUSHUMO WA 1

U ola na nqivho i rangelaho u nwala ha vhana  
(u rangwa phanda nga mugudisi kha vhege  
ya 1)



### MUSHUMO WA 2

Khanganyiso na mitambo  
(i rangwa phanda nga mugudisi kha vhege  
ya 2)



### MUSHUMO WA 5

U qita u nga u khou tamba



### MUSHUMO WA 3

U vhala nga iwe muñe



### MUSHUMO WA 4

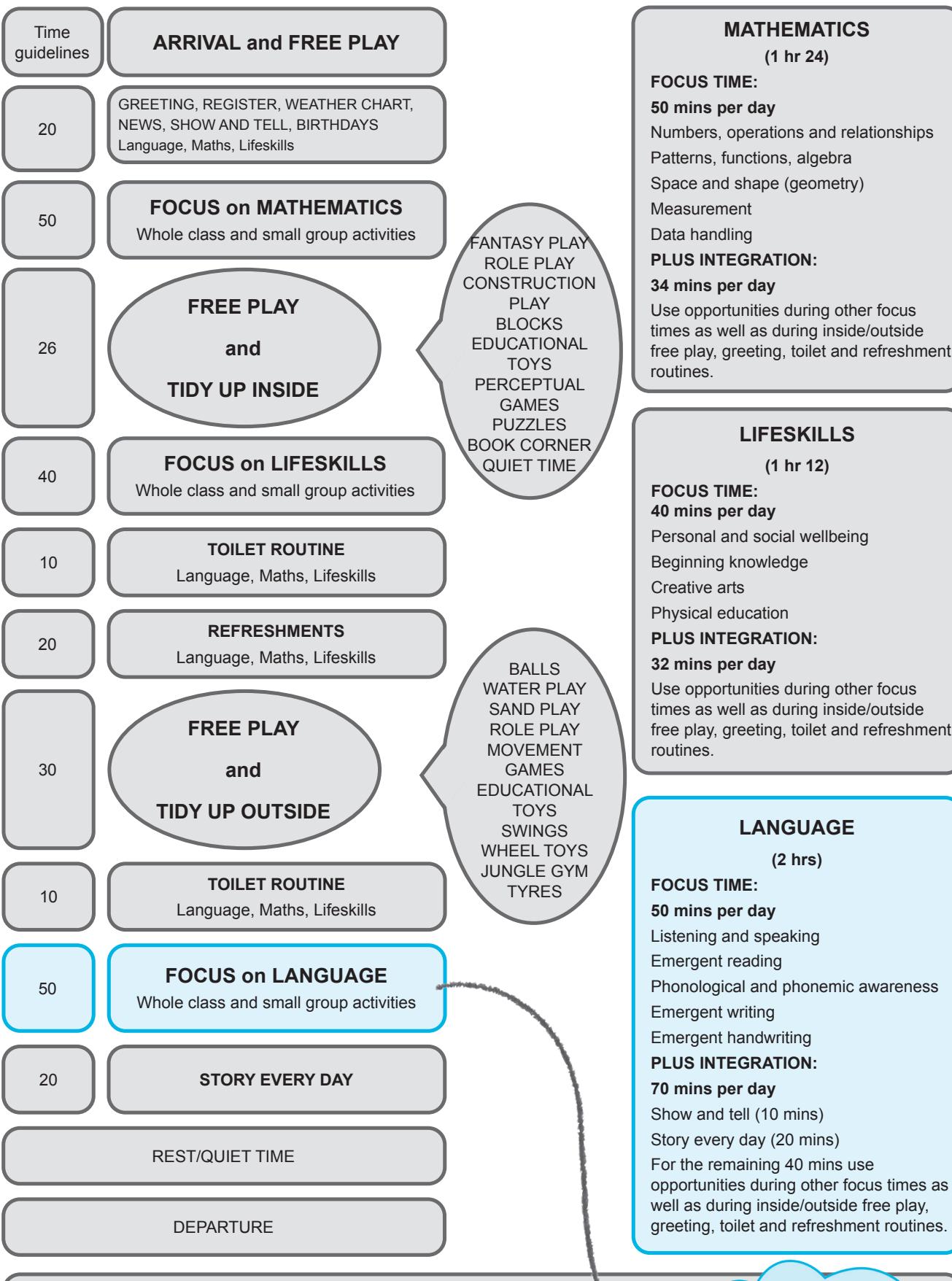
Zwikili zwa u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhuđi  
na muñwalo





# How to plan for a Focus on Language every day

## GRADE R DAILY PROGRAMME



Gauteng Grade R Daily Programme based on CAPS

See the next page for  
how to plan activities for  
the 50 minutes Focus  
on Language.



## SECTION 1: THE GRADE R LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME



## FOCUS ON LANGUAGE

50 minutes whole class and small group activities

### WHOLE CLASS ACTIVITIES

(led by the teacher)  
25 minutes

Story-based  
activities

Letter and sound  
activities

### SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

(set up by the teacher)  
25 minutes



Step-by-step  
guidance for whole  
class and small  
group activities are  
set out in the Activity  
Guides for each term.

#### ACTIVITY 1

Drawing and emergent writing  
(teacher-guided in Week 1)



#### ACTIVITY 2

Puzzles and games  
(teacher-guided in Week 2)



#### ACTIVITY 5

Pretend play



#### ACTIVITY 3

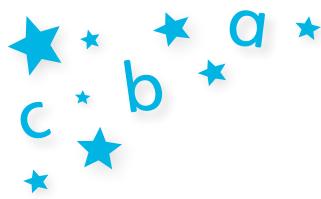
Independent reading



#### ACTIVITY 4

Fine motor skills and handwriting





## Ndila ya u dzudzanya kiłasirumu yavho u itela u sedza kha luambo ɖuvha ɿñwe na ɿñwe

Saizwi ro zwi vhona, tshifhinga tsha u sedza luambo tshi tea u dzudzanywa uri tshi kone u tendela mishumo ya ɖuvha ɿñwe na ɿñwe ya kiłasi yothe na ya tshigwada tshiñku. Ngeletshedzo ya liga nga liga ya mishumo ya luambo yo dzudzanywa kha Nyendedzi ya ɖivhaipfi ya kotara iñwe na iñwe. Hafha ri sedza kha uri vha funzisa hani kiłasi yothe khathihi na mishumo ya tshigwada tshiñku u itela u netshedza vhagudi tshenzhemo dzo fhambanaho na u leludza zwipikwa zwa u guda zwo fhambanaho.

### Mishumo ya kiłasi yothe

Vhagudi vhothe vha dzula ʈafulani dzavho, kana vha ita tshitendeledzi kha methe, musi mugudisi vha tshi khou:

- ★ ɖivhadza/u engedza/u khwañhiswa nganea, tshikili kana muhumbulo
- ★ ranga phanda therisano dzi kwamaho vhagudi vhothe
- ★ ranga phanda mushumo u kwamaho vhagudi vhothe.

Mafheloni a mushumo wa kiłasi yothe, mugudisi u ʈalutshedza mushumo wa tshigwada tshiñku muñwe na muñwe a sa athu u rumela vhagudi madzuloni avho.

### Mishumo ya tshigwada tshiñku

Tshifhingani tsha mađuvha mađanu, tshigwada tshiñwe na tshiñwe tshi do sielisana kha mushumo wo fhambanaho ɖuvha ɿñwe na ɿñwe. Izwi zwi amba uri kha vhege vhagudi vhothe vha do vha who wana tshikhala tsha u dzhenelala kha mishumo miñanu ya luambo ya tshigwada tshiñku – mushumo wo rangwa phanda nga mugudisi khathihi na miñwe mishumo miña ya tshigwada.

- ★ Mishumo miñanu ya tshigwada tshiñku i pulaniwa nga mugudisi.
- ★ Zwiko na zwishumiswa zwa mishumo yothe miñanu zwi dzudzanywa ɖuvha ɿñwe na ɿñwe.
- ★ Mishumo i dzudzanywa džiñfulani, metheni, kha khuga dza mushumo kana nn̄da.
- ★ Tshigwada tsha mugudi muthihi tshi shuma na mugudisi (mushumo wo endedzwa nga mugudisi).
- ★ Zwigwada zwa vhañwe vhagudi vhañna zwi shuma nga zwothe.

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#### Vha dzudzanya hani tshigwada tsha vhagudi

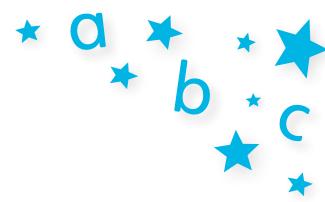
- ★ Vhagudi vha anzela u khethekanyiwa vha bva zwigwada zwiñanu. (Arali muelo wa kiłasi yavho u tshi ʈoda tshigwada tsha vhurathi, kha vha avhele mushumo u fanaho kha zwigwada zwivhili.)
- ★ Tshigwada tshiñwe na tshiñwe tshi tea u vha na dzina na tshivhumbeo zwatsho.
- ★ Zwigwada zwi songo dzula zwi tshi fana lwa tshifhinga tshilapfu.

Hu na *ndila mbili khulwane* dza u dzudzanya zwigwada zwa vhagudi, kha vhuvhili ha izwi, mugudisi u tea u vha na muhumbulo wavhuđi wa vhukoni ha vhagudi vhawé nga kha u lavhelesa nga vhuronwane mugudi muñwe na muñwe vhukati ha ɖuvha ja tshikolo.

*Zwigwada zwa vhukoni ho vanganaho:* Zwi anzela u themendelwa uri vhagudi vha vheiwe kha tshigwada tshi re na vhañwe vhagudi vha re na zwikili zwa vhuimo ho fhambana ha luambo. Mugudi ane a vha na khaedu kha u ola a nga thusiwa nga thangana dzawe nahone a nga di shela mulenzhe nga vhukoni hawé kha zwiñwe zwikili zwi ʈodíwaho nga mushumo, u fana na zwikili zwa matshilisano, u dzudzanya, u fhañna kana zwikili zwa u sika zwithu zwiswa.

*Zwigwada zwa vhukoni vhu fanaho:* Musi thikhedzo yo tiwaho i tshi ʈodea, tshiñwe tshifhinga zwi a shuma u vhea vhagudi kha tshigwada tshithihi na vhagudi vha re kha vhuimo hu fanaho ha mveledziso. Izwi zwi tendela mugudisi uri a nange vhuimo ha mushumo, tshikalo tsha ʈhalutshedzo na tshifhinga tshine tsha ʈodea, hu si na ane a khou salela.





## How to organise your classroom for the daily Focus on Language

As we have seen, the Language focus time should be organised to allow for whole class and small group activities every day. Step-by-step guidance for the language activities is set out in the Activity Guides for each term. Here we focus on how you teach whole class as well as small group activities to provide learners with different experiences and facilitate different learning goals.

### Whole class activities

All the learners sit at their tables, or in a circle on the mat, while the teacher:

- ★ introduces/extends/reinforces a story, skill or concept
- ★ leads discussion involving all the learners
- ★ leads an activity involving all the learners.

At the end of the whole class activity, the teacher explains each small group activity before sending learners to their places.

### Small group activities

Over the course of five days, each group rotates to a different activity each day. This means that in a week all learners have the opportunity to participate in five small group language activities – the teacher-guided activity as well as four other group activities.

- ★ Five small group activities are planned by the teacher.
- ★ Resources and equipment for all five activities are set out every day.
- ★ Activities are set out at tables, on the mat, in activity corners or outside.
- ★ One learner group works with the teacher (teacher-guided activity).
- ★ The other four learner groups work more independently.

### In the classroom ...



#### How to group learners

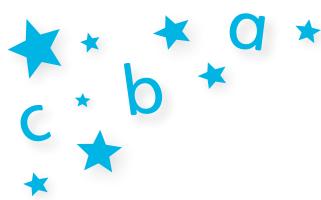
- ★ Learners are usually divided into five groups. (If your class size requires a sixth group, allocate the same activity to two groups.)
- ★ Each group should have their own name and symbol.
- ★ Groups should not remain the same over an extended time.

There are two *main ways* to group learners. For both of these, the teacher needs to have a good idea of her learners' abilities through careful observation of each learner across the school day.

*Mixed-ability groups:* It is usually recommended that learners are grouped together with other learners with different levels of language skills. A learner who is challenged with drawing may be assisted by her peers and may also be able to contribute strengths in other skills needed by the activity, such as social, planning, construction or imaginative skills.

*Same-ability groups:* When particular support is needed, it is sometimes useful to group learners together with other learners who are on a similar developmental level. This allows the teacher to choose the level of the activity, and the amount of explanation and time needed, without leaving anyone behind.





## Zwivhuya zwa mishumo ya tshigwada tshiṭuku

- ★ Hu Ძodea zwiko zwituku kha tshigwada tshiṭuku u fhirisa kha kiłasi yothe, sa tsumbo: zwigero, bulatsho dza u pennda, suko ja u tamba na bodo dza mutambo.
- ★ Mugudi muñwe na muñwe u vha na tshikhala tsha u fara zwishumiswa na zwiko.
- ★ Vhagudi vha bveledza zwikili zwa vhukoni ha u davhidzana na vhaiñwe, sa tsumbo: u kovhekana, u sielisana, u amba na u thetshelesa.
- ★ Vhagudi vha dzhia vhudifhinduleli ha mishumo ya tshigwada, sa tsumbo: u kunakisa.
- ★ Tshigwada tshiṭuku tshi shuma zwavhuđi kha u Ძanganyisa na u ita ndowendowe ya mihibulo na zwikili zwe funziwaho murahu.

## Mishumo ya tshigwada tshi endedzwaho nga mugudisi

Izwi zwe dzudzanyelwa u itela uri mugudisi:

- ★ a shume na mugudi a fhasi kana a Ძafulanı
- ★ a nee ndaela na u vhudzisa dzimbudziso kha vhuimo ha tshigwada
- ★ a lavhelese na u Ძhangela mugudi muñwe na muñwe e ethe
- ★ a sedze arali mugudi muñwe na muñwe o fhađa zwikili zwi Ძodeaho
- ★ a ite uri dzulo ji itiwe na u vha na vhudavhidzani, nga ene na vhagudi vhuvhili havho vho Ძangana.

## Mishumo ya tshigwada tshiṭuku tsho diimisaho nga tshothe

Izwi zwe dzudzanyelwa u itela uri vhagudi:

- ★ vha i wane i tshi pfesesea na u takadza
- ★ vha shume vha sa khou wana thuso i bvaho kha mugudisi
- ★ vha shume nga luhilo lwavho
- ★ vhane vha shuma nga u ongolowa vha kone u Ძaphudza mushumo nga tshifhinga tsho netshedzwaho
- ★ vhane vha Ძaphudza mushumo nga u Ძavhanya vha a Ძatuwedzwa u Ძuwa kha tshigwada vho fhumula vha nanga mushumo une vha funa u bva kha yo vheiwaho nga mugudisi.

Arali vha vhone uri vhagudi a vha khou kona u thoma, kana a hu na mvelaphanda, kha vha sedzuluse zwiitisi. Kha vha shandukise kana vha shandule mushumo, arali zwe tea, kha vhañwe vhagudi kana tshigwada.

## Kilasirumuni ...

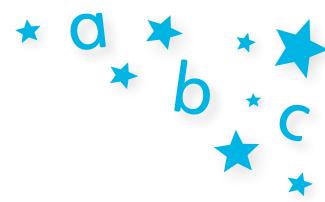


Kha vha funze vhagudi milayo yo leluwaho ya uri:

- ★ hu sudzuluwiwa hani vhukati ha mishumo
- ★ vha Ძifarisa hani nga tshifhinga tsha mishumo ya tshigwada tshiṭuku
- ★ vha kunakisa hani na u paka mushumo wavho musi vho fhedza.

Kha vha dovhole milayo Ძuvha jiñwe na jiñwe u swikela vhagudi vha tshi Ძivha u sokou i tevhedzela nga vhone vhane. Izwi zwi a dzhia tshifhinga! Vha songo shanduka. Kha vha khakhulule vhagudi nga ndila ya vhulenda arali vha kundelwa nga milayo.





## The advantage of small group activities

- ★ Less resources are required for a small group than a whole class, for example: scissors, paintbrushes, playdough and game boards.
- ★ Every learner has an opportunity to handle the materials and resources.
- ★ Learners develop interpersonal skills, for example: sharing, taking turns, talking and listening.
- ★ Learners take responsibility for group tasks, for example: tidying up.
- ★ Small group work works well for consolidating and practising previously taught concepts and skills.

## The teacher-guided small group activities

These are planned so that the teacher:

- ★ works with the learner on the floor or at a table
- ★ gives instructions and asks questions at the level of the group
- ★ observes and engages with each learner individually
- ★ assesses whether each learner has built the required skills
- ★ makes the session practical and interactive, with both you and the learners joining in.



## The independent small group activities

These are planned so that the learners:

- ★ find them meaningful and enjoyable
- ★ can work without help from the teacher
- ★ can work at their own pace
- ★ who work slowly should be able to complete the task within the time provided
- ★ who complete the task early are encouraged to leave the group quietly and choose a free-choice activity from those set out by the teacher.

*If you notice learners can't get started, or are not progressing, explore the reasons. Change or adapt the activity, if necessary, for individual learners or groups.*

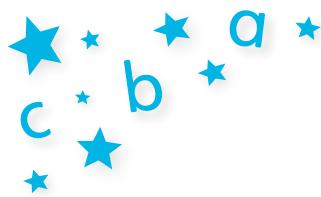
### In the classroom ...

#### Teach the learners simple rules for:

- ★ how to move between activities
- ★ how to behave during small group activities
- ★ how to tidy and pack up their work when done.

*Repeat the rules daily until learners know and can follow them automatically. This takes time! Be consistent. Gently correct learners if they challenge the rules.*



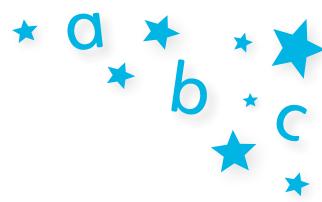


## Ndila ya u pulana mutevhethađu wa mushumo wa vhege mbili

Mbekanyamushumo ya Luambo yo qisendeka kha pulane ya vhege mbili ya mishumo. Maitele a mushumo a dovholioliwa የwaha wothe u itela u tendela marangaphanda, mveledziso na ታhanganyiso ya zwikili zwa vhagudi.

### Vhege ya 1

Mishumo ya kilasi yothe	Musumbuluwo	Łavhuvhili	Łavhuraru	Łavhuña	Łavhułanu
Mishumo yo qisendekaho kha nganea	U ደlatshedza nganea na u fhaṭa ndivho ya maipfi	U ደlatshedza nganea na u imba	U ደlatshedza nganea na litambwa	U vhekanya zwifanyiso	U ita, u ola na u የwala
	Vhagudi vha pfa nganea lwa u tou thoma ngeno vha tshi khou guda ndivho ya maipfi maswa.	Vhagudi vha thetselesa hafhu nganea na u imba luiimbo lu elanaho na nganea.	Vhagudi vha dzbia mishumo yo fhambanaho na u shumisa luambo lwa nganea vhone vhanje, musi nganea i tshi anetshewa.	Vhagudi vha ደlatshedza hafhu nganea nga u shumisa zwifanyiso.	Vhagudi vha imela mihibulo yavho zwi tshi kwama nganea nga u vhumba tshithu, u ola tshifanyiso kana u shelha mulenzhe kha u vhala nga u sielisana.
Mishumo ya małedere na mibvumo	U ደivhadza mubvumo u bva kha nganea	U vhumba ɬedere	Mabogisi a małedere	U thetselesa mibvumo yo sedzwaho	U ቃhanganyisa na u khethenkanya
	Vhagudi vha a gudiswa mubvumo wo sedzwaho na u ሂumanana maipfi a bvaho kha nganea.	Vhagudi vha vhumba ɬedere lo sedzwaho vha tshi khou shumisa zwishumisawa zwo fhambanaho na tshenzhemo ya zwipfi yo pfumaho.	Vhagudi vha vhona, u farana u amba nga zwithu na zwifanyiso zwine zwa thoma nga mubvumo wo sedzwaho.	Vhagudi vha topola mibvumo yo sedzwaho kha maipfi.	Vhagudi vha ቃhanganyisa mibvumo u itela u vhumba maipfi maswa na u ቃhukhukanya maipfi ura vhe mibvumo.
Mishumo ya tshigwada tshiłuku	Musumbuluwo	Łavhuvhili	Łavhuraru	Łavhuña	Łavhułanu
	Stella u a sumbedza uri ndi ifhio mishumo ya tshigwada tshiłuku ine ya tshimbidzwa nga mudededzi ደuvha liñwe na liñwe.				
Tshigwada tsha lutombo	<i>Mishumo wa 1:</i> U ola na ndivho i rangelaho u የwala ha vhagudi	 <i>Mishumo wa 2:</i> Khanganyiso na mitambo	<i>Mishumo wa 3:</i> U vhala nga iwe muñe	<i>Mishumo wa 4:</i> Zwikili zwa u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhuđi na muñwalo	<i>Mishumo wa 5:</i> U ɿita u nga u khoutamba
	Vhagudi vha rekhoda mihibulo yavho nga kha nyolo na ndivho i rangelaho u የwala.	Vhana vha ita khanganyiso na u tambo mitambo ya luambo.	Vhagudi vha vhala nga vhothe na u diphina nga dzibugu na dzihwe khanđiso.	Vhana vha ita mishumo ya u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhuđi na u guda u vhumba małedere.	Vhagudi vha fhaṭa kha luambo lwa nganea na theru nga kha u ɿita u nga vha khoutamba.
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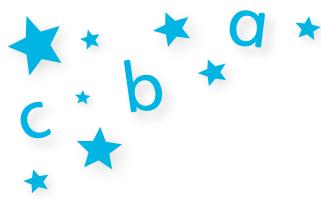


## How to plan for a two-week activity cycle

The Language programme is built around a two-week plan of activities. The activity routine is repeated throughout the year to allow for the introduction, development and consolidation of learners' skills.

### Week 1

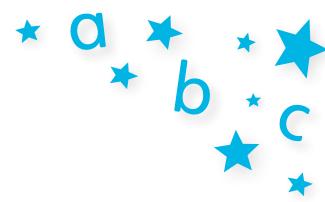
Whole class activities	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Story-based activities</b>	<b>Storytelling and building vocabulary</b>	<b>Storytelling and singing</b>	<b>Storytelling and role play</b>	<b>Sequencing pictures</b>	<b>Make, draw and write</b>
	Learners hear the story for the first time while learning new vocabulary.	Learners listen to the story again and sing a song related to the story.	Learners take on different roles and use the story language themselves, while the story is narrated.	Learners retell the story by using pictures.	Learners represent their ideas about the story by making an object, drawing a picture or participating in shared writing.
<b>Letter and sound activities</b>	<b>Introducing a sound from the story</b>	<b>Forming the letter</b>	<b>Letter boxes</b>	<b>Listening for focus sounds</b>	<b>Blending and segmenting</b>
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	Learners record their ideas through drawing and emergent writing.	Learners do puzzles and play language games.	Learners read independently and enjoy books and other printed material.	Learners do fine motor activities and practise forming letters.	Learners build on the story language and theme through pretend play.
<b>The green group</b>	<b>Activity 5:</b> Pretend play	<b>Activity 1:</b> Drawing and emergent writing 	<b>Activity 2:</b> Puzzles and games	<b>Activity 3:</b> Independent reading	<b>Activity 4:</b> Fine motor skills and handwriting
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Dzangalelo la vhagudi ji fariwa nga kha maipfi a nganea ane a dzulela u shanduka na kuhumbulele kuswa kha mishumo ine ya vha yo vhekanywa - zwine zwa khou ya phanda na u kondja musi nwaha u tshi bvela phanda. Zwidodombedzwa zwa nganea na mishumo ya mutesvetha muewe na muewe wa vhege mbili zwo netshedzwa kha Nyendedzi dia Mishumo dia kotara iwe na iwe.

## Vhege ya 2

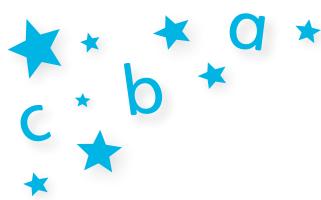
Mishumo ya kilasi yothe	Musumbuluwo	Łavhuvhili	Łavhuraru	Łavhuna	Łavhułanu
Mishumo yo disendekaho kha nganea	U ɿalutshedza nganea na u fhaña ndivho ya maipfi	U ɿalutshedza nganea na u imba	U ɿalutshedza nganea na litambwa	U vhekanya zwifanyiso	U ita, u ola na u nwala
	Vhagudi vha pfa nganea lwa u tou thoma ngeno vha tshi khou guda ndivho ya maipfi maswa.	Vhagudi vha thetshela hafhu nganea na u imba luimbo lu elanaho na nganea.	Vhagudi vha dzhia mishumo yo fhambanaho na u shumisa luambo lwa nganea vhone vhane, musi nganea i tshi anetshewa.	Vhagudi vha ɿalutshedza hafhu nganea nga u shumisa zwifanyiso.	Vhagudi vha imela mihibulo yavho zwitshi kwama nganea nga u vhumba tshithu, u ola tshifanyiso kana u shelamulenzhe kha u vhala nga u sielisana.
Mishumo ya maledere na mibvumo	U ɿivhadza mubvumo u bva kha nganea	U vhumba jedere	Mabogisi a maledere	U thetshela mibvumo yo sedzwaho	U ɿanganyisa na u khethekanya
	Vhagudi vha a gudiswa mubvumo wo sedzwaho na u tumana na maipfi a bvaho kha nganea.	Vhagudi vha vhumba jedere jo sedzwaho vha tshi khou shumisa zwishumiswa zwo fhambanaho na tshenzhemo ya zwipfi yo pfumaho.	Vhagudi vha vhona, u farana u amba nga zwithu na zwifanyiso zwine zwa thoma nga mubvumo wo sedzwaho.	Vhagudi vha topola mibvumo yo sedzwaho kha maipfi.	Vhagudi vha ɿanganyisa mibvumo u itela u vhumba maipfi maswa na u thukhukanya maipfi ura vhe mibvumo.
Mishumo ya tshigwada tshiłuku	Musumbuluwo	Łavhuvhili	Łavhuraru	Łavhuna	Łavhułanu
	Stella u a sumbedza uri ndi ifhio mishumo ya tshigwada tshiłuku ine ya tshimbidzwa nga mudededzi ɿuvha jinwe na jinwe.				
Tshigwada tsha lutombo	<i>Mushumo wa 1:</i> U ola na ndivho i rangelaho u nwala ha vhagudi	<i>Mushumo wa 2:</i> Khanganyiso na mitambo	<i>Mushumo wa 3:</i> U vhala nga iwe muñe	<i>Mushumo wa 4:</i> Zwikili zwa u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhudzi na muñwalo	<i>Mushumo wa 5:</i> U ɿiita u nga u khou tambo
	Vhagudi vha rekhoa mihibulo yavho nga kha nyolo na ndivho i rangelaho u nwala.	Vhana vha ita khanganyiso na u tambo mitambo ya luambo.	Vhagudi vha vhala nga vhothe na u ɿiphina nga dzibugu na dzirwe khandiso.	Vhana vha ita mishumo ya u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhudzi na u guda u vhumba maledere.	Vhagudi vha fhaña kha luambo lwa nganea na theru nga kha u ɿiita u nga vha khou tambo.
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Learners' interest is held through the ever-changing story context and through creative variation in the activities which are graded – becoming more challenging as the year progresses. Details of stories and activities for each two-week cycle are provided in the Activity Guides for each term.

## Week 2

Whole class activities	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Story-based activities</b>	<b>More sequencing pictures</b>	<b>Shared reading – Big Book</b>	<b>Learning to listen</b>	<b>Read and do</b>	<b>Make, draw and write</b>
	Learners consolidate their story knowledge by sequencing pictures more independently.	Learners listen to a familiar story being read as the teacher models the reading process.	Learners listen carefully and follow verbal instructions.	Learners interpret written and picture cues.	Learners represent their ideas about the story by making an object, drawing a picture or participating in shared writing.
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## Ndila ya u linga mvelaphanda ya vhagudi vha Gireidi ya R

Kha Gireidi ya R, u linga ndi maitele a bvelaho phanda, kuitele kwo pulaniwa kwa u kuvhanganya, u sengulusa na u talutshedza mafhungo nga ha mugudi muñwe na muñwe.

U linga hu fanela u sa vha ha fomaña na u vha **hu funzaho**. Nga mañwe maipfi, mafhungo o kuvhanganyaho nga ha mvelaphanda ya vhagudi nga tshifhinga tsha u linga a fanela u vha thusa u pulana na u shandula mishumo ya u guda u itela uri u guda ha vhagudi hu khwinisee. Kha Gireidi ya R, zwi sedzwaho kha u linga a si u fha dzimaraga, fhedzi ndi u dzhia tsheo nga ha ndila ya khwinesa ya u tikedza mveledziso ya mugudi muñwe na muñwe.

Vha nga si linge zwe vha si zwi funze! U linga ndi vhułumani vhukati ha zwi gudwaho kha theroy CAPS na kufunzele kwavho na mishumo ya u guda. U linga kufunzele na u guda zwi itelwa u:

- ★ wana vhuimo ha mugudi muñwe na muñwe
- ★ ḥułuwedza mveledziso ya mugudi muñwe na muñwe
- ★ sedza mvelephanda ya mugudi muñwe na muñwe
- ★ endedza pulane na u nanga mishumo
- ★ ḥivhadza vhuimo ha kufunzele kwavho
- ★ pulana thikhedzo yo engedzwaho ya vhagudi vhane vha khou ḥangana na zwithivheli kha u guda
- ★ thusa u ita mivhigo ya zwe vhagudi vha swikelela.

### Gułosari

#### u linga hu funzaho

u linga hune ha netshedza mafhungo nga ha mvelaphanda ya vhagudi musi u guda hu tshi khou itea

## Kilasirumuni ...



### Ngeletshedzo dza u linga

Mafhungo a ndivho ya vhagudi na mveledziso ya zwikili a tea u kuvhanganyiwa ḫuvha jiñwe na jiñwe nga ndila dzo fhambanaho na nga zwifhinga zwo fhambanaho.

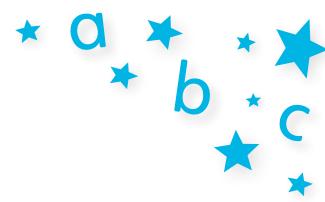
- ★ Kha vha lavhelese vhagudi nga tshifhinga tsha mishumo ya kiłasi yothe khathihi na nga tshifhinga tsha musi vha tshi khou tamba nga u funa vhe ngomu na nnđa ha kilasirumu.
- ★ Nyambedzano na mugudi a eñe kana zwigwada zwiłuku zwa vhagudi zwi nga vha thusa u pfectesa vhuimo na vhudzivha ha kuhumbulele kwa vhagudi.
- ★ Kha vha sedze nga vhuronwane kha zwithu zwine vhagudi vha ita na u vhumba (zwifanyiso, dzinyolo, zwithu na/kana 'u ḥwala') uri zwi vha sumbedze uri vha a pfectesa na uri vho swikelela.
- ★ Kha vha shume na tshigwada tshiłuku tsha vhagudi ḫuvha jiñwe na jiñwe kha mushumo wo tiwaho wo ḥumanywaho na tshipida kana tshikili tsha CAPS. Musi vhagudi vho dzhenelela kha mushumo, kha vha lavhelese nga vhuronwane mugudi muñwe na muñwe kha tshigwada tshiłuku nahone vha vha vhudzise dzimbudziso u itela u wana luvhonele lwa kuhumbulele na vhuimo ha kupfesesele kwavho.

### Zwishumiswa zwa u linga

Kha vha humbule uri u linga a hu faneli u ita uri vhagudi vha pfe vha na mazhuluzhulu kana vho tshuwa. Nga nthani ha zwenezwi, vhagudi vha songo vhuya vha zwi limuwa uri mugudisi u khou rekhoda mafhungo nga havho.

Nga u rekhoda zwine vha lavhelesa ḥwaha wothe, tshifanyiso tsho fhelelaho tsha mugudi muñwe na muñwe, nga vhukoni na u kundelwa havho hothe, tshi a fhañiwa nga zwiłuku nga zwiłuku. Hu na zwishumiswa zwiñga zwo fhambanaho zwine zwi nga shumisiwa: faela dza vhagudi, u lavhelesa dzibugu, mutevhe wa u sedzulusa na dzirubiriki.

Kha vha sedze na kha  
Buto ja Zwiko zwa  
Nđowendowé dza u  
Linga dza GDE ya  
Gireidi ya R u itela u  
wana mihumbulo minzhi.



## How to assess learners' progress in Grade R

In Grade R, assessment is a continuous, planned process of gathering, analysing and interpreting information about each learner.

Assessment should be informal and **formative**. In other words, the information gathered about the learners' progress during assessment should help you to plan and adapt learning activities so that learners' learning will be enhanced. In Grade R, the focus of assessment is not to give marks, but to make decisions about the best way to support each learner's development.

You cannot assess what you have not taught! Assessment is the link between CAPS subject content and skills and your teaching and learning activities. Assessment for teaching and learning is done to:

- ★ establish the level of each learner
- ★ encourage each learner's development
- ★ check on each learner's progress
- ★ guide planning and the selection of activities
- ★ inform the level of your teaching
- ★ plan additional support for learners who experience barriers to learning
- ★ help to generate reports on learners' achievements.

### Glossary

#### formative assessment

assessment that provides information about learners' progress while learning is taking place

### In the classroom ...



#### Assessment tips

Information on learners' knowledge and skills development should be collected every day in different ways and at different times.

- ★ Observe learners during whole class activities as well as during free play inside and outside the classroom.
- ★ Conversations with individual learners or small groups of learners can help you to understand the level and depth of learners' thinking and reasoning.
- ★ Look carefully at the things that learners do and make (pictures, drawings, objects and/or 'writing') to show you what they understand and have achieved.
- ★ Work with one small group of learners each day on a specific activity linked to a CAPS component or skill. While the learners are engaged in the activity, carefully observe each learner in the small group and ask questions to gain insight into their thinking and level of understanding.

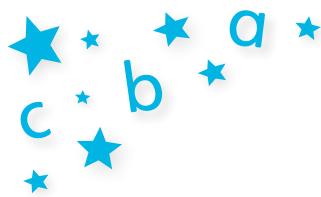
#### Assessment tools

Remember that assessment should never make learners feel anxious or scared. For this reason, learners should never be aware of the teacher recording information about them.

By recording observations throughout the year, a complete picture of each learner, with all their strengths and weaknesses, is gradually built up. There are four different tools that can be used: learners' files, observation books, checklists and rubrics.

Refer also to the GDE  
Grade R Assessment  
Practices Resource  
Pack for more ideas.





## Faela ya vhagudi

Mugudisi u tea u lugisa faela ya mugudi muñwe na muñwe kīlasini nahone a i shumise u vhea mushumo u re kha mabammbiri wa mugudi muñwe na muñwe uri u tsireledzee. Kha vha ñwale dzina la mugudi na datumu kha siañari ñiñwe na ñiñwe lo faeliwaho. Izwi zwi ño nea mugudi vhuñipfi ha vhundeme ho ɻumanyiwa kha mushumo wawe nahone zwi ño vha fha ñdila yavhuñi ya u linga mvelaphanda ñwaha woñhe. (Vha humbelwa uri vha sa athu faela, kha vha tane mushumo wa vhagudi kīlasirumuni.)



## Bugu dza u lavhelesa

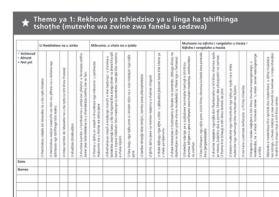
Kha Gireidi ya R, mugudisi u fanela u lavhelesa vhagudi vhe ngomu na nn̄da ha kiłasirumu, nga tshifhinga tsha u tamba nga u funa na nga tshifhinga tsha mishumo yo dzudzanywaho. Kha vha vhee masiałari a si gathi a mugudi muñwe na muñwe nahone vha rekhone zwine vha vhona nga ha vhudifari, zwikili, mayhonele na kushumele kwavho na zwiwo zwa kilasirumuni.



(Idzi notsi dza rekhodo ya ñwana dzi ño vha thusa u uthaphudza mutevhe wa u sedzulusa kotara iñwe na iñwe.)

## Mutevhe wa u sedzulusa

Mitevhe ya u sedzulusa i netshedza ndila dza u linga zwikili zve zwa funziwa kha kotara. Mugudisi u do swaya nga thiki kana tshifhambano u sumbedza "u swikelela" kana "u sa swikelela". Khetho ya vhuraru ndi tshithoma, tshine tsha sumbedza uri mugudi ha na vhukoni ho fhelelaho, fhedzi u khou sumbedza uri u khou ya hone u swikelela tshikili



(Thempuleithi dza mutevhe wa u sedzulusa dzo katelwa kha Nyendedzi ya Mushumo wa kotara iñwe na iñwe.)

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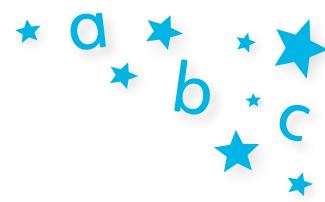
Rubiriki ndi tshiñwe tshishumiswa tsha u linga zwe vhagudi vha swikelela. I dovha ya katela mutevhe wa dzindila, fhedzi i nea ɿhaluso nga vhudalo u fhira tshithoma, tshifhambano na thiki. Rubiriki i sumbedza ɿhaluso dza maimo o fhambanaho a kushumele kwa ndila dziñwe na dziñwe dza u linga. Rubiriki i tendela vhagudisi uri vha songo vha na tshı̄talula na u sa shanduka kha malingele avho na u fha ngeletshedzo nga vhudalo kha mugudisi uri ndi thikhedzo ifhio ine ya ɿodiwa nga mugudi muñwe na muñwe.

(Thempuleithi dza rubiriki dzo katelywa kha Nyendedzi ya Mushumo ya kotara iñwe na iñwe.)

Tshiṭalusavhuimo tsha rubiriki tsho ḥumanywa na khoudou ya u ela nahone itshi tsho pangwa kha Sisiteme ya Ndaulo na Ndangulo ya Tshikolo ya Afurika Tshipembe (SA-SAMS) kha rubiriki iñwe na iñwe yo shumiswaho ḥwaha wothe. Sisiteme i sengulusa dzikhoudou na u bveledza muvhigo kha vhabebi na vhabundi.

Ndila dza u linga	1. U sa swikelela (0–29%)	2. U swikelela ha vhukati (30–49%)	3. U swikelela ho edanaho (50–74%)	4. U swikelela lwa nthesa (75–100%)
U ḥalutshedza dzinganea na u ḥalutshedza hafhu dzinganea nga maipfi awe	Ha koni u ḥalutshedza dzinganea na u ḥalutshedza hafhu dzinganea; o kona u amba maipfi a si gathi fhedzi.	U ḥalutshedza hafhu ho pimeaho; hu katela zwiñwe zwiwo fhedzi; thevhekano i nga vha yo khakhea; u shumisa mafhungo mapfufhi na ndivho ya maipfi yo leluwaho.	U kona u ḥalutshedza hafhu vhunzhi ha zwiwo kha dzinganea u bva mathomoni, vhukati na magumoni, fhedzi nga zwidodombedzwa zwi si gathi; u ḥoda zwiñtuwedzzi zwi fanaho na: ‘nga murahu nyana...’; ‘ho itea mini zwi tevhelaho?; u thoma u shumisa mafhungo malapfu.	Nganea i tevhela ḥandulukano kwayo na u vha na mathomo, vhukati na magumo; vhaanewa na fhethuvhupo zwo buletshedzwa nga vhudalo, ndivho na zwipfi zwa vhaanewa zwo buletshedzwa; u shumisa mafhungo malapfu na manzhi a tserekano na u tanganya maipfi a fanaho na ‘nga murahu nyana’; ‘nga murahu ha izwo’; u shumisa ndivho ya maipfi maswa a bvaho kha nganea.





## Learners' files

The teacher should prepare a file or folder for each learner in the class and use it to keep each learner's paper-based work safe. Write the learner's name and the date on each page filed. This will give the learner a sense of the value attached to their work and will also give you a great way to assess progress across the year.

(Please before you file it, display learners' work in the classroom.)



## Observation books

In Grade R, the teacher should observe the learners inside and outside the classroom, during free play and structured activities. Set up a couple of pages for each learner and record what you notice about their behaviours, skills, attitudes, performance and classroom incidents.

(These anecdotal notes will assist you to complete the checklist each term.)



## Checklists

Checklists provide a list of assessment criteria for the skills that have been taught during the term. The teacher will mark with a tick or a cross to show "achieved" or "not achieved". A third option is a dot, which indicates that the learner is not fully competent, but is showing that they are on the way to achieving the skill.

(Checklist templates are included in the Activity Guide for each term.)

Assessment criteria	Achieved			Not yet		
	✓	✗	.	✓	✗	.
• Listening and speaking	✓	✗	.	✓	✗	.
• Writing	✓	✗	.	✓	✗	.
• Phonics, reading and writing	✓	✗	.	✓	✗	.
• Numeracy and Emergent writing	✓	✗	.	✓	✗	.
Date:						
Name:						

## Rubrics

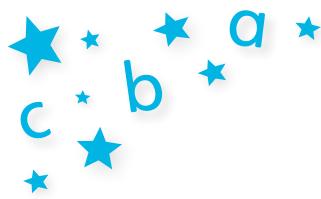
A rubric is another tool for assessing learners' achievements. It also consists of a list of criteria, but offers more detailed descriptions than the dot, cross and tick. A rubric sets out descriptions for different levels of performance for each assessment criterion. A rubric allows teachers to be more objective and consistent in their assessment and gives more detailed guidance to the teacher as to what support each learner requires.

(Rubric templates are included in the Activity Guide for each term.)

The rubric level descriptor is linked to a rating code and this is entered into the South African School Administration and Management System (SA-SAMS) for each rubric used during the year. The system analyses the codes and produces a report for parents and caregivers.

Assessment criteria	1. Not achieved (0–29%)	2. Moderate achievement (30–49%)	3. Adequate achievement (50–74%)	4. Outstanding achievement (75–100%)
Tells stories and retells stories in own words	Unable to tell stories and retell stories; only able to say a few words.	Limited retelling; only includes some events; order might not be correct; uses short sentences and simple vocabulary.	Able to retell most events in story with beginning, middle and end but very few details; needs prompts such as: "and then?"; "what happened next?" Starting to use longer sentences.	Story follows logical sequence and has a beginning, middle and end; characters and setting described in detail; intentions and feelings of characters are described; uses longer and more complex sentences and joining words such as: "and then", "after that"; uses new vocabulary from the story.



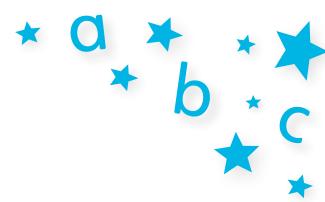


## Mishumo ya mbekanyamushumo yo disendeka kha CAPS

Thebuļu iyi i sumbedza uri mishumo ya mutevheṭhađu wa vhege mbili i fhaṭisa hani zwikili zwo tiwaho zwa luambo zwa CAPS, na u sumbedza uri vha nga shumisa hani mishumo iyi u linga mvelaphanđa ya mugudi zwi tshi hanedzana na ndila dza u linga dza CAPS.

Mutevheṭhađu wa vhege mbili	Mishumo ya kīlasi yothe yo disendekaho nga nganea	Zwikili zwa Luambo zwa CAPS	Mutevhe wa zwine zwa fanelu u sedzwa zwa u Linga	Rubiriki ya u Linga
			(zwo vhumbiwa u bva kha ndila dza u linga dza CAPS)	
Vhege ya 1: Musumbuluwo	U ḥalutshedza nganea na u fhaṭa ndivho ya maipfi	U thetshelesa na u amba	U thetshelesa dzinganea pfufhi zwi tshi mu difhela na u dzhena nga khorasi nga tshifhingga tsho teaho U vhudzisa dzimbudziso	
Lavhuvhili	U ḥalutshedza nganea na u imba	U thetshelesa na u amba	U imba nyimbo dzi leluwaho na u ita nyito (a tshi khou thuswa)	
Lavhuraru	U ḥalutshedza nganea na litambwa	U thetshelesa na u amba	U tambo tshipiđa tsha nganea, luimbo kana tshidade	
Lavhuna	U vhekanya zwifanyiso	U thetshelesa na u amba		Rubiriki ya 1 ya u Thetshelesa na u Amba: U ḥalutshedza dinganea na u ḥalutshedza hafhu dzinganea nga maipfi awe
Lavhuṭanu	U ita, u ola na u ḥwala	U thetshelesa na u amba  Ndivho i rangelaho u ḥwala	U shela mulenzhe nga mihibulo nga ndila ya nyolo na u shela mulenzhe nga mafhungo kha muṛwalo wa kīlasi.  U ola kana u pennda zwifanyiso u fhirisa milaedza	
Vhege ya 2: Musumbuluwo	Huṇwe u vhekanya zwifanyiso	U thetshelesa na u amba  U vhala na u ṭalela		Rubiriki ya 2 ya u Thetshelesa na u Amba: U dzudzanya sethe dza zwifanyiso nga ndila ine zwa vhumba nganea na thandulukano kwayo ya zwiwo musi zwi tshi ambiwa na u zwi ṭumana na nganea yo sikwaho
Lavhuvhili	U vhala nga u sielisana – Bugu Khulu	U vhala na u ṭalela	U "vhala" manwalwa o hudziwaho a fanaho na zwirendo, Dzibugu Khulu na dziphositora (phositora) sa kīlasi yothe vha na mudededzi (u Vhala khathihi)	
Lavhuraru	U thetshelesa na u ita	U thetshelesa na u amba	U thetshelesa ndaela dzi leluwaho na u ita nyito khadzo	
Lavhuna	U vhala na u ita	U vhala na u ṭalela	U ḏivha dzina ḥawe na mahwe madzina a vhaṇwe vhagudi	
Lavhuṭanu	U ita, u ola na u ḥwala	U thetshelesa na u amba  Ndivho i rangelaho u ḥwala	U shela mulenzhe nga mihibulo nga ndila ya nyolo na u shela mulenzhe nga mafhungo kha muṛwalo wa kīlasi  U ola kana u pennda zwifanyiso u fhirisa milaedza	





## Programme activities are CAPS aligned

This table shows how the activities of the two-week cycle build specific CAPS language skills, and shows how you can use these activities to assess learner progress against CAPS assessment criteria.

Two-week cycle	Whole class story-based activities	CAPS language skills	Assessment checklist	Assessment rubric
			(derived from the CAPS assessment criteria)	
<b>Week 1:</b> Monday	Storytelling and building vocabulary	Listening and speaking	Listens to short stories with enjoyment and joins in choruses at the appropriate time  Asks questions	
Tuesday	Storytelling and singing	Listening and speaking	Sings simple songs and does actions (with help)	
Wednesday	Storytelling and role play	Reading and viewing	Acts out part of a story, song or rhyme	
Thursday	Sequencing pictures	Listening and speaking		<b>Listening and Speaking Rubric 1:</b> Tells stories and retells stories in own words
Friday	Make, draw and write	Listening and speaking  Emergent writing	Contributes ideas by means of drawings and contributes sentences to a class piece of writing  Draws or paints pictures to convey messages	
<b>Week 2:</b> Monday	More sequencing pictures	Listening and speaking  Reading and viewing		<b>Listening and Speaking Rubric 2:</b> Arranges a set of pictures in such a way that they form a story and a logical sequence of events when verbalised and relates the story created
Tuesday	Shared reading – Big Book	Reading and viewing	“Reads” enlarged texts such as poems, Big Books and posters as a whole class with the teacher	
Wednesday	Learning to listen	Listening and speaking	Listens to simple instructions and acts on them	
Thursday	Read and do	Reading and viewing	Recognises own name and some names of other learners	
Friday	Make, draw and write	Listening and speaking  Emergent writing	Contributes ideas by means of drawings and contributes sentences to a class piece of writing  Draws or paints pictures to convey messages	



Mutevhethaqdu wa vhege mbili	Maledere othe a kilasi na mishumo ya mibvumo	Zwikili zwa Luambo zwa CAPS	Mutevhe wa zwine zwa fanelu u sedzwa zwa u Linga	Rubiriki ya u Linga
Vhege ya 1 na 2: Musumbuluwo	U divhadza mubvumo u bva kha nganea	Mibvumo		Rubiriki ya 1 ya Mibvumo, ya u Vhala, na ya u talela: U divha nga ndila ya u thetshelesa na nga u vhona dzirwe dzithembba na dzipfalandothe
Lavhuvhili	U vhumba jedere	Muñwalo	U vhumba maledere nga ndila dzo fhambanaho a tshi khou shumisa nyolo ya minwe, bulatsho dza u pennda, khirayoni dza pfuranotshi na zwiñwe. U thoma kha tshauja a tshi khou tevhela sia lone	Rubiriki ya 1 ya Ndivho i Rangelaho u Ñwala na Muñwalo: U bveledza zwikili zwa misipha mituku na zwikili zwa u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhuđi
Lavhuraru	Mabogisi a maledere	Mibvumo	U divha nga ndila ya u thetshelesa na nga u vhona dzirwe themba na pfalandothe dza u thoma nga maanda mathomoni a ipfi	Rubiriki ya 1 ya Mibvumo, ya u Vhala, na ya u talela: U divha nga ndila ya u thetshelesa na nga u vhona dzirwe dzithembba na dzipfalandothe
Lavhuna	U thetshelesa mibvumo yo sedzwaho	Mibvumo		Rubiriki ya 2 ya Mibvumo, ya u Vhala, na ya u talela: U thoma u divha uri maipfi o vhumbiwa nga mibvumo: u netshedza mubvumo wa u thoma wa dzina lawe
Lavhuñanu	U tanganyisa na u khethekanya	Mibvumo	U khethekanya maipfi a madungo manzhi a vha madungo: u shumisa u vhanda zwanda kana u lila ha ngoma kha dungo jirwe na jirwe kha ipfi kana u topola tshivhalo tsha madungo (u vhanda zwanda) kha madzina a vhana kilasini	
Mutevhethaqdu wa vhege mbili	Mishumo ya tshigwada tshițuku	Zwikili zwa Luambo zwa CAPS	Mutevhe wa zwine zwa fanelu u sedzwa zwa u Linga	Rubiriki ya u Linga
Vhege ya 1 na 2: Musumbuluwo	U ola na nqivho i rangelaho u ñwala	Nqivho i rangelaho u ñwala	U lingedza u ñwala maledere a tshi khou shumisa masongesonge, u talatadza, na zwiñwe. "u vhala" muñwalo wawe: "u vhala" zwine masongesonge a amba U fara khirayoni nga ndila yone a tshi khou shumisa kufarele kwa penisela kwu tanganedzeaho	Rubiriki ya 2 ya Nqivho i rangelaho u Ñwala na Muñwalo: U ola zwifanyiso a tshi khou dzia muhumbulo muhulwane wa dzinganea, dzinyimbo kana tshidade <b>Rubiriki ya 3:</b> U psesesa uri u ñwala na u ola zwo fhambana: u qita u nga u khou ñwala ho sumbedzwa nga u shumisa masongesonge
Lavhuvhili	Khanganyiso na mitambo	Mibvumo U thetshelesa na u amba	U shumisa luambo u humbula na u amba zwi pfalaho: u fananyisa zwithu zwine zwa tshimbilelana na u vhambedza zwithu zwi sa fani.	Rubiriki ya 1 ya Mibvumo, ya u Vhala, na ya u talela: U divha nga ndila ya u thetshelesa na nga u vhona dzirwe dzithembba na dzipfalandothe
Lavhuraru	U vhala nga wothe	U vhala na u talela	U "vhala" dzibugu nga eche u itela u dikakadza laiburari kana kha khone ya u vhala ya kilasirumu U fara bugu nga ndila yone a i imisele nth na u vula masiařari nga ndila yone	Rubiriki ya 3 ya Mibvumo, ya u Vhala, na ya u talela: U vhumba nganea yawe nga "u vhala" zwifanyiso
Lavhuna	Zwikili zwa u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhuđi na muñwalo	Muñwalo	U vhumba maledere nga ndila dzo fhambanaho a tshi khou shumisa nyolo ya minwe, bulatsho dza u pennda, khirayoni dza pfuranotshi na zwiñwe. U thoma kha tshauja a tshi khou tevhela sia lone U kopa maledere a divheaho kha dzina lawe u sumbedza muñwalo: u kopa dzina lawe U bveledza ndango ya u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhuđi a tshi khou shumisa tshigero u gera zwifanyiso zwa mutualo mudenya, zwivhumbeo, na zwiñwe	Rubiriki ya 1 ya Ndivho i rangelaho u Ñwala na Muñwalo: U bveledza zwikili zwa misipha mituku na zwikili zwa u sudzuluwa ha misipha havhuđi
Lavhuñanu	U qita u nga u khoutama	U thetshelesa na u amba Nqivho i rangelaho u ñwala	Marwalo a matambwa kha nyimele dza matambwa: u dzia mulaedza wa lutingo, u ñwala ndařiso ya zwa vhuendi na zwiñwe U kopa khanqiso i bvaho kha vhupo musi a tshi khoutama	



Two-week cycle	Whole class letters and sounds activities	CAPS language skills	Assessment checklist	Assessment rubric
<b>Week 1 and 2:</b> Monday	Introducing a letter from the story	Phonics		<b>Phonics, Reading and Viewing</b> <b>Rubric 1:</b> Recognises aurally and visually some consonants and vowels
Tuesday	Forming the letter	Handwriting	Forms letters in various ways using finger-painting, paintbrushes, wax crayons, etc. starting at the right point and following the correct direction	<b>Emergent Writing and Handwriting</b> <b>Rubric 1:</b> Develops small muscle skills and fine motor skills
Wednesday	Letter boxes	Phonics	Recognises aurally and visually some initial consonants and vowels especially at the beginning of a word	<b>Phonics, Reading and Viewing</b> <b>Rubric 1:</b> Recognises aurally and visually some consonants and vowels
Thursday	Listening for focus sounds	Phonics		<b>Phonics, Reading and Viewing</b> <b>Rubric 2:</b> Begins to recognise that words are made up of sounds: gives the beginning sound of own name
Friday	Blending and segmenting	Phonics	Divides multisyllabic words into syllables: uses clapping or drum beats on each syllable in the word or identifies the number of syllables (claps) in the names of the learners in the class	
Two-week cycle	Small group activities	CAPS language skills	Assessment checklist	Assessment rubric
<b>Week 1 and 2:</b> Monday	Drawing and emergent writing	Emergent writing	Makes an attempt to write letters using squiggles, scribbles, etc. and "reads" own writing: "reads" what squiggles say Holds crayons correctly using an acceptable pencil grip	<b>Emergent Writing and Handwriting</b> <b>Rubric 2:</b> Draws pictures capturing main idea of the stories, songs or rhymes <b>Rubric 3:</b> Understands that writing and drawing are different: pretend writing represented using squiggles
Tuesday	Puzzles and games	Phonics Listening and speaking	Uses language to think and reason: matches things that go together and compares things that are different	<b>Phonics, Reading and Viewing</b> <b>Rubric 1:</b> Recognises aurally and visually some consonants and vowels
Wednesday	Independent reading	Reading and viewing	"Reads" independently books for pleasure in the library or classroom reading corner Holds the book the right way up and turns pages correctly	<b>Phonics, Reading and Viewing</b> <b>Rubric 3:</b> Makes up own story by "reading" the pictures
Thursday	Fine motor skills and handwriting	Handwriting	Forms letters in various ways using finger-painting, paintbrushes, wax crayons, etc. starting at the right point and following the correct direction Copies known letters in own name to represent writing: copies own name Develops fine motor control using scissors to cut out bold outlined pictures, shapes, etc.	<b>Emergent Writing and Handwriting</b> <b>Rubric 1:</b> Develops small muscle skills and fine motor skills
Friday	Pretend play	Listening and speaking Emergent writing	Role plays writing in play situations: takes a telephone message, writes a traffic fine, etc. Copies print from the environment while playing	

## SECTION 1: THE GRADE R LANGUAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME





## ★ Khethekanyo ya 2: Milayo ya u endedza u funza na u guda kha Gireidi ya R

Mbekanyamushumo i ṭuṭuwedza maele a u funza na u guda a nyanyulaho na u ṭuṭuwedza vhagudi u itela uri vha do bveledza mavhonele, ndivho na zwikili zwine vha do fhaṭa khazwo kha gireidi dza phanda. Thodisiso ya zwa pfunzo nga ngomu dzikilasirumuni yo bvisela khagala sethe ya **milayo** ya u funza ine ya shela mulenzhe kha u guda hu bveledzaho. Mbekanyamushumo iyi yo fhaṭwa nga milayo iyi ya malo.

### Milayo ya malo ya u funza na u guda

Musi milayo yo nomboriwa, izwi zwo itelwa uri zwi leluwe. Milayo yothe i na ndeme i linganaho nahone vha do zwi vhona uri i a tshimbidzana.

#### Gułosari

##### **milayo**

mulayo u angaredzaho une wa ḥanganedzea sa wa vhukuma



- 8 **Milayo wa ndowendowe.** U guda hu pfumbisa nga kha u ita ndowendowe ya zwikili zwiswa na ndivho.

- 1 **Milayo wa nyimele.**  
U guda hu bvelela kha nyimele dzi pfeseseaho na dzo teaho.

- 2 **Milayo wa mushumo.** Vhagudi vha fanela u dzhenelela thwii kha maitele a u guda na u funza.



- 7 **Milayo wa vhukateli.** U guda hu bvelela kha vhupo vhune muñwe na muñwe o ḥanganedzwa, o katelwa, u farwa zwavhuđi, u a ḥonifhiwa nahone u kona u shela mulenzhe.

- 3 **Milayo wa u tamba.** Vhana vha guda khwinesa kha nyito dzine vha tamba nga u funa na dzine dza endedzwa.



- 6 **Milayo wa nyendedzi.**  
U guda hu bvelela musi mugudisi a tshi ranga phanda vhagudi kha u bveledza ndivho ntswa.

- 5 **Milayo wa nyambedzano.**  
U guda hu bvelela musi hu na vhudavhidzani na u kovhekana mihungulo.

- 4 **Milayo wa vhuimo.** Vhagudi vha pfuka nga kha maimo o fhambanaho a u pfesesa na mveledziso.





## ★ Section 2: Guiding principles of teaching and learning in Grade R

The programme encourages an approach to teaching and learning that is stimulating and motivating for learners so that they will develop the attitudes, knowledge and skills that they will build on in later grades. Education research in classrooms has highlighted a set of teaching **principles** which contribute to successful learning. The programme is built on eight of these principles.

### Eight principles of teaching and learning

While the principles are numbered, this is purely for ease of reference. All the principles are equally important and you will notice that they are closely linked to one another.

#### Glossary

##### **principle**

a general rule that is accepted to be true



- 8 The practice principle.** Learning is consolidated through practising new skills and knowledge.



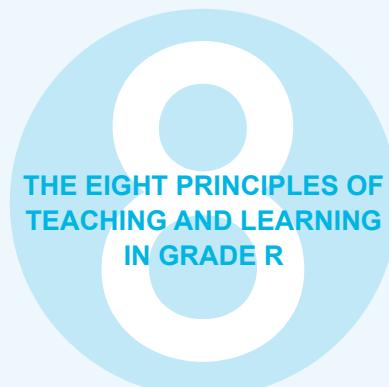
- 1 The context principle.** Learning takes place in meaningful and appropriate situations.



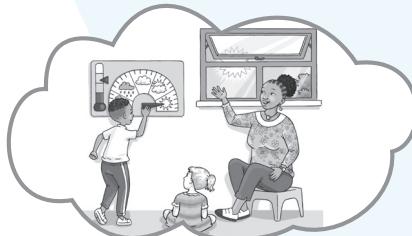
- 2 The activity principle.** Learners should be directly involved in the learning-teaching process.



- 7 The inclusivity principle.** Learning takes place in an environment where everyone is welcomed, included, treated fairly, respected and can participate.



- 3 The play principle.** Children learn best in free-play and guided-play activities.



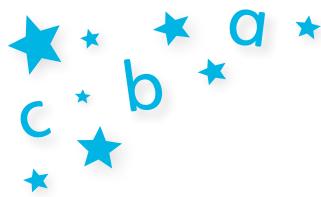
- 6 The guidance principle.** Learning takes place when teachers guide learners in developing new knowledge.



- 5 The interaction principle.** Learning takes place when there is communication and sharing of ideas.



- 4 The level principle.** Learners pass through various levels of understanding and development.



Tshipida tshi tevhelaho tsha Nyendedzi ya Divhaipfi tshi vha isa kha milayo ya malo ya u funza na u guda kha Gireidi ya R. Mulayo muñwe na muñwe u na:

- ★ tħalutshedzo
- ★ mafhungo manzhi nga ha mulayo
- ★ bogisi ja "kilasirumuni" hune ra sedzulusa uri muhumbulo kana mulayo u nga shumiswa hani.

## 1 Mulayo wa nyimele

**U guda hu bvelela kha nyimele dici pħeseseaho na dzo teaho.**

U guda hu itea nga kha tshenzhemo dza ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe hayani, mavhengeleni, tshiṭaraṭani, kijiniki, thekhsini, jaiburari, dzharaṭani, kerekeli na mosiku, phakhani, na kha dziñwe nyimele dzo vhalaho dza ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe. Musi vhagudi vha tshi swika kha Gireidi ya R, vha da na tshenzhemo dzavho khathihi na kupfesesele na mihumbulo yavho ya nga ha jiñhasi. Iyi ndi ndivho yavho ya ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe. Vha do vha vho aluwa vha tshi khou shumisa luambo lwa muṭani wa havho. Ndīvho ya ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe na luambo zwi nga si fane kha vhagudi vhothe saizwi zwi tshi dītika nga muṭa wa mugudi, tshitshavha na mvelele.

Musi vhagudi vha tshi swika kha Gireidi ya R vha da na tshenzhemo dzavho.

### Kilasirumuni ...

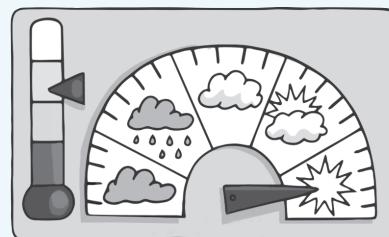
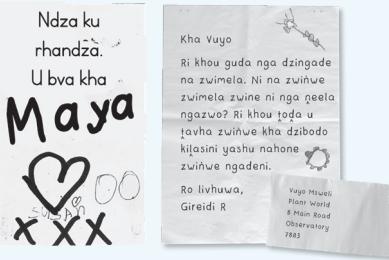


Vhunzhi ha vhagudi vha re Afurika Tshipembe vho aluwa kha nyimele dzine hu na u swikelela dzibugu ho pimeaho na hune u ola na u ḥwala zwa si vhe tshipida tsha tshenzhemo dzavho dza ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe. Sa vhagudisi vha vha vhagudi vhaṭuku, ri tea u ita zwikhala kilasirumuni zwine zwa do thusa u ḥanganya nyimele dza vhagudi dza hayani na dza tshikoloni u itela uri ngudo i vhe i pħeseseaho khavho.

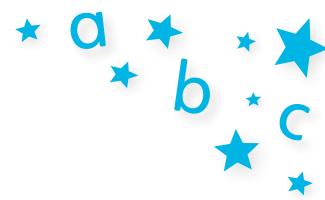
Ri nga ḥuṭuwedza vhagudi u sedza khanđiso na maledere ndilani yavho ya u ya hayani vha tshi bva tshikoloni kana muvhunduni wawho, uri vha vhone muñwalo kha nyimele dzavho. Ri nga sumbedza vhagudi uri u vhala na u ḥwala hu na ndivho nga kha mishumo i ngaho sa u ḥwala mutevhe wa zwirengwa kana u itela garaṭa muñwe muthu.

U ita vhupo ha kilasirumu yo pfumaho nga khanđiso na zwone zwi a thusa vhagudi uri vha vhone ndivho ya khanđiso. Kheyi miħwe mihumbulo ya u shumisa khanđiso nga ndila dici pfalaho kilasirumuni ya Gireidi ya R:

- ★ Kha vha ḥwale madzina a vhagudi kha kħajenda ya mađuvha a mabebo na u sedza kħajenda na kiżi ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe.
- ★ Kha vha vhee zwinambatedzwu kha mabogisi a u vhulunga, a ngaho sa zwibuloko na dziphazili. Tshifhinga tshothe musi vha tshi bvisa zwiko, kha vha vhalele nħha zwinambatedzwu vhe na vhagudi.
- ★ Kha vha ite phosiqara ine ya sumbedza mbekanyamushumo ya ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe i re na zwifanyiso na maipfi. Kha vha ḥuṭuwedze vhagudi u "ya" u vhala phosiqara u itela u wanulusa uri hu khou tevhela mushumo ufhio.
- ★ Kha vha ħanek phosiqara dza tsiravħulwadze tsini na sanzwelo kana bungani dzine dza humbudza vhagudi u tamha zwandu zwavho. Kha vha shumise zwifanyiso na maipfi kha idzi phosiqara.
- ★ Kha vha vhale phosiqara dici re kha mbondo, vha ite tħati ya zwa mutsho ine vha i vhala na vhagudi ɖuvha jiñwe na jiñwe.
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Ri a zwi ɖivha u bva kha mulayo wa nyimele uri vhagudi vhaṭuku vha guda lwa khwinesa musi ngudo ntswa i tshi pfala na u ħumaniwa na tshiñwe tshithu tħshine vha vho ɖivha nga hatsho. Iñwe ya ndila dza maanda ine vhagudi vhaṭuku vha i pħesesa ndi nga kha dzinganea. Izwi ndi ngazwo Mbekanyamushumo ya Khwiniso ya Luambo yo vhumbiwa u mona na dzinganea, u itela u tendela vhagudi uri vha fhaq zwilkili na ndivho zwijsa kha nyimele ya nganea yo doweleaho.



The next part of the *Concept Guide* takes you through eight principles for teaching and learning in Grade R. Each principle has:

- ★ a definition
- ★ more information about the principle
- ★ an “In the classroom ...” box where we explore how a concept or principle can be applied in the classroom.

## 1 The context principle

### Learning takes place in meaningful and appropriate situations.

Learning happens during everyday experiences in the home, at the shops, in the street, at the clinic, in the taxi, at the library, in the yard, at church and mosque, in the park, and in many other everyday contexts. When learners arrive in Grade R, they come with their experiences as well as their understanding and ideas about the world. This is their everyday knowledge. They will have grown up using the language of their family. Everyday knowledge and language will not be the same for all learners as it depends on the learner’s family, community and culture.

When learners arrive in Grade R, they come with their experiences.

### In the classroom ...

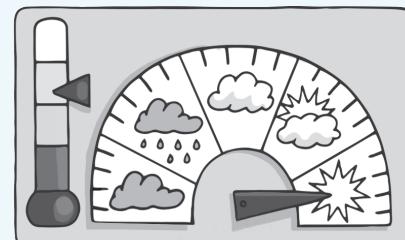
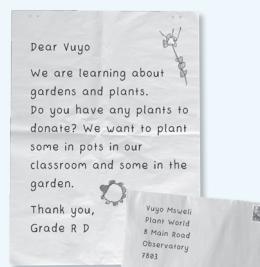
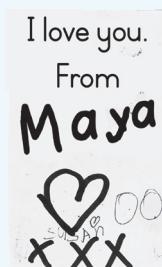


Many learners in South Africa grow up in contexts where there is limited exposure to books and where drawing and writing is not part of their everyday experience. As teachers of young learners, we need to create classroom spaces that help to bridge learners’ home and school contexts so that learning is meaningful to them.

We might encourage learners to look for print and letters on their way home from school or around their neighbourhood, so that they see writing in their own contexts. We could show learners that reading and writing has a purpose through activities such as writing a shopping list or making a card for someone.

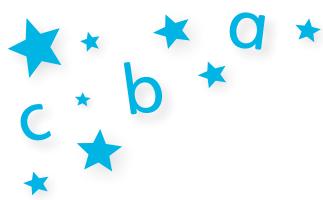
Creating a print-rich classroom environment also helps learners to see the purpose of print. Here are some ideas for using print in meaningful ways in a Grade R classroom:

- ★ Write learners’ names on a birthday calendar and check the calendar with the class every day.
- ★ Put labels on storage boxes, such as blocks and puzzles. Whenever you take out resources, read the labels out aloud with the learners.
- ★ Create a poster that illustrates the daily programme with pictures and words. Encourage learners to “have a go” at reading the poster to find out what activity is next.
- ★ Display hygiene posters next to the sink or toilet reminding learners to wash their hands. Use pictures and words for these posters.
- ★ Read posters on the walls. Make a weather chart that you read with the learners every day.
- ★ Display learners’ drawings and emergent writing around the classroom.



We know from the context principle that young learners learn best when new learning has meaning and is connected to something they already know about. One of the powerful ways young learners make meaning is through stories. This is why the Language Improvement Programme has been structured around stories, allowing learners to build new skills and knowledge in a familiar story context.





## 2 Mulayo wa mushumo

Vhagudi vha fanela u dzhenelela thwii kha kuitele kwa u guda na u funza.

Vhagudi vhačuku vha guda lwa khwinesa nga u vha na mafulufulu, u ita zwithu na u katelwa kha mishumo ya zwanda. Vha shumisa mivhili yavho u sedzulusa na u guda nga ha jifhasi u mona navho, na u kundelwa u dzula fhethu huthihi lwa tshifhinga tshilapfu. Vha guda two leluwaho nga maanda musi vha tshi tumanya maipfi maswa na nyimele dzi re na nyito na tshenzhemo dla vhukuma.

U guda kha Gireidi ya R hu tea u vha na mishumo ya zwanda i takadzaho na tshenzhemo dzi pfalaho dla u shumisa zwithu zwinzhi. Hune zwa konadzea, mishumo i fanela u netshedza vhagudi zwikhala zwa u shumisa mivhili yavho yothe na zwipfi zwavho, nga maanda u vhona, u pfa na u kwama.

Vhagudi vhačuku vha guda lwa khwinesa nga u vha na mafulufulu.

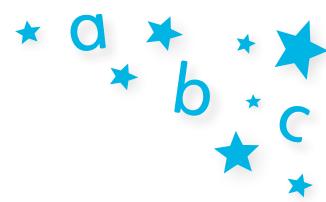
### Kilasirumuni ...

Musi vhagudi vha tshi ita litambwa ja nganea, vha na tshikhala tsha u edzisela vhatambi na u ita uri luambo lwa nganea lu vhe lwavho. Vha shumisa luambo luswa na u fhača vhudifulufheli havho nga u dzhenelela nga mafulufulu kha u anetshela nganea.



**KHETHEKANYO YA 2: MILAYO YA U ENDEDZA U FUNZA NA U GUDA KHA GIREIDI YA R**





## 2 The activity principle

**Learners should be directly involved in the learning-teaching process.**

Young learners learn best by being active, doing things and by being involved in hands-on activities. They use their bodies to explore and learn about the world around them, and find it difficult to sit still for a long time. They learn more easily when they can link new words and concepts with actions and real experiences.

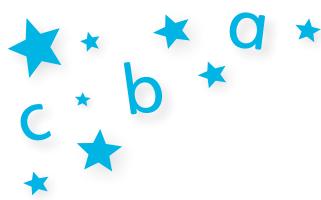
Learning in Grade R should consist of enjoyable, hands-on activities and meaningful experiences that make use of many objects. Wherever possible, the activities should provide learners with opportunities to use their whole bodies and their senses, especially sight, hearing and touch.

Young learners learn best by being active.

### In the classroom ...

When learners role play a story, they have a chance to embody the characters and make the language of the story their own. They use new language and build their confidence by being actively involved in telling the story.





## Kilasirumuni (i iswa phanda) ...

Vhagudi vha Gireidi ya R vha songo itwa uri vha imbe alifabethe, u kopa maledere a bvaho kha bodo kana u ita ndowendewe ya u nwala maledere vhukati ha mitalo kana kha bammbiri nga penisela. Vhagudi vhatuku vha tea u guda u vhumba maledere nga kha misudzuluwo mihiwlane na tshenzhemo dzine dza katela zwipfi zwavho zwothe. U vhumba ledere hu tea u gudiswa nga ndila dza zwipfi zwo fhambanaho zwi ngaho sa u pennda ledere kha khonkhela nga bulatsho ya u pennda yo mbwandamedzwaho kha madzi, u vhumba ledere u bva kha suko ja u tamba, u tumanya mbumbo ya ledere na mubvumo une ja u ita, kana u oledzela ledere kha thirei yo dalaho nga muavha.

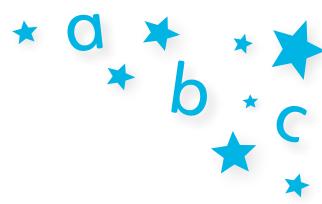


Zwi do lelutshela vhagudi u pfa mibvumo i re kha maipfi naga u tumanyisa mibvumo na nyito dza muvhili na zwithu zwi fareaho. Izwi zwi nga itiwa, sa tsumbo, naga u tuwedza vhagudi u vhanda zwanda kana u fhufha kha dengo kana mubvumo muhwe na muhwe, kana u sudzulusa zwivhaleli musi vha tshi amba dengo kana mubvumo muhwe na muhwe kha ipfi.



Musi hu tshi divhadziwa ledere liswa, ndi muhumbulo wavhuvi u sumbedza vhagudi zwithu zwine zwa thoma nga mubvumo wonoyo – kha vha ambe nga ha zwithu, vha zwi fhirise zwi tshi mona u itela uri vhagudi vha kone u zwi fara, vha kone u amba dzina ja tshithu musi vha tshi khou ombedzela mubvumo wo sedzwaho.





## In the classroom (cont.) ...

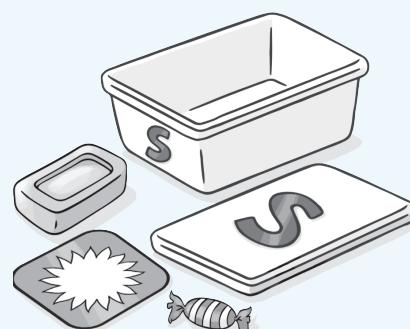
Grade R learners should not be made to chant the alphabet, copy letters from a board or practise writing letters between lines or on paper with a pencil. Young learners should learn how to form letters through big movements and through experiences that involve all of their senses. Letter formation must be taught in multisensory ways such as painting a letter on concrete with a paintbrush dipped in water, making a letter from playdough, linking the formation of a letter with the sound it makes, or tracing letters in a tray filled with sand.

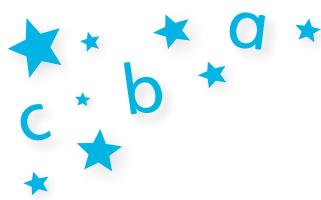


It will be easier for learners to hear sounds in words by connecting the sounds to physical actions and concrete objects. This can be done, for example, by encouraging learners to clap or hop for each syllable or sound, or to move counters as they say each syllable or sound in a word.



When introducing a new letter, it is a good idea to show learners objects that start with that sound – talk about the objects, pass them around so that learners can touch them, and then say the name of the object while emphasising the focus sound.





### 3 Mulayo wa u tamba

**Vhana vha guda lwa khwinesa kha nyito dzine vha tamba nga u funa na dzine dza endedzwa.**

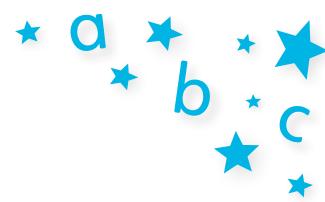
Kha vhana, u guda na u tamba a si nyito dzo fhambanaho. A si zwithu zwine vhagudi vha zwi ita fhedzi nga "tshifhinga tsha u awela" tshavho kana musi mugudisi a siho. U tamba zwi nga amba zwithu zwinzhi, u fana na nyito dza muvhili dza nn̄da; u tamba nga muṭavha kana mađi; vha edzisa u tamba na khonani kana vhe vhoṭhe; u tamba nga zwibuloko na zwitambiswa zwa u fhaṭa; u tamba mitambo ya u thetshelesa, mitambo ya u humbulela kana mitambo ya garaṭa. Naho dziñwe dza nyito dza u tamba dici tshi ḥoda tshifhinga tsho engedzwaho na zwiko, vhagudi tshifhinga tshinzhī vha qiphina nga u tamba nga zwithu zwa ḫuvha liñwe na liñwe na zwishumiswa zwo leluwaho zwo itwaho hayani.

#### Tshaka ḫhanu dza mitambo

Vhaṭodisisi vho topola tshaka ḫhanu dza mitambo dzine dici nga vboniwa kha mvelele dzothe nahone dzine dza tikedza mveledziso ya muvhili, matshilisano, u nyanyuwa na muhumbulo wa mugudi.

Kha vhana, u guda na u tamba a si nyito dzo fhambanaho.

	<p><b>Mitambo ya muvhili</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iyi i katela nyonyoloso, nđowendowe ya misipha ya minwe na mitambo ya u namelana, u vhumbuluwa na u lwa ha khole.</li> <li>Mitambo ya muvhili ndi ya ndeme kha vhagudi u itela u konanya misipha mihulwane ya milenzhe na miṭuku ya zwandani na u fhaṭa u khwaṭhela ha muvhili na u kondelela.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mitambo nga zwithu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Musi vhagudi vha tshi sedzulusa, u sengulusa na u ita maedza nga zwithu zwo fhambanaho ḫifhasini ḫavho, vha bveledza zwikili zwavho zwa u humbula na u guda u tandulula thaidzo.</li> <li>Izwi zwi nga vha zwithu zwi itaho phosho zwi ngaho sa dzibodo na dzipani; zwithu zwi papamalaho sa dzikoroko na mabodelo a pułasitički, thuli ya zwithu sa midzio ya yogathi; zwithu zwine zwi nga pwashea, u petea, u vhumbea, u posea, fhufha, u kuvhatedzwa na u hwaliwa.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mitambo ya zwiga</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Afha ndi musi vhagudi vha tshi shumisa tshitambiswa, tshithu, tshifanyiso, nyolo kana u ita luriwe luswayo lwu imelaho zwithu zwa vhukuma kha mutambo wavho.</li> <li>Kha mutambo wa zwiga, vhagudi vha guda uri tshithu tshithihi tshi nga "imela" tshiñwe tshithu saizwi nga murahu vha tshi ḥo guda uri ḫedere ḫi nga imela mubvumo.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mitambo ya muhoyo na matambwa a matshilisano</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iyi i katela u humbula nga ha tshifanyiso, u dzhia vhatambi vho fhambanaho, u ambara, u shumisa maipfi o fhambanaho na u ita nyambedzano ya zwiwo.</li> <li>Mutambo wa muhoyo u ḫuṭuwedza mveledziso ya muhumbulo na ya matshilisano na u thusa vhagudi u langula mikhwa na kuhumbulele kwavho.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Mitambo i re na milayo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Iyi i katela u fhufha, u vhalela, mitambo ya khadi, mitambo ya bodo, mitambo ya madaisi, mitambo ya magaraṭa, mitambo ya mudzumbamo.</li> <li>Iyi mitambo i ḫuṭuwedza vhagudi u guda, u tehvchedza na u ḫalutshedza milayo, u kovhekana na u sielisana, u thusana, u sedzana na u kulea nungo na u lingeda hafhu.</li> </ul>



### 3 The play principle

Children learn best in free-play and guided-play activities.

For learners, learning and play are not separate activities. It is not something that learners only do in their “free time” or when a teacher is not around. Play can mean many things: outdoor physical activities; playing with sand or water; pretend play with friends or alone; playing with blocks and construction toys; playing listening games, guessing games or card games. Although some play activities need extra time and resources, learners often enjoy playing with everyday objects and simple homemade materials.

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#### Five types of play

Researchers have identified five types of play that can be seen in all cultures and that support the physical, social, emotional and cognitive development of the learner.

	<p><b>Physical play</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ This includes active exercise, fine motor practice and rough-and-tumble play.</li><li>★ Physical play is important for learners to develop gross and fine motor coordination and for building strength and endurance.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Play with objects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ As learners explore, investigate and experiment with different objects in their world, they develop their thinking skills and learn to problem solve.</li><li>★ These can be noisy objects like pots and pans; floating objects like corks and plastic bottles; stacking objects like yoghurt containers; objects that can be squashed, folded, moulded, thrown, bounced, cuddled and carried.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Symbolic play</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ This is where learners use a toy, object, picture, drawing or other mark-making to represent real-life objects in their game.</li><li>★ In symbolic play, learners learn that one thing can “stand for” or represent another one just as later they will learn that a letter can represent a sound.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Pretend and sociodramatic play</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ This involves imagining a scenario, taking on different roles, dressing up, using different voices and negotiating events.</li><li>★ Pretend play promotes cognitive and social development and helps learners to manage their own behaviour and thinking.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Games with rules</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ These can include hopping, counting, skipping games, board games, dice games, card games, hide and seek games.</li><li>★ These games encourage learners to learn, follow and explain rules, share and take turns, help one another, deal with disappointment and try again.</li></ul>



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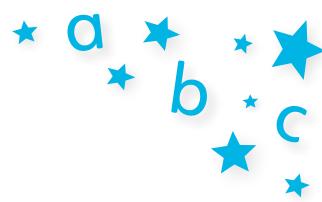
## Kilasirumuni ...

Vhagudi vha anzela u funa u hoyo, nahone u ɖiita u nga u khou tamba ndi nɖila yavhuɖi ya u tikedza vhagudi kha u guda havho. U ɖiita u nga u khou tamba hu nga ita na phosho, fhedzi mutambo wo raliho u fhaṭa vhukoni ha vhagudi ha u pfesesa na u shumisa luambo lune lwa fhira lwa zwino, u fhira na tshenzhemo dza vhone vhaṇe na u fhira ʃifhasi ja vhukuma. Vha tea u ambedzana nga matambwa na u ʈalutshedza zwine vha khou ita. Vha dovha vha guda nga ha u imela – uri tshitihu tshithihi tshi nga imela tshiñwe tshitihu. U pfesesa muhumbulo uyu u kondaho zwi ḋo vha thusa uri vha pfesese uri u ነwala kha bammbiri zwi imela maiþpi ane ra a amba.

Kheyi miñwe ya mihumbulo ya u vha thusa uri vha ʈutuwedze U ɖiita u nga u khou tamba kilasirumuni yavho:

- ★ Vhengele ja muhoyo ḋo leluwa u ji dzudzanya nga mabogisi a kale, midzio, dzipulasičiki na zwiñwe zwiteńwa zwi bvaho khishini. Zwipiđa zwa mabammbiri zwi nga kha di shumiswa sa tshelede ya mahodze. Vhagudi vhaṭuku vha dovha vha ɖiphina nga ʃitambwa ja maitele a nđuni, a ngaho sa u bika na u kuvha.
- ★ Kha vha ʈutuwedze vhagudi uri vha ɖiite u nga vha khou ነwala kana u vhala kha mutambo wavho. Sa tsumbo, u ita luswayo lwa vhengele, u ita mutevhe wa zwirengwa, u ነwala ndayamushonga ya mushonga kana u dzhia oda kha vhengele ja zwiñwa zwo bikwaho ja kholekhole.
- ★ Kha vha dzhenelele kha mishumo na vhagudi zwenezwi vha tshi khou tamba. Kha vha sumbedze u ɖiphina na u dzhenelela nga u ʃahisa mihumbulo na u amba nga ha zwine zwa khou bvelela kha mishumo iyi.
- ★ Kha vha thusa vhagudi u humbula nga ha zwiga nga tshifhinga tsha mutambo. Kha vha vha humbudze uri tshitihu tshithihi tshi nga imela hani tshiñwe. Sa tsumbo, "Vha nga ganamisa ʈafula vha i shumisa sa ngalavha."





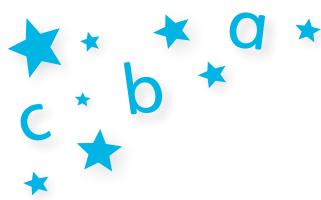
## In the classroom ...

Learners often love to pretend, and pretend play is a very good way to support their learning. Pretend play can be noisy, but this kind of play builds learners' ability to understand and use language which goes beyond the here-and-now, beyond their own personal experiences and beyond the real world. They have to negotiate roles and explain what they are doing. They also learn about representation – that one thing can stand for another. Grasping this difficult concept will help them to understand that the writing on a page stands for the words we speak.

Here are some practical ideas to help you to encourage pretend play in your classroom:

- ★ A pretend shop is easy to set up with old boxes, plastic containers and other items from the kitchen. Scrap paper can be used for pretend money. Young learners also enjoy role playing routines around the house, such as cooking and washing.
- ★ Encourage learners to use pretend writing and reading in their play. For example, make a sign for a shop, making a shopping list, writing a prescription for medicine or taking down orders in a pretend restaurant.
- ★ Join in activities with learners as they play. Show your enjoyment and involvement by thinking aloud and talking about what is happening in the activity.
- ★ Help learners to think about symbols during play. Suggest how one thing might represent another. For example, "You could turn that table upside down and use it as your boat."





### Maele o disendekaho kha mutambo

Maele o disendekaho kha mutambo u itela u funza na u guda a tenda kha uri zwiwe zwifhinga vhagudi vha guda lwa khwinesa u bva kha mishumo ya u tamba nga u funa ine ya thomiwa na u langwa nga vhagudi hu si na u dzenelela ha mualuwa.

Nga zwiwe zwifhinga, vhagudi vha guda lwa khwinesa u bva kha mishumo ya mitambo yo rangwaho phanda ine ya langwa nga mugudisi kha kiłasi yothe kana zwigwada zwiłuku. Kufunzele kwo dzudzanyiwaho zwavhuđi na mbekanyamushumo ya u guda zwi fanela u katela ndinganyiso ya tshakha dzothe dza mishumo ya u tamba yo fhambanaho.

Vhagudi vha ḥoda zwikhala zwinzhi zwa u:

- ★ *tandula vhupo havho vha tshi khou shumisa zwipfi zwavho.*  
Sa tsumbo: mishumo ya nnđa u fana na u gonya na u gidima, tseretsere na mitambo ya bola.
- ★ *sedzulusa na u tandulula dzithaidzo.*  
Sa tsumbo: u shumisa zwishumiswa zwa u fhaṭa thawara, kana u shumisa mađi kana muṭavha u qadza midzio.
- ★ *ita ndowendowe ya zwine vha vho zwi ḫivha kana vha nga kona u zwi ita.*  
Sa tsumbo: u tamba mitambo i re na sethe ya milayo kana ndaela i ngaho ya ḥowa na ḥeri kana dzidomino.

### Nderne ya mutambo wa u guda u ḥwala na u vhala na mveledziso ya luambo

Musi vhagudi vha tshi tamba, vha anzelu u shumisa zwithu zwi re kha vhupo havho na u ḥiita u nga vha zwiwe zwithu. Musi vhagudi vha tshi ola, vha ita zwifanyiso uri zwi imele vhutshilo ha vhukuma kha ḥifasi ḥa khumbulelo.

Kha ulwu lushaka lwa mitambo ya zwiga, vhagudi vha shumisa tshithu tshithihi u "imela" kana u imelela tshiwe tshithu. Izwi ndi mathomo a u guda uri zwiga zwi nga imela zwithu zwa vhukuma. Sa tsumbo, vha guda uri:

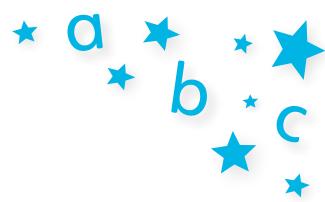
- ★ Bułoko ḥa u fhaṭa ḥa khuḍandeinā (ṭhofundeinā) ḥa bulannga ḥi nga imela lutingo
- ★ Nyolo ya vhathu vhavhili i nga imela vhathu vhavhili vha vhukuma
- ★ Ḫedere ḥa f ḥi imela mubvumo wa /f/ une vha u pfa kha maipfi "fara" na "fula".

Hu na miñwe mishumo minzhi ya u tamba ine ya ḥuṭuwedza ngudo ya luambo. Sa tsumbo:

- ★ Musi vhagudi vha tshi tamba mitambo ya u bvumba, vha tea u shumisa luambo u ḥalusa zwine vha khou humbula ngazwo.  
*"Ndi khou humbula nga ha tshifubo tshire tsha dzula bulasini. Tshi ri ḥea mafhi na ḥama."*
- ★ Mitambo i ngaho sa "Ndi ḥola nga liṭo ḥanga liṭuku" i thusa vhagudi u topola mibvumo ya u thoma kha maipfi.  
*"Ndi a ḥola nga liṭo ḥanga liṭuku tshiwe tshithu tshi thomaho nga /t/."*
- ★ Mitambo ya u thetshelesa i thusa u fhaṭa ḫivhaipfi ya vhagudi na u pfectesa mihibulo.  
*"Imani nga mulenzhe wañu wa monde ni kone u vhea zwanda zwañu ḥohoni yañu."*

Mbekanyamushumo ya  
u guda i tea u katela  
ndinganyiso ya tshaka  
dzothe dzo fhambanaho  
dza mishumo ya  
u tamba.





## The play-based approach

The play-based approach to teaching and learning recognises that at times learners learn best from free play activities initiated and directed by the learner without adult involvement.

At other times, learners learn best from guided play activities that are directed by the teacher in whole class or small groups. A well-planned teaching and learning programme should include a balance of all the different types of play activities.

Learners need many opportunities to:

- ★ *explore their environment using their senses.*  
For example: outdoor activities like climbing and running, hopscotch and ball games.
- ★ *investigate and solve problems.*  
For example: using construction materials to make a tower, or using water or sand to fill containers.
- ★ *practise what they already know or can do.*  
For example: playing structured games like snakes and ladders or dominoes.

A learning programme should include a balance of all the different types of play activities.



## The importance of play for literacy and language development

When learners play, they often use objects in their environment and pretend that they are other things. When learners draw, they make pictures to represent real life or an imaginary world.

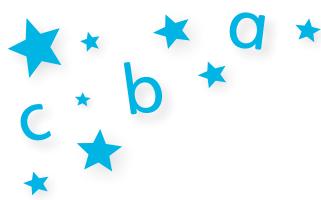
In this kind of *symbolic play*, learners use one object to “stand for” or represent another one. This is the beginning of learning that symbols can represent real things. For example, they learn that:

- ★ a rectangular wooden construction block can represent a telephone
- ★ a drawing of two people can represent two real people
- ★ the letter **f** stands for the sound /f/ that you hear in the words “fara” and “fula”.

In symbolic play, learners use one object to “stand for” or represent another one.

There are many other play activities that promote language learning. For example:

- ★ When learners play guessing games, they have to use language to describe what they are thinking about.  
*“I am thinking of an animal that lives on a farm. It gives us milk and meat.”*
- ★ Games like “I spy with my little eye” help learners to identify the beginning sounds in words.  
*“I spy with my little eye something beginning with /t/.”*
- ★ Listening games help build learners’ vocabulary and understanding of concepts.  
*“Stand on your left leg and put your hands on your head.”*



## 4 Mulayo wa vhuimo

Vhagudi vha pfuka nga kha maimo o fhambanaho a u pfectesna na mveledziso.

Vhagudi vha kilasini ya Gireidi ya R ndi vha thanga nthihi, fhedzi muñwe na muñwe u na vhumuthu hawe, ḥhodea, vhukoni, nungo na dzikhaedu. Vha ḫo fhambana zwi tshi ya kha tshenzhemo dzavho thangeli na zwikili zwa luambo. Izwi zwoṭhe zwi ḫo ṭuṭuwedza luvhilo lwavho lwa u shuma na thikhedzo ine vha ḫo i ḫoda u bva kha vhagudisi na kha vhañwe uri vha kone u guda.

Zwiitisi zwinzhi zwi ḫo  
tuṭuwedza luvhilo lwa  
vhagudi lwa u shuma na  
thikhedzo ine vha ḫo i  
ጀoda u bva kha mugudisi.

### Kilasirumuni ...



Arali vhagudi vha songo alutshela mahayani ane vha a ṭuṭuwedza u vhudzisa na u fhindula dzimbudziso, vha nga kha ḫi pfa vha songo vhofholowa u ita nga u ralo kilasini. Mbudziso dzo fhambanaho dzi ita ḥhodea dzo fhambanaho kha u bveledza zwikili zwa luambo zwa vhagudi. Vhagudisi vha tea u lingedza u shumisa dzimbudziso kha vhuimo ho fanelaho mugudi muñwe na muñwe.

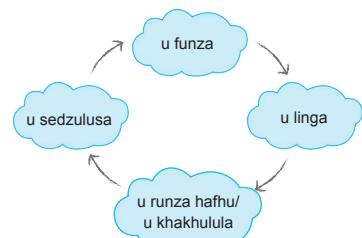
- ★ Dziwe mbudziso dzi nga fhinduliwa nga luambo luṭuku, sa tsumbo: “*Tshimange tsho dzumbama ngafhi?*” Arali vhagudi vha sumba phindulo yone, zwi sumbedza uri vho pfectesna mbudziso, naho vha songo amba.
- ★ Mbudziso dzine dza ḫoda uri vhagudi vha nange vhukati ha phindulo mbili dzi nga thusa u fhaṭa vhudifufuheli, saizwi vhagudi vha tshi nga fhindula naho vha sa pfectesi luambo nga u tou ralo: “*Ni nga funa u shumisa khirayoni ya lutombo kana dala naa?*”
- ★ Mbudziso dza phindulo nthihi na dzone dzi a fhaṭa vhudifufuheli ha vhagudi vhane luambo lu kha ḫi bvelela. Sa tsumbo: “*Musidzana o ambara rokho ya muvhala ufhio?*”
- ★ Mbudziso dzine dza ṭuṭuwedza vhagudi uri vha kovhekane tshenzhemo dzavho ndi dza ndeme kha u fhaṭa vhudifufuheli, saizwi mihibulo ya vhagudi na tshenzhemo zwi tshi dzhielwa n̄ha, nahone vha nga ola kha tshithu tshire tsho ḫowelea u itela u ḫetshedza phindulo. Sa tsumbo: “*No no vhuya na ya pikiniki naa? Ni nga ri vhudza nga ha musi no ya pikiniki naa?*”
- ★ Mbudziso nga ha maipfi na ḫhalutshedzo dza maipfi dzi ṭutula nyambedzano na u thusa u fhaṭa u ḫoda u ḫivhesa nga ha maipfi. Sa tsumbo: “*Kha Tshivenda, ri ri' aya ndi magona ashu' ni a vhidza uri mini nga dzinwe nyambo?*”
- ★ Mbudziso dzine dza ḫoda phindulo i fhiraho nthihi i re yone ndi dza ndeme kha u bveledza luambo lwa mugudi na zwikili zwa u humbula. Sa tsumbo: “*Ni vhona u nga hu ḫo itea mini?*”, “*Ndi ngani ni tshi humbula ...?*”

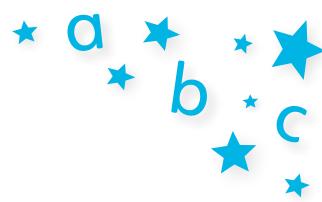
Idzi mbudziso dzi ṭutula vhudavhidzani na u kovhekana mihibulo, fhedzi vhagudi vha ḫo fhindula fhedzi arali mugudisi a ita kilasirumu ine phindulo dzoṭhe dzi a ḫanganedziwa na u dzhieliwa n̄ha.

### U funza ho fhambanyiswaho

Mafhambanyisele zwi amba uri zwine vha funza na n̄dila ine vha **funza** ngayo zwi tea u dzhiela n̄ha vhukoni ho fhambanaho ha vhagudi vhavho. U shumisa maele aya, vhagudisi vha tea u lavhelesa na u **linga** mugudi muñwe na muñwe nga tshifhinga tsha mishumo uri vha kone u shumisa mafhungo aya u **sedzulusa** uri mugudi u ḫoda thikhedzo ifhio na u pulana uri vha ḫo **funza hafhu** hani (kana u **khakhulula**) u itela u fhaṭa na u ḫaramudza kupfesesele na zwikili zwa vhagudi. Vhañwe vhagudi vha nga pfectesa muhumbulo muswa, nga thikhedzo ḫukhu i bva kha mugudisi. Vhañwe vhagudi vha nga ḫoda tshifhinga tshinzhi, misumbedzo minzhi, tsumbo nnzhi na thikhedzo nnzhi u swikelela u pfectesa hu fanaho. Musi vha tshi shumisa mafhambanyisele kha u kufunzele kwavho, vha tea u:

- ★ ḫhgomela zwi fanaho na zwo fhambanaho kha vhagudi vhavho
- ★ pulana n̄dila ya khwinesa ya u tikedza mugudi muñwe na muñwe zwo ḫisendeka kha vhukoni na dzikhaedu
  - Ndi zwiko zwifhio zwine zwa ḫo thusa?
  - Ndi tshigwada tshifhio tshire tsha nga fanela mugudi?
  - Mugudi u ḫo ḫoda tshifhinga tshinzhi naa? Mushumo u nga engedzwa hani kha vhagudi vhane vha ḫavhanya?
- ★ kha vha shandukise zwine vha lavhelela uri mugudi muñwe na muñwe a tea u vha o zwi guda mafheloni a mushumo.





## 4 The level principle

Learners pass through various levels of understanding and development.

Learners in a Grade R classroom are all a similar age, but they each have individual personalities, needs, abilities, interests, strengths and challenges. They will differ in terms of their prior experiences and language levels. All of this will influence their pace of work and the support they will need from teachers and others in order to learn.

Many factors will influence learners' pace of work and the support they will need from the teacher.

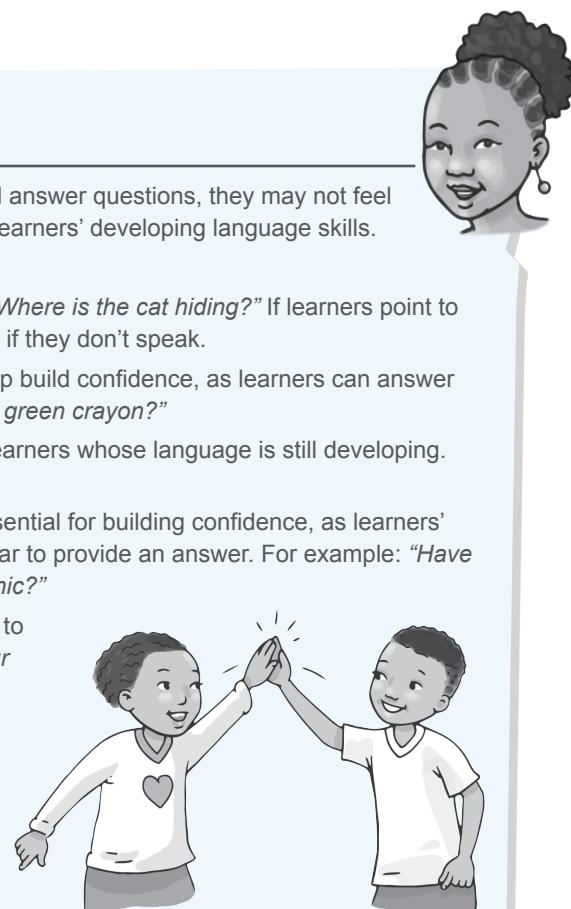
### In the classroom ...

If learners have not grown up in homes where they are encouraged to ask and answer questions, they may not feel comfortable to do so in class. Different questions make different demands on learners' developing language skills.

Teachers should try to use questions at the appropriate level for each learner.

- ★ Some questions can be answered with very little language, for example: "Where is the cat hiding?" If learners point to the correct answer, it shows that they have understood the question, even if they don't speak.
- ★ Questions that require learners to choose between two responses can help build confidence, as learners can answer even if they don't have much language: "Would you like to use the blue or green crayon?"
- ★ Closed questions that have a single answer also build the confidence of learners whose language is still developing. For example: "What colour is the girl's dress?"
- ★ Questions that encourage learners to share their own experiences are essential for building confidence, as learners' ideas and experiences are valued, and they can draw on something familiar to provide an answer. For example: "Have you ever gone on a picnic? Can you tell us about when you went on a picnic?"
- ★ Questions about words and word meanings stimulate interaction and help to build curiosity about words. For example: "In English, we say these are our 'knees', what do you call these in other languages?"
- ★ Open-ended questions that have more than one correct answer are very important for developing learners' language and thinking skills. For example: "What do you think will happen next?"; "Why do you think ...?"

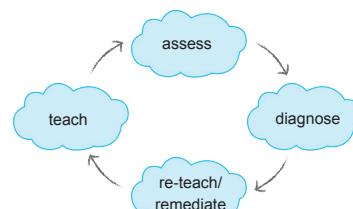
These questions stimulate interaction and sharing of ideas, but learners will only feel confident to respond if the teacher has created a classroom where all responses are accepted and valued.

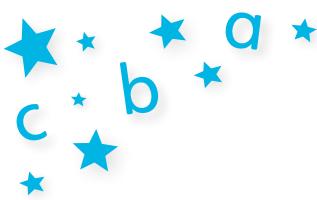


### Differentiated teaching

Differentiation means that what you **teach** and the way in which you teach it needs to take into account the different abilities of your learners. To use this approach, teachers need to observe and **assess** each learner during activities and use this information to **diagnose** what support the learner needs and plan how they will **re-teach** (or **remediate**) so as to build and stretch learners' understanding and skills. Some learners may understand a new idea, with just a little support from the teacher. Other learners might need more time, more demonstrations, more examples and more support to achieve the same understanding. When you use differentiation in your teaching, you need to:

- ★ be aware of similarities and differences amongst your learners
- ★ plan the best way to support each learner based on their strengths and challenges
  - What resources would help?
  - Which group would best suit the learner?
  - Will the learner need more time? How can the activity be extended for a fast learner?
- ★ adjust what you expect each learner to have learnt by the end of the activity.





## Kilasirumuni ...



Mathomoni a ñwaha kha Gireidi ya R, vhanwe vhagudi vha nga vha na tshenzhemo yo pimeaho ya u ola na u ñwala, ngeno vhanwe vha tshi nga vha vha tshi vho ñivha u ñwala dzina ñavho na u pfa vha na vhudiffulufheli nga mihumbulu yavho ya u ola. Tshenzhemo thangeli, vhukoni na madzangalelo zwavho zwi ñtuwedza maimo avho a u vha na mveledziso, nahone nga u lavhelesa vhagudi nga vhuronwane, vhagudisi vha ño kona u wana maimo a zwikili zwavho na u pulana uri vha ño tikedza mveledziso yavho hani.

### U ola nganetshelo

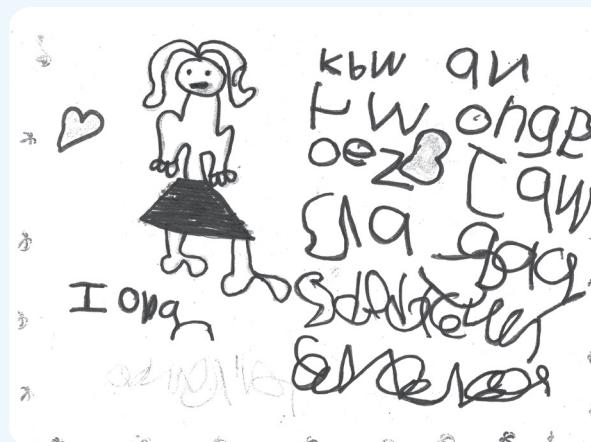
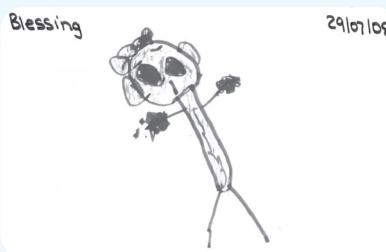
Nganetshelo i tevhelaho i sumbedza kuitele kwa u funza, u linga, u sedzulusa thaidzo, u funza hafhu/u khakhulula. Nga murahu ha u funza ngudo ine yo vha yo katela u ola, mugudisi o linga vhagudi nga kha ndavheleso i si ya fomaña nahone o vhona uri vhanwe vhagudi vho vha vha sa khou kona u ñaphudza mushumo wa u ola kha vhuimo ho lavhelelwo. Ndavheleso dzawe dzo mu livhisa kha uri a sedzuluse uri vhagudi a vho ngo zwi limuwa uri nyolo i ñoda u sedziwa nga vhuronwane na u dzhielwa nzhele zwidodombedzwa zwine zwa vhonwa. Vho mbo ñi dzhia maga a u khakhulula nga kha u ñea thikhedzo nga vhuronwane. Zwifanyiso zwe sumbedza uri u shela mulenzhe uhu ho thusa hani mugudi uri a ye kha vhuimo hu tevhelaho.

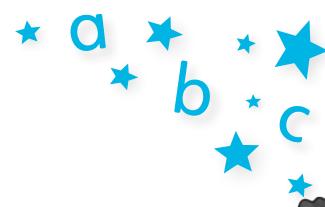
Blessing o vha a na miñwaha miñanu musi a tshi ola tshifanyiso itshi. Mugudisi vho vha vha tshi khou vhlaela musi vha tshi vhona nyolo dzawe nahone vho zwi limuwa uri u ñoda thuso yo khetheaho. Vho dzhia tsheo ya u mu lavhelesa nga tshifhinga tsha u ola, vho mbo ñi ña na pulane ya u tikedza nyolo yawe. Vho amba nae ñuvha ñiñwe na ñiñwe nga ha zwe a vha a tshi khou ola. Vho amba zwithu zwi ngaho: "Ndi khou zwi vhona uri no ola tshifanyiso tsha inwi muñe hafha. Ni na zwanda zwingana? Ni nga ntsumbedza zwanda... zwanu naa? Ee, zwi kha lurumbu lwa muvhili wañu. Ni vhona u nga ni nga ola zwiñwe zwanda zwanu naa?"

Mugudisi vho mu ñtuwedza uri a fhedze tshifhinga tshinzhzi a tshi khou ita nyolo dzawe khathihi na u mu thusa u pulana uri a shumise mivhala ifhio. Vho mu ñtuwedza uri a sedze nga vhuronwane zwithu musi a tshi khou ola, sa tsumbo: "Sedzani apula ji – ndi tshivhumbleo tshifhio? Ee, ndi tsha tshipulumbu. Ni ñoda muvhala ufhio u ji ola?" Mugudisi vho dovha vha rera nga zwe vha vha vha tshi khou ita na vhabebi vha Blessing na u vha ñtuwedza uri vha mu tikedze hayani. Blessing, vhabebi vhawne mugudisi wawe vho vha vho takala vhukuma nga mvelaphanda ye a ita!

### U ñwala

U lingedza ha u thoma ha vhagudi vhañku kha u ñwala hu nga si fane na u ñwala ha vhaaluwa, fhedzi vha khou vha vhañwali musi vha tshi lingedza u amba mihumbulu yavho kha bambiri na u shumisa u ñwala kha ndivhio dzo fhambanaho. Tsumbo dzi tevhelaho dzi sumbedza uri vhagudi vha fhira kha maimo o fhambanaho a u pfesesa na mveledziso kha kuitele kwa u guda u ñwala. Kha vha vhone Mulayo wa u Endedza uri vha wane zwinzhi nga ha uri mugudisi a nga endedza vhagudi hani nga ñdila yo teaho kha maimo avho a u ñwala.





## In the classroom ...

At the start of the Grade R year, some learners may have limited experience of drawing and writing, while others may already know how to write their name and will feel confident about drawing their ideas. Their prior experiences, abilities and interests will influence their developmental levels, and by observing learners carefully, teachers will be able to determine their skill levels and plan how best to support their development.

### Drawing case study

The following case study illustrates the process of teaching, assessing, diagnosing and re-teaching/remediating. After teaching a lesson that included drawing, the teacher assessed the learners through informal observation and noticed that some learners were not able to complete the drawing activity at the expected level. Her observations led her to diagnose that the learners did not realise that drawing required careful looking and paying attention to visual details. She then took steps to remediate through careful scaffolding. The pictures show how this intervention enabled a learner to move to the next level.

Blessing was five years old when he drew this picture. The teacher was concerned when she saw his drawings and realised he needed some special attention. She decided to observe him during drawing time, and came up with a plan to support his drawing. She chatted to him every day about what he was drawing. She said things like: *"I can see you have drawn a picture of yourself here. How many arms do you have? Can you show me your ... arms? Yes, they are here on the side of your body. Do you think you can draw some arms for yourself?"*

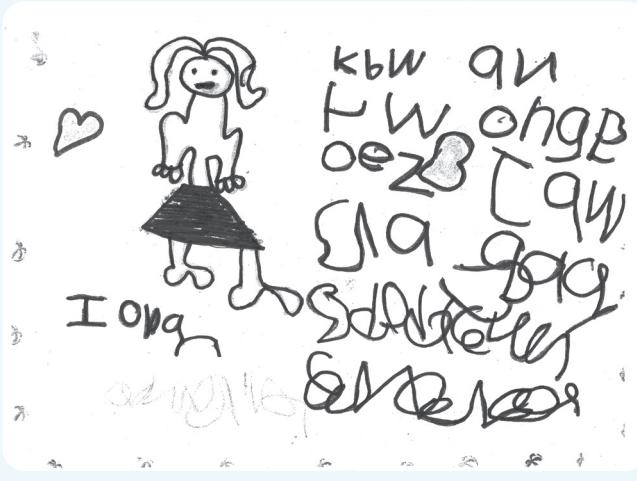


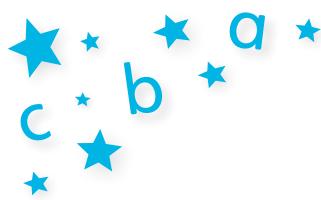
The teacher encouraged him to take more time doing his drawings and helped him to plan which colours to use. She encouraged him to look more carefully at things when he was drawing, for example: *"Look at this apple – what shape is it? Yes, it is round. And what colour do you need to draw it?"* The teacher also discussed what she was doing with Blessing's parents and encouraged them to support him at home. Blessing, his parents and his teacher were really pleased by the progress he made!



### Writing

Young learners' first attempts at writing may not look like grown-up writing, but they are becoming writers as they try to communicate their ideas on paper and use writing for different purposes. The following examples show how learners pass through different stages of understanding and development in the process of learning to write. See the Guidance Principle for more about how a teacher can guide learners appropriately for their stage of writing.





## 5 Mulayo wa nyambedzano

**U guda hu bvelela musi hu na vhudavhidzani na u kovhekana mihumbulo.**

Vhagudi vha guda lwa khwinesa musi ri tshi fhindula zwa vha takadza na musi vha tshi fhiwa tshikhala tsha u davhidzana na u kovhekana mihumbulo yavho na u vhudzisa na u fhindula dzimbudziso. Nyambedzano vhukati ha vhaaluwa na vhagudi ndi mutheo wa mveledziso ya luambo nahone musi vhagudi vha tshi ḥuṭuwedeswa u vha tshipiḍa tsha nyambedzano na u amba mbudziso na mihumbulo yavho, ndi hone luambo lwavho na zwikili zwi tshi ḥo aluwa nga u ḥavhanya.

Thodisiso yo sumbedza uri kiłasirumu dza vhana vhaṭuku dza maimo a n̄tha ndi idzo dza mugudisi a humbulaho nga kufunzele na u guda na u ita vhupo vhune ha tikedza nyambedzano na vhudavhidzani. Zwo leluwa u fha dzindaela na u lavhelela uri vhagudi vhashu vha fhumule, fhedzi hezwi a si zwine vhagudi vhaṭuku vha tea u gudisa zwone luambo.

Vhagudisi vha humbulaho nga kufunzele na u guda vha fhaṭa luambo lwa vhagudi.

### Kiłasirumuni ..

Kiłasirumuni ya Gireidi ya R, hu na zwikhala zwinzhi zwa u fhaṭa luambo lwa u amba ḫuvha ḥoṭhe.



*U sumbedza na u amba ndi tshikhala tsho khetheaho kha vhagudi tsha u ḫisa tshithu tshavho kiłasirumuni, u lugisela na u amba lwa tshifhinga tshilapfu nga ha tshithu tsho khetheaho tshine vha tshi pfesesa. Khedzi dziñwe ndila dzine mugudisi a nga dzi shumisa u tikedza nyambedzano nga tshifhinga tsha u sumbedza na u amba:*

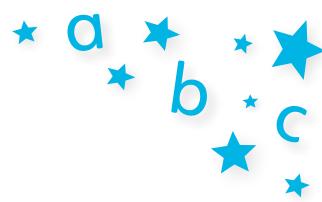
- ★ Kha vha khwaṭhisedze khetho ya tshithu tsha mugudi tsha u sumbedza na u amba.
- ★ Kha vha tsele phasi kha vhuimo ha mugudi, vha mu sedze maṭoni nahone vha vhe na dzangalelo ḥa u thetshalesa.
- ★ Kha vha dovholel zwine mugudi a amba zwone nahone vha engedze mañwe mafhungo manzhi, vha ḥalutshedze hafhu kana u ḥandavhudza kha zwe vha amba, ngeno vha tshi khou khwaṭhisedza mulaedza wavho nga vhuronwane.
- ★ Kha vha vhudzise mbudziso dzo tiwaho na u thetshalesa phindulo dza mugudi. Kha vha vhe na vhuṭanzi ha uri vha vhudzise mbudziso dzi re na phindulo i fhiraho nthihi dzine dza ḥandavhudza kuhumbulele kwa vhagudi (“Ndi a ḫivhudzisa uri ndi ngani...?”, “Ni humbula mini...?”, “Ni humbula uri o ḫipfa hani musi...?”).
- ★ Kha vha fhe vhagudi tshifhinga tshinzh tsha u humbula vha sa athu u lavhelela phindulo.
- ★ Kha vha sumbedze vhagudi uri vho thetshalesa nga mafulufulu nga u shumisa phindulo dzi ngaho: (“mmm, ndi zwone, ee, zwa vhukuma?”).
- ★ Kha vha khwaṭhise zwikili zwa u thetshalesa zwa vhañwe vhagudi na u vha itela tshikhala tsho tsireledzeaho tsha uri vha vhudzise dzimbudziso.
- ★ Kha vha katele vhagudi vhanne vha khou thetshalesa “u sumbedza na u amba” nga u vha vhudzisa dzimbudziso nga ha zwe vha pfa na nga ha zwithu zwiswa zwe vha guda.
- ★ Kha vha ḥalutshedze mihumbulo na vhudipfi havho vhone vhañwe (na mihumbulo na vhudipfi ha vhañwe).

### U vhudzisa dzimbudziso zwi khwinisa mveledziso ya luambo

Nga kha u vhudzisa dzimbudziso, vhagudi vha guda uri tshenzhemo na mihumbulo yo fhambanaho zwi ḥumana hani. Musi vha tshi vhudzisesa mbudziso na u ḥalutshedza mihumbulo yavho, ndi hune luambo na zwikili zwavho zwa u humbula zwa ḥo aluwa nga u ḥavhanya. Phindulo dza vhagudi dzi nga si dzulele u vha dzone tshifhinga tshoṭhe, fhedzi u ita vhukhakhi ndi tshipiḍa tsha u guda kha roṭhe. Vhagudisi vha tea u vhudzisa mbudziso dzine mugudi a kona u dzi fhindula nahone vha songo vhuya vha shonisa mugudi we a ḥea phidulo i si yone.

Kha vha vhale nga vhudalo kha khethekanyo i tevhelaho ya nga ha mbudziso dzine vha nga dzi vhudzisa vhagudi kha maimo a mveledziso o fhambanaho.





## 5 The interaction principle

**Learning takes place when there is communication and sharing of ideas.**

Learners learn best when we respond to what interests them and they are given opportunities to interact, share their ideas and ask and answer questions. Conversations between adults and learners are the cornerstone of language development and the more learners are encouraged to be part of a conversation and to articulate their questions and ideas, the quicker their language and thinking skills will grow.

Research has shown that high-quality early childhood classrooms are those where the teacher is responsive and creates an environment that supports interaction and communication. It is so easy to give instructions and expect our learners to be quiet, but this is not how young learners learn language.

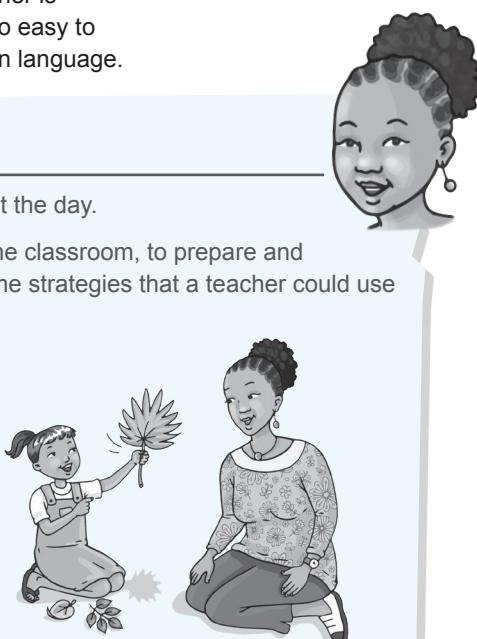
Responsive teachers  
build learners' language.

### In the classroom ...

In a Grade R classroom, there are many opportunities to build oral language throughout the day.

*Show and tell* is a unique opportunity for learners to bring something of their own into the classroom, to prepare and to speak for a sustained amount of time about something special to them. Here are some strategies that a teacher could use to support interaction during *show and tell*:

- ★ Affirm the learner's choice of object for show and tell.
- ★ Get down to the learner's height, make eye contact and listen with interest.
- ★ Repeat what a learner says and then add some more information, rephrase or expand on what they said, while being careful to affirm their message.
- ★ Ask specific questions and listen to the learner's answers. Make a point of asking open-ended questions that extend learners' thinking ("I wonder why ...?"; "What do you think ...?", "How do you think he felt when ...?").
- ★ Give learners plenty of time to think before expecting a response.
- ★ Show learners you are actively listening (by using responses like: "mmm, ok, yes, really?").
- ★ Affirm the other learners' listening skills and create a safe space for them to ask questions.
- ★ Involve learners who are listening to the "show and tell" by asking them questions about what they heard and about new things they learnt.
- ★ Explain your own thoughts and feelings (and the thoughts and feelings of others).

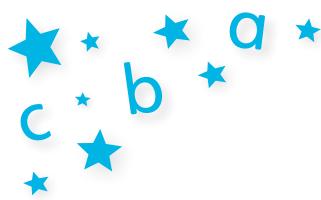


### Asking questions enhances language development

Through asking questions, learners learn how different experiences and ideas are connected. The more they ask questions and explain their own ideas, the quicker their language and thinking skills will grow. Learners' answers may not always be correct, but making mistakes is part of learning together. Teachers should ask questions that a learner is able to answer and should never humiliate a learner who has given a wrong answer.

Read more in the next section about questions you can ask learners at different levels of development.





## 6 Mulayo wa nyendedzi

### U guda hu bvelela musi mugudisi a tshi ranga phanda vhagudi kha u bveledza ndivho ntswa.

Vhagudi vha bebiwa vha tshi khou ḥoda u guda naho zwo ralo vha nga kona u tumbula zwirwe zwithu nga vhone vhaṇe, uri vha kone u guda na u bveledza, vha ḥoda vhushaka. U ṭahulela na u fulufhela vhushaka ndi mitheo ya ngudo dzoṭhe. Vhaundi kana vhagudisi vhaṇe vha fhindula madzangalelo na vhuḍidini ha mugudi, vha ḥanganya ngudo na u thusa vhagudi u pfectesa tshenzhemo dzavho.

#### Kha vha fhe vhagudi vhudifhinduleli

Vhagudi vha a funa u kateviwa kha mishumo ya “vhaaluwa” nahone vhuṇzhi ha ngudo ya u thoma ya mugudi muṭuku i ḥo itea musi a tshi khou ita tshithu a nga thungo ha muunđi kana ḥwana wa hawe. Nga kha “u shela mulenzhe ho endedzwaho”, vha ḥo guda nga zwituku nga zwituku u ita mushumo nga vhone vhaṇe. U tou fana na mugudisa a tshi guda mushumo kha makone kana muthu ane a vha na zwikili kha uyo mushumo, vhagudi vha guda zwikili zwiswa nga kha u gudiswa nga vhaṇomana, mirado ya muṭa na vhagudisi.

U ṭahulela na u fulufhela vhushaka ndi mitheo ya ngudo dzoṭhe.

### Kilasirumuni ..

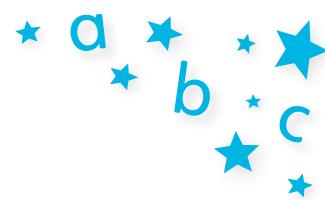


U tou fana na hayani, vhagudi vha funa u fhiwa mishumo kilasirumuni. Kha vha humbele vhagudi uri vha dzhie vhudifhinduleli ha khaļenda ya mađuvha a mabebo, tshati ya zwa mutsho, u phakhela zwiko, u ranga phanda tshigwada tshavho, u thusa ane vha dzhena nae kilasini, u kunakisa khuđa ya bugu. Tsha u thoma, kha vha humbele uri vha vha thuse. Vha ḥo guda nga u lavhelesa vhone vha tshi khou ita mishumo iyi, nahone ngavhuya vha ḥo vha vho lugela u ita mishumo nga vhone vhaṇe.

### U dilanga ndi zwa ndeme

Vhagudi vha tea u guda uri hu gudiwa hani. Izwi zwi amba uri vha tea u guda u langula kana u langa vhuđifari havho. Nga kha u ṭaphudza mishumo vho ḥangana na muunđi kana mugudisi a humbulaho kufunzele na u guda ha vhana, vhagudi vha guda uri hu fhungudiswa hani luvhilo, u humbulu vha sa athu u ita nyito na u sa fhindula nga u ṭavhanya. Vhagudi vha guda u langa vhuđipfi havho, u shandukisa dzipulane na u langula u hanganea havho musi mushumo u tshi khou konđa u u tandulula. Vha guda u humbulela phanda na u humbulu dzirwe ndila nthani ha u fhindula vha songo humbulu. Vhagudisi vha vha fha vhagudi zwikhala zwa u lindela tshifhinga tshavho, u thetselesa dzindaela na u dzhenelela kha u pulana mushumo, vha thusa vhagudi u guda u dilanga.

Vhagudisi vha nga thusa vhagudi uri vha dzule vho futelela kha mushumo nga u langula vhupo ha u gudela. Izwi zwi nga amba u fhungudza phosho kana u bvisa zwitambiswa kana zwithu zwine zwa vha zwi songo tea kha mushumo nahone zwi tshi nga ḫi thithisa u thetselesa ha vhagudi. Vhagudisi vha nga dovha vha thusa vhagudi uri vha dzule vho futelela nga u topola zwipiđa zwa ndeme zwa mushumo kana u sumbedza uri vha itise hani mushumo. Vhagudi vha ḥoda zwikhala zwintzhi zwa u dzhenelela kha mishumo uri vha bveleze vhukoni havho ha u dzula vho futelela.



## 6 The guidance principle

**Learning takes place when teachers guide learners in developing new knowledge.**

Learners are born wanting to learn and although they can discover some things on their own, in order to learn and develop, they need relationships. Nurturing and trusting relationships are the cornerstones of all learning. Caregivers or teachers who respond to the interests and efforts of a learner, mediate learning and help learners to make sense of their experiences.

*Nurturing and trusting relationships are the cornerstones of all learning.*

### Give learners responsibilities

Learners love to be included in “grown-up” tasks and most of a young learner’s early learning will take place while doing something alongside a caregiver or sibling. Through “guided participation”, they will gradually learn to do a task on their own. Just as an apprentice learns a job from a master or someone skilled in that job, learners learn new skills by being apprentices to older siblings, family members and teachers.

### In the classroom ...



Just as at home, learners love to be given roles in the classroom. Ask learners to take responsibility for the birthday calendar, the weather chart, handing out resources, leading their group, helping a classmate, tidying up the book corner. First, ask them to help you. They will learn by watching you do these tasks, and will soon be ready to take on the jobs themselves.

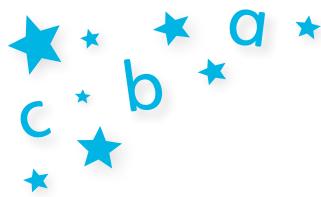
### Self-regulation is key

Learners need to learn how to learn. This means that they must learn to manage or regulate their behaviour. Through completing an activity together with a responsive caregiver or teacher, learners learn how to slow down, think before acting and not respond hastily. Learners learn to control their impulses, change plans and manage their frustration when a task is difficult to solve. They learn to think ahead and consider alternatives rather than just responding thoughtlessly. Teachers who give learners opportunities to wait their turn, listen to instructions and participate in planning a task, are helping learners to learn to self-regulate.

Teachers can help learners to stay focused on a task or activity by managing the learning environment. This might mean reducing the noise or tidying away toys or objects that are not relevant to the activity and might distract learners’ attention.

Teachers can also help learners to stay focused by pointing out important parts of the activity or modelling how to approach a task. Learners need many opportunities to participate in tasks to develop their ability to stay focused.





## Nyendedzi kha vhuimo ho fanelaho

Ndi zwa ndeme uri nyendedzi ine mugudi a i fha vhana i vhe yo teaho vhuimo havho ha mveledziso. Saizwi ro zwi vhona kha mulayo wa vhuimo, musi vhagudi vha tshi guda u የwala, vha fhira kha maimo a u የwala o fhambanaho nahone ndi zwa ndeme uri mugudisi izwi vha zwi dzhiele n̄ha na u tikedza mugudi lwo fanelaho.

### Kilasirumuni ...



Vhagudisi vha na mushumo wa ndeme une vha tea u u ita kha u endedza vhagudi musi vha tshi ola na u ita ndingedzo dzavho dza u የwala lwa u thoma. Idzi ndi dziñwe khumbudzo dza n̄dila dza u endedza u rangela u የwala ha vhagudi vhañku:

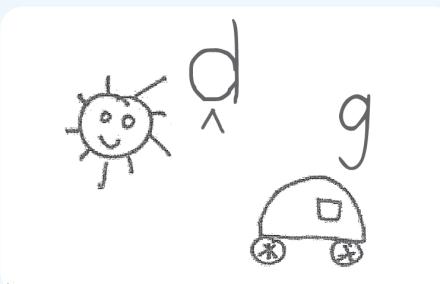
- ★ Zwo ðowelea uri u የwala ha vhagudi hu katele u talatadza, mañedere, dzinomboro na zwivhumbeo. Arali mugudi a sokou talatadza kana u lingedza u የwala, kha vha mu humbele uri a vha vhudze zwe a የwala nahone vha khwañtise vhuñidini hawe. Sa tsumbo: "No ita mushumo wavhuñi wa u የwala nganea yañu. Ni nga mmbudza uri i ri mini?"



- ★ Vha songo whilaela arali vhañwe vha vhagudi vha tshi የwala mañedere malapfu hu si na zwikhala. Tshiñwe tshifhinga zwi a thusa u vhalela maipfi a mugudi kha minwe yavho musi vhagudi vha tshi vha vhudza fhungo ñavho, vha vhe vha tshi khou sumba munwe musi vha tshi amba ipfi ñiñwe na ñiñwe. Kha vha vha òtuwedze u ita nga u ralo nga minwe yavho musi vha tshi khou የwala. Izwi zwi nga vha thusa u psesesa zwikhala vhukati ha maipfi.

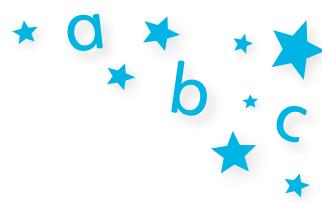


- ★ Musi የwaha u tshi bvela phanda, vhagudi vha nga thoma u shumisa mañedere mathihi u imela miñwe mibvumo i re kha maipfi. Kha vha òtahise vhupifiwa havho nga ha zwe vha vhona kha muñwalo wavho. Sa tsumbo: "Ndi funa n̄dila ye na shumisa ngayo jedere ja /d/ lo imelaho dugu dala kha zwe na የwala – ukwo kwo vha kuhumbulela kwavhuñi!" Vha nga vha vha tshi kha ði የwala mañedere a tshi thoma murahu kana o ganama. Vha songo khakhulula zwe vha የwala. Vha ðo ita n̄dowendewe ya zwi re zwone kha miñwe mishumo.



- ★ Vhañwe vhagudi vha nga kha ði limuwa uri a vha khou የwala "zwone" nahone vha nga hana u የwala na luthihi. Izwi zwi nga itea musi vho no bveledza kupfesesele kwavhuñi kwa mañedere na mibvumo, fhedzi vha sa athu u shumisa mupeleñ wo ðoweleaho wa ("vhaaluwa"). Ulwu ndi luña lwa ndeme lwa mveledziso ya u የwala. Kha vha tikedze vhagudi nga u vha የwalela mañwe maipfi nahone vha vha òtuwedze uri vha የwale maipfi ane vha nga a bula kana maipfi ane vha ñivha u a peleñela. Hu si kale vha ðo vha vha tshi khou የwala hafhu nga vhone vhañe.





## Guidance at the right level

It is important that the guidance a teacher offers a learner is suitable for their level of development. As we saw in the level principle, when learners learn to write, they pass through different stages of writing and it is crucial that the teacher recognises this and supports the learner appropriately.

### In the classroom ...



Teachers have an important role to play in guiding learners as they draw and make their first writing attempts. Here are some suggestions for ways to guide young learners' emergent writing:

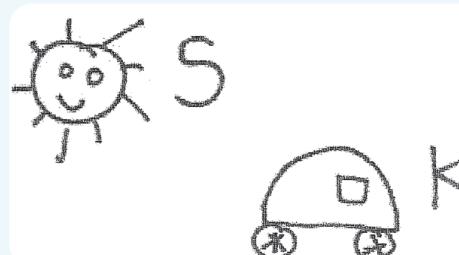
- ★ It is normal for learners' writing to include scribbles, letters, numbers or shapes. If a learner spontaneously scribbles or tries to write, ask them to tell you what they have written and affirm their efforts. For example: "You have done a good job of writing your story. Can you tell me what it says?"



- ★ Don't worry if some learners write a long string of letters without spaces. Sometimes it can be helpful to count the learner's words on your fingers as they tell you their sentence, pointing to a finger as you say each word. Encourage the learner to do the same with their fingers as they are writing. This may help them understand the spaces between words.

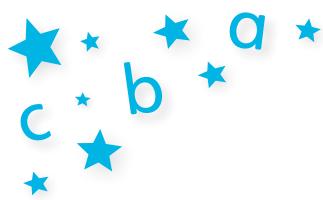


- ★ As the year progresses, learners may start using single letters to represent some sounds in words. Make a comment about what you have noticed in their writing. For example: "I like the way you used the letter /b/ for baby bird in your writing – that was good thinking!" They might still write letters backwards or upside down. Don't correct their writing. They will practise the correct formation in other activities.



- ★ Some learners may become aware that they are not writing "correctly" and may refuse to write at all. This may happen when they have developed a good understanding of letters and sounds, but cannot yet use conventional ("grown-up") spelling. This is an important phase in writing development. Support the learner by writing some words for them and encouraging them to write words that they can sound out or words that they know how to spell. Soon they will be writing again with more independence.





## 7 Mulayo wa vhukateli

U guda hu bvelela kha vhupo vhune muñwe na muñwe o ḥanganedzwa, o katelwa, u farwa zwavhuđi, u a ḥonifhiwa nahone u kona u shela mulenzhe.

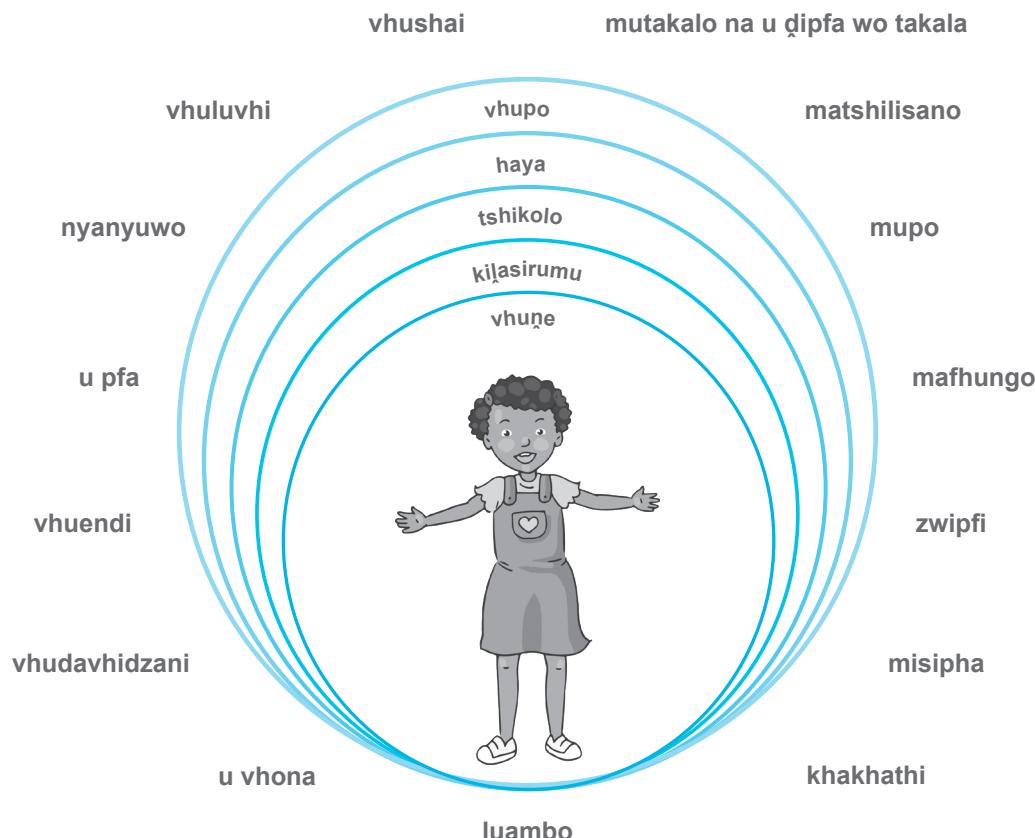
Vhagudisi vha re na muhumbulo wa vhukateli vha ḥanganedza na u kuvhatedza phambano vhukati ha vhagudi vhavho. Kīlasirumu iñwe na iñwe ya Afurika Tshipembe i na vhagudi vhanzhi vho fhambanaho, muñwe na muñwe u ḫa na vhuñe hawe, vhumuthu, vhukoni, madzangalelo na siangane.

Mulayo wa vhukateli zwi amba uri *vhagudi vhothe vho katelwa kha mishumo yothe ya kīlasirumuni*. Vhagudi vhothe vha na pfanelo ya u pfa vho khethea na u dzhenelala kha mishumo ya kīlasirumuni na dzitherisano hu songo sedzwa vhuholefhali, thaidzo dza vhudifari kana zwiñwe zwithithisi zwa u guda. Vhagudi vha tea u ḥanganedzwa, u ḫuñwedzwa u dzhenelala kha masia othe a tshikolo kana a sentharani na u tikedziwa kha u guda uri vha swikelela vhukoni havho ho fhelelaho.

Mulayo wa vhukateli u ḫandavhuwa wa ya na kha *vhabebi na vhashumi* vhanne vha fanela u ḥanganedzwa, u katelwa, u farwa zwavhuđi na u ḥonifhiwa hu sa sedzwi mvelele, murafho, lushaka, mbeu, mbeu ine wa i takalela, vhukoni ha muvhili kana ha muhumbulo, vhurereli kana tshiimo tsha ikonomi na matshilisano, luambo na zwitaela zwa u guda.

### Zwithithisi zwa u guda

Nđivhadzamulayotibe ya 6 ya Pfunzo kha Pfunzo ya ḥodea dzo Khetheaho i amba zwi khagala kha vhukateli ha vhagudi, nga maanđa avho vhe vha vha sa kateliwi kale kana vhe vha vha tshi dzhielwa phasi kha pfunzo yo doweleaho. **Zwithithisi zwa u guda** zwi tehelaho zwo topolwa sa zwiñwe zwa zwiitisi zwauri vha songo katelwa kha u guda:



Pfunzo ya vhukateli zwi amba uri vhagudi vhothe vha na pfanelo ya u wana pfunzo ya mutheo hu si na tshiñalula.

Thonifho ya phambano na vhudiimiseli kha vhukateli ndi pfanelo dza vhagudi nahone dzo tsireledziwa nga Ndayotewa ya Afurika Tshipembe.

Mbekanyamaitele ya vhukateli i themendela uri vhagudisi vha ḫivhe vhuñe, ḥodea na madzangalelo zwa mugudi muñwe na muñwe u itela u zwi sedza kīlasirumuni yo doweleaho

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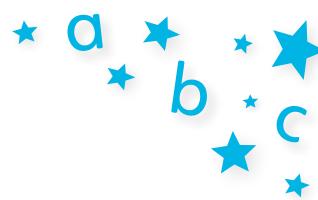
#### **zwithithisi zwa u guda**

zwithithisi zwa u guda ndi tshiñwe na tshiñwe tshine tsha kundisa mugudi u guda zwavhuđi

Zwithithisi zwi nga vha:

- mupo: zwi ḫumanywaho thwii na mugudi (sa tsumbo: vhuholefhali ha muhumbulo, ha vhudipfi kana ha muvhili) kana
- wi si zwa mupo: zwi sa ḫumanawi na mugudi, (sa tsumbo, vhushai, u litshedzelwa, khakhathi dzi re kha vhupo)





## 7 The inclusivity principle

Learning takes place in an environment where everyone is welcomed, included, treated fairly, respected and can participate.

Teachers who have an inclusive mindset embrace diversity amongst their learners. Every South African classroom has many different learners, each one bringing their own identity, personality, capabilities, interests and background.

The inclusivity principle means that all *learners* are included in all classroom activities. All learners have a right to feel special and to participate in classroom activities and discussions irrespective of disability, behavioural problems or other barriers to learning. Learners should be welcomed, encouraged to participate in all aspects of the school or centre and supported to learn to achieve their full potential.

The inclusivity principle extends to *parents and staff* who should be welcomed, treated fairly and respected regardless of their culture, ethnicity, race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical or intellectual ability, religion or socio-economic status, language and learning styles.

### Barriers to learning

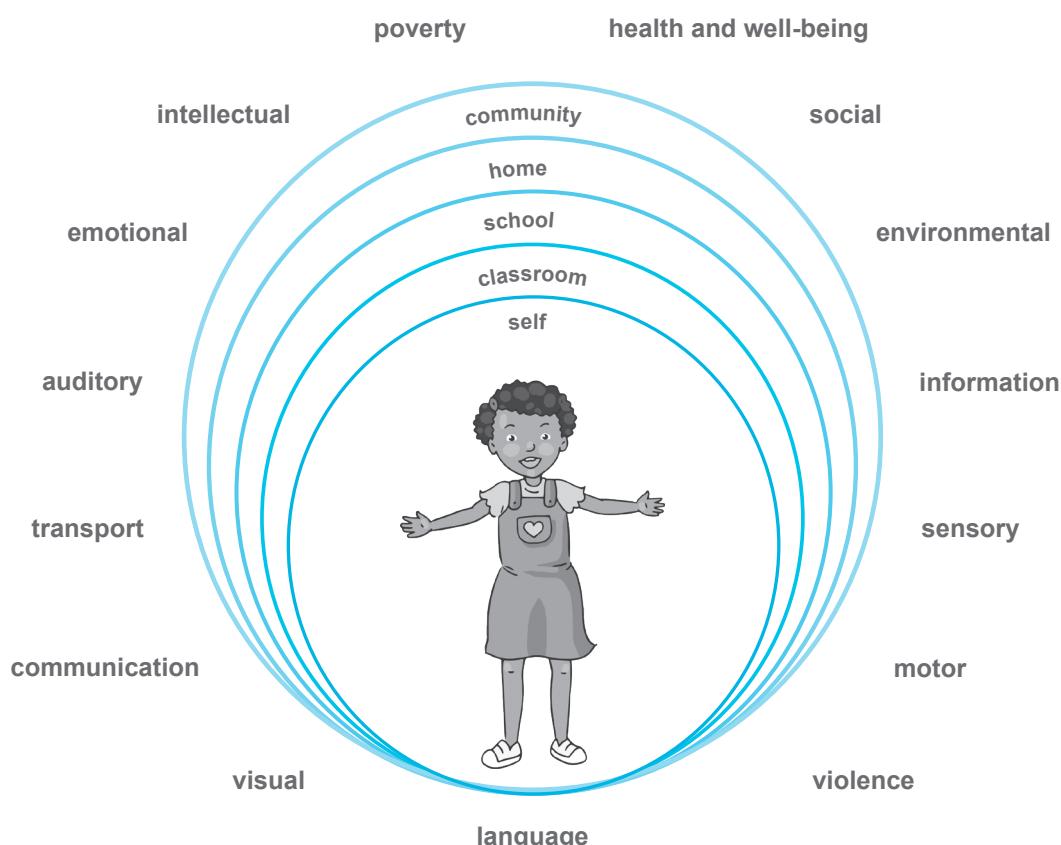
The Education White Paper 6 on Special Needs Education is clear on the inclusion of learners, especially those who have previously been excluded or marginalised from mainstream education.

The following **barriers to learning** were identified as some of the reasons for learners being excluded from learning:

Inclusive education means that all learners have the right to access basic education without discrimination.

Respect for diversity and a commitment to inclusion are learners' rights and protected by the South African Constitution.

Inclusion policy advocates that teachers are aware of each learner's identity, needs and interests in order to address them in the mainstream classroom.



### Glossary

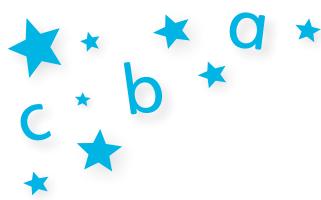
#### barrier to learning

a barrier to learning is anything that prevents a learner from being able to learn effectively

Barriers can be:

- *intrinsic*: linked directly to the learner (for example: cognitive impairment, emotional or physical) or
- *extrinsic*: outside of the learner (for example: poverty, neglect, violence in the community)





## Kilasirumuni ...



Kha vha pulane ngudo dzavho, mishumo na zwishumiswa uri zwi katele zwitaela zwa u guda zwo fhambanaho na u ita uri zwi vhe zwo tea kha ḥodea dza vhagudi vho fhambanaho:

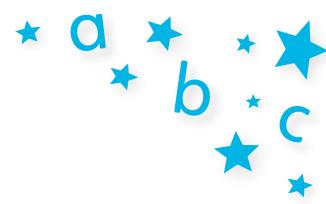
- ★ Kha vha shumise zwithu, zwifanyiso na dzingafhadzo u tikedza zwine vha khou amba u itela uri vhagudi vha re na thaidzo ya n̄evhe kana vhave a vha ambi luambo lwa u funza vha kone u guda nga u vhona.
- ★ Kha vha ḫivhe luambo lwa hayani lwa vhagudi nahone arali lwo fhambanaho na luambo lwa u funza, kha vha vha ḫutuwedze u wana maipfi kana mafhungo nga luambo lwavho lwa hayani uri vha pfesese kana u ḫanganyisa mihumumbulo.
- ★ Kha vha ite uri vhagudi vha ḫidzhenise kha mishumo ya ndowendowe yo fhambanaho nga zwithu zwa vhukuma u itela uri vha kone u fhaṭa kupfesesele kwavho nga n̄dila dzo khwaṭhaho.
- ★ Kha vha fhe vhagudi thikhedzo na tshifhinga nyengedzedza tsha ndowendowe na u kona zwikili zwiswa.
- ★ Kha vha fhe vhagudi tshifhinga tshinzhzi tsha u humbula nga ha thaidzo, u ḫaphudza mishumo na u fhindula dzimbudziso.
- ★ Arali vha tshi khou vhlaela nga mugudi, kha vha ye kha mushumisani navho uri vha rere nga vhuimo vhune vha khou shuma vha khaho u itela uri vha vhe na vhuṭanzi ha uri vha khou ḫetshedza mishumo yo fanelaho na u rera nga ha uri vha nga ita mini zwiñwe uri vha ḫetshedze mugudi zwikhala zwoṭhe zwi konadzeaho zwa u guda na mveledziso.

*Kha vha vhe na vhuṭanzi ha uri vha a ḫivha mbekanyaitele ya lushaka ya u ḫola, u Topola, u Linga na Thikhedzo (SIAS):*

- ★ Vhagudisi vha tea u ḫola vhagudi vhoṭhe musi vha tshi ḫanganedzwa kha Gireidi ya R na u rekhoa mawanwa avho kha Phurofaili ya Mugudi.
- ★ Vhagudisi vha tea u bveledza Pulane ya Thikhedzo ya Muthu muthihi (ISP) u itela vhagudi vhañwe na vhañwe vhave vha vha topola sa vha re na zwithithisi zwa u guda.
- ★ Mafhungo aya a fanela u kovhekanywa na vhabebi na/kana vhaundi u itela uri vha ḫivhe nga ha ḥodea dza u engedza na pulane ya thikhedzo ya ḫwana wavho.
- ★ Vhagudisi vha tea u shumisana na Tshigwada tsha Thikhedzo tsha Tshikolo/Senthara u itela u ḫetshedza thikhedzo yo fanelaho kha mugudi zwi tshi anana na pulane ya thikhedzo.
- ★ Mugudi u ḫo rumelwa kha vha Tshigwada tsha Thikhedzo tsha Tshiṭiriki arali hu tshi ḥodea iñwe thikhedzo ya u engedza.

*Kha vha humbele vhugudisi na thikhedzo.* Zwikolo zwi fanela u vhona uri vhagudisi vha na zwiko zwo eñanaho nahone zwo teaho zwi katelaho vhagudi vhoṭhe, naho hu na zwithithisi zwa u guda. Izwi zwi katela vhugudisi ha u topola zwithithisi zwa u guda na u dzhenelela u itela u tikedza mugudi nga u shumisa n̄dila dzo fhambanaho dza u funza; u shandula kharikhulamu u ya nga zwine mugudi a ḫoda; na u langula kiłasi khulwane. Vhagudisi vha fanela u vha na thikhedzo ya vhathusi vho gudiswaho vha kilasirumuni.





## In the classroom ...

*Plan your lessons, activities and materials to accommodate different learning styles to make them suitable for the needs of different learners:*

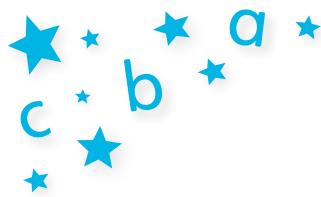
- ★ Use objects, pictures and gestures to support what you are saying so that learners who have a hearing loss or do not speak the language of instruction can learn visually.
- ★ Be aware of learners' home language and where it is different from the language of instruction, encourage them to identify words or phrases in their home language to understand or consolidate ideas.
- ★ Engage learners in many different practical activities with real objects so that they can build up their understanding in concrete ways.
- ★ Give learners additional support and time to practise and master new skills.
- ★ Allow learners more time to think through a problem, to complete activities and to answer questions.
- ★ If you are concerned about a learner, reach out to a colleague to discuss the level you are working at to make sure you are offering appropriate activities and to discuss what else you can do to provide the learner with all possible opportunities for learning and development.

*Make sure you are familiar with national policy for Screening, Identification, Assessment and Support (SIAS):*

- ★ Teachers need to screen all learners when they are admitted to Grade R and record their findings on a Learner Profile.
- ★ Teachers should develop an Individual Support Plan (ISP) for any learners they identify as experiencing barriers to learning.
- ★ This information should be shared with the parents and/or caregivers so that they are aware of any additional needs and the support plan for their learner.
- ★ Teachers should collaborate with the School/Centre Based Support Team to provide the necessary support to the learner in line with the support plan.
- ★ A learner will be referred to the District Based Support Team if additional support is required.

*Ask for training and support.* Schools must ensure that teachers have adequate and appropriate resources to accommodate all their learners, despite barriers to learning. This includes training to identify barriers to learning and to intervene to support the learner by using diverse teaching strategies; adapting the curriculum according to learner needs; and managing large classes. Teachers should have the support of trained classroom assistants.





## 8 Mulayo wa ndowendowe

U guda hu pfumbiswa nga kha u ita ndowendowe ya zwikili zwiswa na ndivho.

Tshivhumbeo, ndowelo, ndowendowe na ndovhololo ndi zwa ndeme kha ngudo ya vhagudi vhatuku. Tshivhumbeo na ndowelo zwi thusa vhagudi uri vha humbule uri duvha li tevhelaho hu do da mini, na u bvisa mazhuluzhulu kha tshenzhemo ya u guda. Ndovhololo na ndowendowe zwi nea vhagudi tshikhala tsha u lingedza ngudo ntswa, na u ita ndowendowe ya zwikili u swikela vha tshi zwi kona. Ndovhololo na ndowendowe a zwi ambi u ita tshithihi duvha lihwe na lihwe, fhedzi zwi khwathisa na u shumisa ndivho na zwikili zwiswa kha nyimele dzo fhambanaho.

Ndovhololo na  
ndowendowe zwi fha  
vhagudi tshikhala tsha  
u lingedza ngudo ntswa  
na u ita ndowendowe ya  
zwikili u swikela vha tshi  
zwi kona.

### Kilasirumuni ...



U guda u pfa mibvumo kha maipfi na u tumanya iyi mibvumo kha zwiga zwa maledere zwi toda ndowendowe na ndovhololo nnzhi. Zwi dzhia tshifhinga na u sa fhela mbilu, nahone kha Gireidi ya R hu na zwikala zwinzhi zwi si zwa foma la zwa vhagudi uri vha ite ndowendowe ya u thetshelesa mibvumo i re kha maipfi.

Zwikili zwa ndivho ya divhamabulele zwi bvelela nga kha ndowendowe ya duvha lihwe na lihwe:

- ★ Musi ri tshi khou lindela tshifhinga tsha u ja, kha ri tambe mutambo wa "Ndi a tolela nga lito langa litukul!"
- ★ Arali dzina lanu li tshi thoma nga /b/, ni nga vha wa u thoma u ima kha mutevhe wa u wana zwidyangudyangu.
- ★ Ndi khou humbula nga ha tshipuka tshine tsha funa u ja marambo. Tshi thoma nga mubvumo wa /d/.

U ita ndowendowe ya maledere a zwi ambi ndovhololo ya duvha lihwe na lihwe ya mushumo muthihi. Hu na mishumo minzhi ine ya netshedza ndowendowe dzi todeaho nga maanda, fhedzi naho zwo ralo dici a takadza na u kunga vhagudi vhatuku:

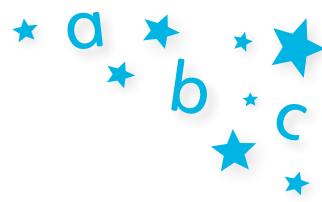
- ★ Kha vha ite ledere tuyani kana nga ngomu ha tshanda tshavho.
- ★ Kha vha ite ndowendowe ya u ita ledere vha tshi khou shumisa tshipida tsha tshoko, tshitanda kha muavha, kana bulatsho ya u pennda nga madi.
- ★ Kha vha tambe mitambo ine ya toda uri vhagudi vha fanyise zwiga zwa maledere na zwifanyiso zwi no thoma nga mubvumo une ledere ja u ita.
- ★ Kha vha ite kubugu kuuku nga u nwala ledere vha kone u ola zwifanyiso zwa zwithu zwine zwa thoma nga ledere lenelo.
- ★ Kha vha nwale ledere nga khirayoni dla mivhala yo fhambanaho uri vha ite ledere ja musengavhadzimu.
- ★ Kha vha ite maledere nga suko ja u tama.

Kha mbekanyamushumo ya luambo yo disendekaho kha nganea, nga kha mishumo ya duvha lihwe na lihwe yo tumanywaho na nganea, vhagudi vha wana tshenzhemo na u guda luambo lwa nganea nga ndila dzo fhambanaho. Mushumo muhwe na muhwe wo olelwa u itela u nea vhagudi zwikala zwa u diphina nahone zwi funzaho zwa u ita ndowendowe na u shumisa luambo lwa nganea. Naho vhagudisi vha tshi nga vhilaela uri tshifhinga tshi tshi ya i do bora vhagudi arali mishumo ya vhege mbili ya u funza yo disendeka kha nganea nthihi, vhagudisi vha vhiga uri vhagudi vha na dikitelja u thetshelesa nganea lunzhilunzhi, na uri ndovhololo na ndowendowe zwi fha vhudifulufheli na u godombedza ngudo.



### Kilasirumuni ...

Ri a zwi divha uri vha kone u guda maipfi maswa na u a ita avho, vhagudi vha tea u pfa na u anzela u shumisa maipfi nahone kha nyimele dzo fhambanaho. Vhagudi vha anzela u psesesa maipfi vha sa athu vha na vhudifulufheli ha u a shumisa, nahone zwi dzhia tshifhinga na ndowendowe uri vha bvedezed zdivho yo khwathaho nahone ya tshothe ya maipfi maswa. Vhagudi vhatuku vha nga pfa maipfi maswa na mafhuno kha nganea yo ambiwaho nga mugudisi, fhedzi vha toda zwikala zwa u ita ndowendowe vha tshi khou shumisa maipfi na mafhuno maswa kha nyimele dzo fhambanaho. U anetshela hafhu nganea hu tshi khou shumisa thevhikan ya zwifanyiso, litambwa ja nganea, u ola tshipida tsha nganea tshine vha tshi funesa na u talutshedza zwe vha ola na u tuwa na kubugu kuuku hayani vha "vhalela" mita yavho, zwothe zwi netshedza ndovhololo na ndowendowe ine ya fha vhudifulufheli na vhukoni.



## 8 The practice principle

**Learning is consolidated through practising new skills and knowledge.**

Structure, routine, practice and repetition are important for young learners' learning. Structure and routine help learners to anticipate what will come next in their day, and remove anxiety from the learning experience. Repetition and practice give learners the chance to try out new learning, and practise skills until they have mastered them. Repetition and practice do not mean doing the same thing every day, but reinforcing and using new knowledge and skills in different contexts.

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### In the classroom ...



Learning to hear sounds in words and link these sounds to letter symbols require much practice and repetition. It takes time and patience, and in Grade R there are many informal opportunities for learners to practise listening for sounds in words.

Phonological awareness skills develop through daily practice:

- ★ While we're waiting for lunchtime, let's play a game of "I spy with my little eye!"
- ★ If your name begins with /b/, you can line up first for a snack.
- ★ I am thinking of an animal that likes to eat bones. It starts with the sound /d/.

Practising letters does not mean daily repetition of the same activity. There are many activities that provide much needed practice, but are nevertheless fun and engaging for young learners:

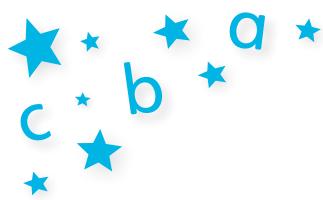
- ★ Form the letter in the air or in the palm of your hand.
- ★ Practise forming the letter using a piece of chalk, a stick in the sand, or a paintbrush with water.
- ★ Play games that require learners to match letter symbols and pictures that start with the sound the letter makes.
- ★ Make a little letter book by writing a letter and then drawing pictures of objects that start with that letter.
- ★ Write a letter with different colour crayons to make a rainbow letter.
- ★ Make letters out of playdough.

In a story-based language programme, through the daily activities linked to the story, learners experience and practise the language of the story in different ways. Each activity is designed to give learners fun and meaningful opportunities to practise and use the story language. Although teachers might be concerned that it may become boring for learners if the activities for two weeks of teaching are based on one story, teachers report that learners are eager to hear the story over and over again, and that repetition and practice build confidence and deepen learning.



### In the classroom ...

We know that in order to learn new vocabulary and make it their own, learners need to hear and use words often and in different contexts. Learners often understand words before they have the confidence to use them, and it takes time and practice for them to develop a deep and lasting knowledge of new vocabulary. Young learners might hear new words and phrases in a story told by the teacher, but need opportunities to practise using these new words and phrases in different situations. Retelling the story using a sequence of pictures, role playing the story, drawing their favourite part of the story and explaining what they have drawn and taking a little book home to "read" the story to their families, all provide the repetition and practice that build confidence and mastery.

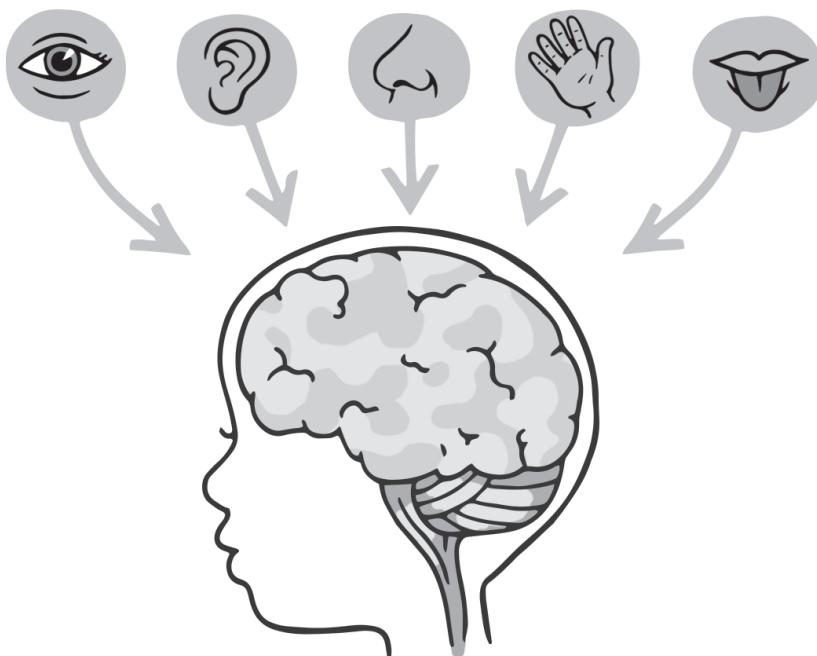


## Mveledziso ya zwipfi na misipha na marambo

Mveledziso ya zwikili zwa zwipfi na misipha na marambo kha vhagudi vhaṭuku ndi ya ndeme nga maanda kha u tea mutheo wa mveledziso yoṭe ya luambo ya tshifhinga tshi ḳaho na u guda. U ḫivha ha muhumbulo zwine zwa khou itwa nga zwipfi zwi amba u shumisa zwipfi u wana mafhungo nga ha vhupo.

Zwikili zwa zwipfi zwi ri tendela u pfesesa ḥifasi u mona na riñe. Mafhungo a zwipfi a kuvhanganywa nga zwipfi zwashu zwiṭanu, sa tsumbo: zwine maṭo ashu a vhona, zwine nđevhe dza pfa, zwine lukanda lwashu lwa pfa, zwine lulimi lwashu lwa thetshela na zwine ningyo yashu ya fembedza. Mafhungo aya a rumelwa vhuluvhini hashu. Vhuluvhi vhu a bveledza, u dzudzanya na u humbula mafhungo aya u itela uri ri kone u a shumisa nga murahu u itela mishumo ya ḫuvha ḥiñwe na ḥiñwe.

u vhona      u pfa      u fembedza      u kwama      u thetshela



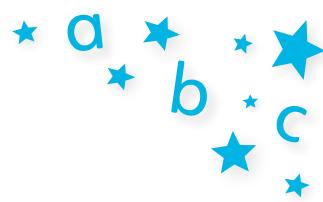
Zwikili zwa misipha ya marambo ndi nyito dzine dza kwama u shumisa misipha. Ri shumisa misipha mihulwane mivhilini yashu u ita mishumo guṭe ya misipha, sa tsumbo: u raha bola, u gidima na u fhufha. Ri shumisa misipha miṭuku u ita mishumo guṭe ya misipha, sa tsumbo: u gera, u ḫwala na u ola.

Mveledziso ya ḥhanganyo yo zwikili zwa zwipfi na misipha ya muvhili i katela zwi tevhelaho:

- ★ zwipfi zwa u vhona
- ★ zwipfi zwa u pfa
- ★ zwipfi zwa u kwama na zwa vhunzani.

Izwi zwo rerwa nga vhudalo kha siaṭari ḥi tevhelaho.

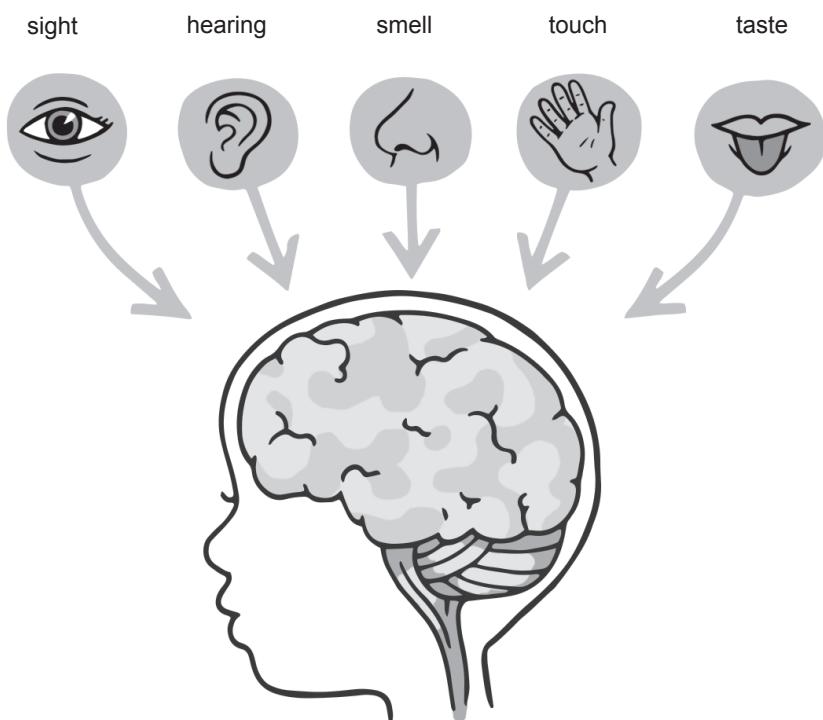




## Perceptual and motor development

The development of perceptual and motor skills in young learners is extremely important in laying a foundation for all future language development and learning. Sensory perception means using the senses to get information about the environment.

Perceptual skills allow us to make sense of the world around us. Sensory information is collected by our five senses, for example: what our eyes see, our ears hear, our skin feels, our tongue tastes and our nose smells. This information is sent to our brain. The brain processes, organises and remembers this information so that we can use it later for everyday activities.



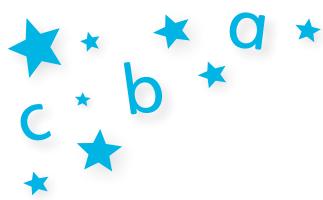
Motor skills are actions that involve using our muscles. We use the big muscles in our bodies for gross motor activities, for example: kicking a ball, running and jumping. We use smaller muscles for fine motor activities, for example: cutting, writing and drawing.

Sensory perceptual motor development includes the following:

- ★ visual perception
- ★ auditory perception
- ★ tactile and kinaesthetic perception.

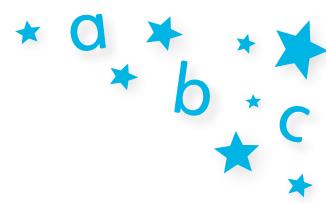
These are discussed in more detail on the pages that follow.





## Zwikili zwa zwipfi zwa u vhona

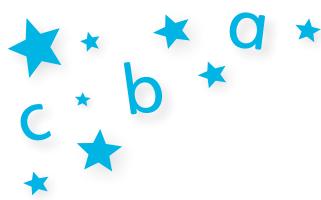
<p><b>U vhona hu khethululaho</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ U vhona hu khethululaho ndi vhukoni ha u vhona zwi fanaho na zwo fhambanaho vhukati ha zwithu.</li> <li>★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza tshikili itshi musi vha tshi vhambedza zwifanyiso zwivhili vha wana uri ndi mini tshine tsha khou ṭahela kha tshiñwe tsha zwifanyiso.</li> <li>★ U vhona hu khethululaho hu dovha ha shumisiwa musi vhagudi vha tshi ñivha u fana na phambano vhukati ha maledere mavhili a ngaho sa <b>b</b> na <b>d</b>.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>U pfananya maño, vhuluvhi na misipha (u pfananya maño na tshanda)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ U pfananya maño, vhuluvhi na misipha ndi vhukoni ha maño, vhuluvhi na misipha ya muvhili uri zwi shumisane u ita nyito. Ndi zwa ndeme kha mishumo i fanaho na kufarele kwa zwithu, u ola na u ñwala.</li> <li>★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza pfananyo ya maño, vhuluvhi na misipha nga kha mitambo ya bola na ya zwisagana zwa ñawa, u fñaña nga zwibulo, u tamba nga zwithu zwi kunguluwaho na zwi suvhaho, u ola phetheni, u gera na u ola.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>U vhona zwo fhelelaho musi zwi songo fhelela</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ U vhona zwo fhelelaho musi zwi songo fhelela ndi vhukoni ha u fhedzisa zwithu, zwifanyiso kana nyolo dzi songo fhelelaho. Nga mañwe maipfi, mugudi u kona u ñivha kana u topola tshithu tsho fhelelaho na musi tshifanyiso itsyo tshi songo fhelela.</li> <li>★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza u vhona zwo fhelelaho ngeno zwi songo fhelela musi vha tshi khou ṭaphudza dziphazili kana u ṭalusa zwine zwa khou ṭahela kha tshifanyiso tshi songo fhelelaho, sa tsumbo, tshine tsha sumbedza tshipida tsha tshifahuwo kana tsha muvhili fhedzi.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>U kona u fhambanya zwivhumbeo na zwiga na u kona u vhona zwipiða zwa tshithu</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ U kona u fhambanya zwivhumbeo na zwiga ndi vhukoni ha u ñivha phambano vhukati ha zwivhumbeo na zwiga, na musi muelo na vhuimo hazwo zwi tshi nga shanduka. Nga mañwe maipfi, zwi amba u kona u ñivha zwitaluli zwi sa shanduki zwa tshithu.</li> <li>★ Vhagudi vha shumisa kana u bveledza itsyo tshikili musi vha tshi vhona maledere kha nyimele dzo fhambanaho na u pfectesa uri zwiga zwa ledere (sa tsumbo: j) i dzula yo ralo naho ya ñwaliwa nga mivhala yo fhambanaho kana ya ñwaliwa i ñukhu kana i khulu.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>U vhona hu nanguludzaho vhukati ha zwiñwe</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ U vhona hu nanguludzaho vhukati ha zwiñwe ndi vhukoni ha u ñivha kana u topola tshithu, tshiga kana tshivhumbeo musi hu na khuvhanganyo ya zwiñwe zwithu, zwiga kana zwivhumbeo.</li> <li>★ Vhagudi vha shumisa kana u bveledza zwikili zwa u vhona hu nanguludzaho vhukati ha zwiñwe musi vha tshi humbelwa u topola zwiñwe zwithu kha tshifanyiso, sa tsumbo: "Wanani musidzana o ambaraho tshikipa tshitswuku kha tshifanyiso."</li> </ul>	



## Visual perceptual skills

<p><b>Visual discrimination</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Visual discrimination is the ability to see similarities and differences between objects.</li><li>★ Learners use and develop this skill when they compare two pictures and identify what is missing from one of the pictures.</li><li>★ Visual discrimination is also used when learners recognise the similarities and differences between two letters such as a <b>b</b> and <b>d</b>.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Visual motor coordination (eye-hand coordination)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Visual motor coordination is the ability of the eyes, brain and body muscles to work together to perform actions. It is important for activities such as handling objects, drawing and writing.</li><li>★ Learners use and develop visual motor coordination through ball and beanbag games, building with blocks, playing with objects that roll or slide, as well as through threading, cutting and drawing.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Visual closure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Visual closure is the ability to complete objects, pictures or drawings that are incomplete. In other words, the learner is able to recognise or identify a whole object even though the total picture is incomplete.</li><li>★ Learners use and develop visual closure when they complete puzzles or describe what is missing in an incomplete picture, for example, one that shows only part of the face or body.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Form constancy and form perception (recognition)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Form constancy is the ability to recognise forms and symbols, even when their size and position change. In other words, it means being able to recognise the constant characteristics of something.</li><li>★ Learners use and develop this skill when they see letters in different contexts and understand that a letter symbol (for example: <b>J</b>) remains the same whether it is written in different colours or in big or small writing.</li></ul>	
<p><b>Visual figure-ground perception</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Visual figure-ground perception is the ability to recognise or identify an object, symbol or shape when surrounded by other objects, symbols or shapes.</li><li>★ Learners use and develop visual figure-ground perceptual skills when they are asked to identify particular objects in a picture, for example: "Find the girl with the red top in the picture."</li></ul>	





#### U vhona hu tevhekanaho

- ★ U vhona hu tevhekanaho ndi vhukoni ha u vhea zwithu nga mutevhe wo teaho nga murahu ha u zwi sedza kana u zwi lavhelesa.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza itshi tshikili musi vha tshi sedza phetheni ya vhulungu ha mivhala yo fhambanaho kha thambo vha kona u dovhola phetheni nga vhone vhañe kana vha kopa maleđere a re kha madzina avho nga thevhekano yone.



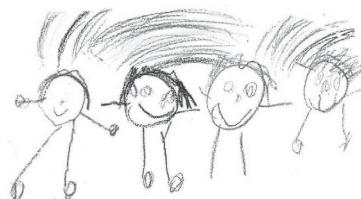
#### Nyandano ya mađo na misipha

- ★ Nyandano ya mađo na misipha ndi vhukoni ha u kona u pfectesa mafhungo nga u tou sedza na u a shumisa kha muñwe mushumo u shumisaho zwikili zwa misipha ya muvhili.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa mafhungo e vha a vhona na u bveledza zwikili zwa u sudzuluwa ha misipha musi, sa tsumbo, vha tshi kopa dzina įavho kana u ola zwithu zwe vheiwaho phanda havho.

Khanyi  
Khanyi

#### Zwifanyiso zwa muhumbulo

- ★ Zwifanyiso zwa muhumbulo ndi vhukoni ha u ita zwifanyiso muhumbuloni wau (zwifanyiso zwa muhumbulo) zwe disendeka kha tshenzhemo, u lavhelesa kana mañwe mafhungo e muthu a vhona.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa kana u bveledza itshi tshikili musi, sa tsumbo, vha tshi ola zwifanyiso zwa tshithu tshi ngaho sa lufhera lwa mahayani avho kana lwa miđani ya havho.



#### Nyelelwo ya u vhona

- ★ Nyelelwo ndi vhukoni ha vhuluvhi ha u humbula zwe mađo a vhona.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza itshi tshikili u ðivha maiþfi a tshifhinga tshoþhe.

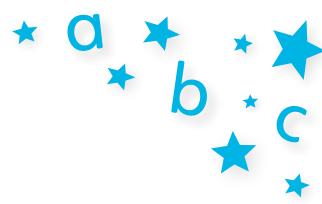


### Kilasirumuni ...

Kha vha lavhelese vhagudi vha tshi khou tamba nga zwithu zwe fhambanaho vha nnđa na musi vhe ngomu. Vha nga:

- ★ bula phambano vhukati ha mibvumo yo fhambanaho na maiþfi o fhambanaho naa?
- ★ topola phambano vhukati ha zwifanyiso zwivhili kana zwigwada zwa zwithu naa?
- ★ humbula zwe vha vhona kana vha pfa naa?
- ★ dovhola mutevhe wa maiþfi kana wa dzinomboro nga thekhekano yone naa?
- ★ kona u pfa mibvumo yo fhambanaho, madzina avho, na ndaela naa?
- ★ pfa phambano vhukati ha u suvhelela na u hwasa naa?
- ★ wana phambano vhukati ha u ðifha na u dunga vho valwa mađo naa?





#### Visual sequencing

- ★ Visual sequencing is the ability to place objects or items in the correct order after looking at them or observing them.
- ★ Learners use and develop this skill when they look at a pattern of different coloured beads on a string and then repeat the pattern themselves or copy the letters in their name in the correct order.



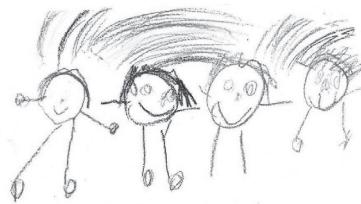
#### Visual motor integration

- ★ Visual motor integration is the ability to make sense of visual information and then use that information in another activity that uses motor skills.
- ★ Learners use visual information and develop fine motor skills when, for example, they copy their name or draw an object placed in front of them.

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#### Visual conceptualising

- ★ Visual conceptualising is the ability to make pictures in your mind (mental images) based on experiences, observations or other visual information.
- ★ Learners use and develop this skill when, for example, they draw pictures of something like a room in their homes or of their families.



#### Visual memory

- ★ Visual memory is the ability for the brain to recall what the eyes have seen.
- ★ Learners will use and develop this skill to recognise high frequency words.

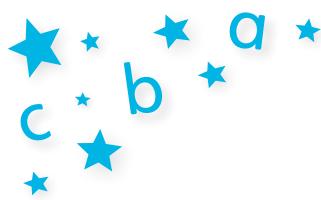


### In the classroom ...

Observe learners playing outside and inside with different equipment. Can they:

- ★ tell the difference between different sounds and different words
- ★ spot the difference between two pictures or groups of objects
- ★ remember what they have seen and heard
- ★ repeat a list of words or numbers in the correct order
- ★ respond to different sounds, their names and instructions
- ★ feel the difference between smooth and rough
- ★ taste the difference between sweet and sour while blind-folded?





## Zwikili zwa zwipfi zwa u pfa

### U pfa hu khethululaho

- ★ U pfa hu khethululaho ndi vhukoni ha u qivha zwi fanaho na zwo fhambanaho kha mibvumo.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza itshi tshikili musi vha tshi kona u ɏalula arali mibvumo mivhili yo ambiwaho nga mugudisi i tshi fana kana yo fhambana (sa tsumbo: /p/ na /b/ ndi mibvumo yo fhambanaho).
- ★ Vha dovha vha shumisa khethululo ya u pfa u qivha mubvumo wa u thoma kha ipfi (sa tsumbo: ipfi "bola" ɿ thoma nga mubvumo wa /b/).

Mudededzi: "Ni vhande musi ni tshi pfa ipfi ɿne ja thoma nga mubvumo /s/: raha, saha."

### U rwela ngomani

- ★ U rwela ngomani ndi vhukoni ha u vhulunga na u humbula tshiñwe tshithu tshe muthu a pfa.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza itshi tshikili musi vha tshi tevhedzela sethe ya dzindaela, u imba nyimbo dzi re na nyito na u shumisa luambo lwa nganea kha litambwa.



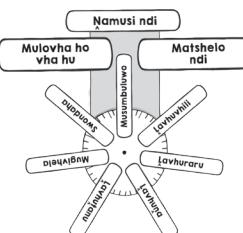
### U nanguludza mubvumo vhukati ha miñwe

- ★ U nanguludza mibvumo vhukati ha miñwe ndi vhukoni ha u qivha kana u nanguludza mubvumo u bva kha miñwe mibvumo.
- ★ Vhagudi vha guda na u bveledza itshi tshikili nga u sedza zwine muñwe a re kha tshigwada tshavho a khou amba vha sa khou thithisiwa nga phosho ya zwiñwe zwigwada zwi tshi khou amba.



### U pfa hu tevhikanaho

- ★ U pfa hu tevhikanaho ndi vhukoni ha u humbula zwithu nga u tevhekana hazwo nga murahu ha u pfa mutevhe wazwo.
- ★ Vhagudi vha guda na u bveledza itshi tshikili musi vha tshi khou guda alfabethe (A, B, C ...) kana mađuvha a vhege (Musumbuluwo, ɿavhuvhili, ɿavhuraru ...).



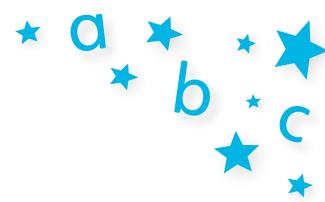
## Kilasirumuni ...

Mutevhe wa u Sedzulusa Zwikili zwa Zwipfi (kha vha sedze Nyendedzi ya ɿivhaipfi) ndi tshishumiswa tshi shumaho u topola vhagudi vha re na vhuleme vhuhulwane ha zwipfi vhune vhu nga kwama ngudo yavho kha Gireidi ya R.

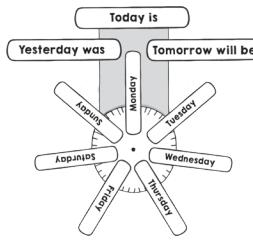
Nyendedzi dla Mishumo dici katela mishumo minzhi ine i nga shumiswa u tikedza mveledziso ya zwikili zwa zwipfi. Sa tsumbo:

- ★ Vhagudi vha re na vhuleme ha nyandano ya mađo na misipha vha nga konđelwa u vhumba ɿedere nga suko ɿa u tambo kana u pennda ɿedere kha tshipida tsha bammbiri. Vha nga lingedza u vha ɿea ɿedere kha tshipida tsha garađa uri vha kope, kana thempleithi u itela uri vha oledzele kha mitalo ya ɿedere.
- ★ Vhagudi vha re na vhuleme ha zwipfi zwa u pfa vha nga konđelwa u pfa phambano ya mibvumo i re kha maipfi. Vha nga lingedza u vha humbela uri vha sedze mulomo wavho musi vha tshi amba mubvumo, kana vha fare tshivhoni phanda ha milomo yavho u itela uri vha vhone uri mubvumo u itiswa hani.





## Auditory perceptual skills

<b>Auditory discrimination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Auditory discrimination is the ability to recognise similarities and differences in sounds.</li><li>★ Learners use and develop this skill when they can identify whether two sounds spoken by the teacher are the same or different (for example: <b>p</b> and <b>b</b> are different sounds).</li><li>★ They also use auditory discrimination to identify the first sound in a word (for example: the word “ball” starts with the sound /b/).</li></ul>	Teacher: “Clap when you hear a word that starts with the sound /p/: big, pig, dig.”
<b>Auditory memory</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Auditory memory is the ability to store and remember something you have heard.</li><li>★ Learners use and develop this skill when they follow a set of instructions, sing songs with actions and use story language in role play.</li></ul>	
<b>Auditory figure-ground perception</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Auditory figure-ground perception is the ability to recognise or isolate a sound from other sounds.</li><li>★ Learners learn and develop this skill when they must focus on what someone in their group is saying without being distracted by the noise of other groups talking.</li></ul>	
<b>Auditory sequencing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>★ Auditory sequencing is the ability to remember objects or items in the correct order after hearing a list.</li><li>★ Learners learn and develop this skill when they learn the alphabet (A, B, C ...) or the days of the week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday ...).</li></ul>	

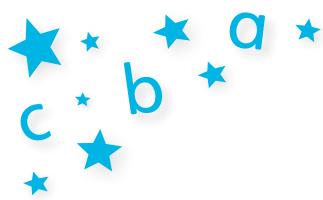
### In the classroom ...

The Perceptual Skills Checklist (see GDE Assessment Guide) is a useful tool for identifying learners who have underlying perceptual difficulties that are likely to impact on their learning in Grade R.

The Activity Guides include many activities that can be used to support the development of perceptual skills. For example:

- ★ Learners with visual-motor integration difficulties might find it difficult to make a letter out of playdough or paint a letter on a piece of paper. You could try giving them a letter on a piece of card to copy, or a template so that they can trace over the outline of the letter.
- ★ Learners with auditory perceptual difficulties might find it difficult to hear the difference between sounds in words. You could try asking them to watch your mouth as you say the sounds, or hold a mirror in front of their mouth so that they see how the sound is formed.





## U kwama na zwikili zwa zwipfi

### Zwipfi zwa u kwama

- ★ U kwama ndi vhukoni ha u shumisa zwipfi zwa u kwama u sedzulusa vhupo hau. Vhukoni ha u kwama na vhunzani zwi a shumisana u netshedza vhuluvhi mafhongo.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza vhukoni ha u kwama musi vha tshi dzhenelela kha mishumo i ngaho sa u bonya maṭo avho, u phuphuledza na u ṭalusa tshivhalo tsha zwithu zwe fhambanaho ngomu ha bege. Sa tsumbo: vha nga di ri tshi na dzhikhuḍa kana ndi tshipulumbu, tshi a suvhelela kana tshi a hwasa.



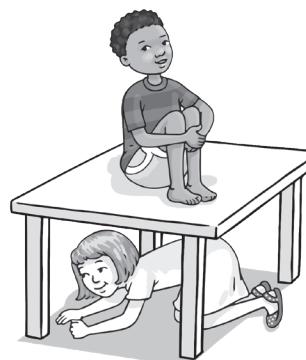
### Vhukoni ha vhunzani

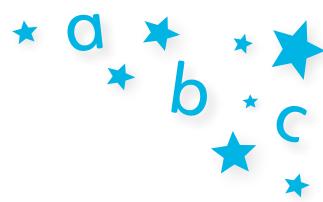
- ★ Vhukoni ha vhunzani ndi ndivho ya tsudzuluwo ya muvhili na vhuimo tshikhali.
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa u bveledza ndivho ya mivhili yavho i tshimbidzanaho na zwiñwe zwithu zwi re tsini navho nga kha mitambo ya nn̄da i ngaho sa u gonya kana u sera zwithu na u kokovha kha dzithanele.
- ★ Vhukoni ha vhunzani vhu dovha ha bveledza musi vhagudi vha tshi dzhenelela kha nyito ya zwidate na nyimbo dzine dza vha thusa u fhaṭa ndivho ya tsudzuluwo ya mivhili yavho na vhuimo tshikhali (sa tsumbo: luimbo "Thoho, mahada, magona na zwikunwane").



### Vhuimo tshikhali (ndivho ya nga ha tshikhala) na vhulivhisi

- ★ Vhuimo tshikhali ndi vhukoni ha u vhona vhuimo ha tshithu kha tshikhala tshi tshimbidzanaho na iwe muñe kana tshiñwe tshithu. Ndivho ya nga ha tshikhala i thoma nga u vhona muvhili wa iwe muñe kha tshikhala, na u ḥandavhudza u kona u ṭalusa vhuimo ha zwithu zwi tshimbidzanaho na zwiñwe (sa tsumbo: n̄tha, phasi, phanda, murahu, vhukati, tshanda tsha monde, tshanda tshauja).
- ★ Vhagudi vha shumisa na u bveledza itshi tshikili musi vha tshi guda u vhala na u nwala u bva kha tshanda tsha monde u ya kha tshandani tshauja kha siatari.
- ★ Ndivho nga ha tshikhala i do dovha ya thusa vhagudi u vhona phambano vhukati ha maleđere ane a fana, fhedzi a na nzulele i fhambanaho (sa tsumbo: b, d, p).





## Tactile and kinaesthetic perceptual skills

### Tactile perception

- ★ Tactile perception is the ability to use the sense of touch to explore your environment. Tactile and kinaesthetic perception work together to provide the brain with information.
- ★ Learners use and develop tactile perception when they participate in activities such as shutting their eyes, choosing an object in a bag, and feeling and describing the object. For example: they could say that it has corners/it is round, it is soft/it is hard.



### Kinaesthetic perception

- ★ Kinaesthetic perception is the awareness of body movements and position in space.
- ★ Learners use and develop awareness of their body relative to other objects around them through outdoor play such as climbing over or under objects and crawling through tunnels.
- ★ Kinaesthetic perception is also developed when learners participate in action rhymes and songs that help build their awareness of their body movements and position in space (for example: the song “Heads, shoulders, knees and toes”).



### Position in space (spatial awareness) and directionality

- ★ Position in space is the ability to perceive an object's position in space relative to oneself or another object. Spatial awareness begins with awareness of one's own body in space, and then extends to being able to describe the position of objects relative to each other (for example: up, down, in front, behind, between, left, right).
- ★ Learners use and develop this skill as they learn to read and write from left to right on the page.
- ★ Spatial awareness will also help learners to notice the difference between letters that look the same, but have a different orientation (for example: **b**, **d**, **p**).





## ★ Khethekanyo ya 3: U funza luambo na u rangela u kona u vhala na u ñwala kha Gireidi ya R

### U thetshelesa na u amba (luambo lwa u amba)

Ri funzisa hani vhagudi u vhala na u ñwala? Arali ha vhudzisa iyi mbudziso, vhanzi vha do fhindula uri u guda u ñwala na u vhala hu bvelela nga kha u vhala dzibugu, u ita nñowenđowe ya u ñwala na u vhala na u guda nga ha małedere na mibvumo. Masia aya othe ndi a ndeme kha u guda u ñwala na u vhala. Nahone, u vha muvhali na muvwali a re na zwikili, ndi zwa ndeme uri vhagudi vha tikedzwe u bveledza zwikili zwavho zwa luambo lwa u amba - zwikili zwavho zwa u thetshelesa na u amba. Hu si na zwikili zwavhuđi zwa luambo, u guda u vhala na u ñwala zwi nga kondela vhagudi vhatuku. Hu si na mutheo wo khwałhaho wa zwikili zwa luambo, vhagudi vha nga guda u vhala maipfi, fhedzi vha si pfectese zwine vha khou vhala. Vha nga kona u ñwala maipfi, fhedzi vha si kone u sumbedza mihumbulo yavho nga u ñwala. Nga nthani ha izwi, kha iyi mbekanyamushumo, hu na u ombedzela ho khwałhaho kha mveledziso ya zwikili zwa u thetshelesa na u amba kha mutevhethadu wothe wa vhege mbili, fhedzi nga maanda kha vhege ya u thoma.

Kha ri sedze nga vhudalo kha masia mavhili a ndeme a mveledziso ya luambo lwa u amba ane mbekanyamushumo ya a tikedza: mveledziso ya divhaipfi ntswa na luambo lwa bugu.

#### Divhaipfi ntswa

Divhaipfi yo pfumaho na yo ḥandavhuwaho ndi ya ndeme kha mveledziso ya u guda u vhala na u ñwala (Scarborough, 2001).

Nga kha u thetshelesa luambo lwa u ambiwa, na nga murahu ha u amba nga vhone vhane, vhagudi vha bveledza nñivho ya ḥalutshedzo dza maipfi (ine ra i vhidza divhaipfi). Ngudo dzo sumbedza uri vhagudi vhatuku vha re na divhaipfi yavhuđi vha na miñwaha miñanu ndi vhone vhane vha anzela u phasa zwavhuđi ndingo dza nñivho ya u vhala kha Gireidi ya 3, 4 khathihi na 7 (Sénéchal, Ouellette & Rodney, 2006; Tabors, Snow na Dickinson, 2001). Kha tshiñwe tshanda, arali vhagudi vha na divhaipfi yo pimeaho musi vha tshi thoma tshikolo, naho vha tshi nga guda u vhala mañwalwa o leluwaho, vha do kondelwa u pfectese zwine vha vhala musi vha tshi ḥangana na mañwalwa a kondaho.

Uri vha kone u bveledza kupfesesele na vhukoni ha u shumisa maipfi maswa, vhagudi vha tea u ḥangana na maipfi aya lunzhi kha nyimele dzo fhambanaho. Maipfi ha gudiwi a othe, fhedzi a itwa uri a vhe a vhukuma na a funzaho vhagudi kha nyimele ya nganea kana theron na nga kha u dzhenelela kha nyambedzano kana mushumo.

#### Luambo lwa bugu

Musi nñivho ya ḥalutshedzo ya ipfi i ya ndeme kha u pfectese luambo, tshiñwe tshikili tsha luambo tsho dovha tsha waniwa uri ndi tsha ndeme nga maanda kha mveledziso ya u kona u vhala na u ñwala. Musi vhagudi vhatuku vha tshi thoma u amba, vha shumisa luambo nga nñila yo khwałhaho vhukuma - u davhidzana nga ha tshithu tshine tsha khou itea nga tshifhinga tshenetsho kha vhupo havho ("nga tshifhinga tshenetsho"). Sa tsumbo, vha rina zwithu zwine vha zwi vhona kana u ḥalusa nyito kana mishumo ine ya khou itea. Vha anzela u ḥalutshedza zwine vha amba nga u sumba zwithu kha vhupo, kana nga u ita dzingafhadzo kana mbonalo ya tshifhajuwo. Izwi zwi divhiwa sa luambo lwa ḫuvha ḥinwe na ḥinwe nahone ndi luambo lune vhunzhi hashu ra lu shumisa kha matshilo ashu.

Musi luambo lwa vhagudi lu tshi bvelela, naho zwo ralo, vha guda u shumisa luambo u amba nga ha zwithu zwintshi zwi sa vhonali. Vha guda u amba nga zwithu zwe zwa itea tshifhingani tsho fhiraho kana zwo pulanelwaho tshifhinga tshi ḫaho. Vha bveledza zwikili u ḥalutshedza uri ndi ngani zwithu zwo itea na u amba nga ha vhudipfi na mihumbulo. Vha guda u shumisa luambo kha nyimele dza litambwa hune zwiñwe zwithu zwa imela zwiñwe zwithu, vha dovha vha guda u anetshela nganea dza nga ha zwithu zwe zwa itea matshiloni avho. Ulwu luambo ndi lwa nthesa u fhira luambo lwa ḫuvha ḥinwe na ḥinwe nahone lwu fana na luambo lwo ñwaliwaho kana lwa buguni lune vhagudi vha do ḥangana nalwo tshikoloni musi vha tshi vhala dzibugu na musi vha tshi ñwala. U ḫowela luambo lwo ralihzo zwo sumbedzwa u vha zwa ndeme kha u guda u ñwala na u vhala na u bvelela kha pfunzo (Dickinson na Snow, 1987; Snow, Burns na Griffin, 1998).

Walker, Greenwood,  
Hart & Carter (1994) vho  
wana uri vhagudi vhane  
vha vha na luambo na  
zwikili zwa divhaipfi  
zwi si zwavhuđi kha  
miñwaha ya u rangela  
ho vha hu vhone vha  
sa shumiho zwavhuđi  
kha u vhala na kha zwi  
elanaho na zwikili zwa u  
kona u vhala na u ñwala  
nga murahu ha miñwaha  
ya sumbe.

U ḥetshedza  
divhaipfi nga nñila i  
tshimbidzanaho na ther  
ya tshithu zwi thusa  
vhagudi u ita vhukonani  
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matshuden (McGee &  
Richgels, 2003). Ngudo i  
khwiniswa nga tshikhala  
tsha u shumisa maipfi  
a bvaho kha theron kana  
nganea (Barone & Xu,  
2008; Tabors, 2008).





## ★ Section 3: Teaching language and emergent literacy in Grade R

### Listening and speaking (oral language)

How do we teach learners to read and write? If asked this question, many will answer that learners' literacy develops through reading books, practising writing and learning about letters and sounds. These are all important aspects of literacy. And yet, to become skilled readers and writers, it is *as important* that learners are supported to develop their oral language – their listening and speaking skills. Without good oral language skills, learning to read and write can be very difficult for young learners. Without a solid foundation of language skills, learners might learn to read words, but not *understand* what they are reading. They might be able to write words, but not be able to express their ideas in writing. For these reasons, in this programme, there is a strong emphasis on the development of listening and speaking skills throughout the two-week cycle, but particularly in the first week.

Let us look in more detail at two important aspects of oral language development that the programme supports: the development of new vocabulary and book language.

#### New vocabulary

A rich and wide vocabulary is key to literacy development (Scarborough, 2001).

Through listening to spoken language, and later through speaking themselves, learners develop knowledge of word meanings (which we call vocabulary). Studies have shown that young learners who have a good vocabulary at age five are also likely to be those that score well on reading comprehension tests in Grades 3, 4 and even 7 (Sénéchal, Ouellette & Rodney, 2006; Tabors, Snow and Dickinson, 2001). On the other hand, if learners have limited vocabulary when they start school, even though they might learn to read easy texts, they will have difficulty understanding what they read as they encounter more difficult texts.

In order to develop their understanding of and ability to use new words, learners need to encounter these words many times in a range of different situations. Words are not learnt in isolation, but are made real and meaningful to learners in the context of a story or a theme and through participation in a conversation or activity.

#### Book language

While the knowledge of word meanings is important for understanding language, another language skill has also been found to be very important for literacy development. When young children first begin talking, they use language in a very concrete way – to communicate about something that is happening at that moment in their immediate environment (the “here and now”). For example, they name objects they see or describe actions or activities that are happening. They often explain what they mean by pointing to things in the environment, or by making gestures or facial expressions. This is known as everyday language and is the language most of us use while going about our daily lives.

As learners' language develops, however, they learn to use language to talk about more abstract things. They learn to talk about things that happened in the past or things that are planned for the future. They develop the skills to explain why things happened and talk about feelings and thoughts. They learn to use language in pretend play situations where some things stand for or represent other things, and they learn to tell stories about things that have happened in their lives. This language is more advanced than everyday language and is similar to written or book language that learners will encounter in school when they read books and when they write. Being comfortable with this kind of language has been shown to be critical for literacy and academic success (Dickinson and Snow, 1987; Snow, Burns and Griffin, 1998).

Walker, Greenwood, Hart & Carta (1994) found learners with poor language and vocabulary skills during the early years were the lowest achievers in reading and related literacy skills seven years later.

Presenting vocabulary thematically helps learners make associations between words and scaffolds students' learning (McGee & Richgels, 2003). Learning is enhanced by an opportunity to use the words from a theme or story (Barone & Xu, 2008; Tabors, 2008).



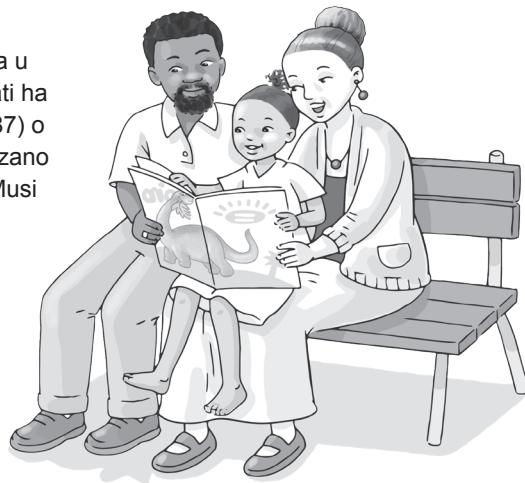


## Mishumo ya u fhaṭa ḋivhaipfi ntswa na luambo lwa bugu

### U thetshelesa dzinganea

Ndila nthihi ya u thusa vhagudi uri vha ḋowela luambo lwa dzibugu ndi nga kha u anetshela nganea nga mulomo. Ṭhodisiso yo sumbedza vhushaka vhukati ha u thetshelesa na u ambedzana nga dzinganea, na thevhekano ya u kona u vhala na u ḥwala. Zwi tou fana na musi arali u anatshela hu tshi thusa u vala tshikhala vhukati ha luambo hu tshi khou shumiswa mulomo na luambo lwo tou ḥwaliwaho. Wells (1987) o dzinginya uri u thetshelesa dzinganea ndi zwa ndeme nga maanda kha nyambedzano dzothe dzine dza shela mulenzhe kha uri vhagudi vha kone u vhala na u ḥwala. Musi vhagudi vha tshi vhudziwa nganea, vha bvukululelwa luambo lwa u amba lwo khetheaho lune lu a fhambana na luambo lune vha lu shumisa kha nyambedzano ya ḋuvha liñwe na liñwe.

Ulwu ndi luambo lu fhiraho “lwa tshifhinga tsha zwino” nahone lu shumisa maipfi u fhirisa mulaedza nga ha zwithu zwine zwa khou itea kha tshiñwe tshifhinga na huñwe fhethu. Ndi lwa ndeme kha ngudo ya tshikoloni.



### Kilasirumuni ...

Kha vha ambe tshidade *Maño mavhili a u vhona* uri vhagudi vha de metheni u itela nganea.



#### 1 Vha sa athu vha ḫalutshedza nganea

- 1.1 Kha vha vhudze vhagudi ḫoho ya nganea na u ḫivhadza vhaanewa vha tshi khou shumisa zwipopai.
- 1.2 Kha vha ḫumane nganea na vhutshilo ha vhagudi: Kha vha ambe nga ha uri vha na miñwaha mingana, kana vha na vhakomana kana dzikhaladzi, hune vha dzula hone, uri vha ḋisa hani tshikoloni, zwine vha ambara zwone vha tshi ya tshikoloni.
- 1.3 Kha vha ri: “*Ri sa athu thoma, ndi khou ḫodou ni vhudza ḫalutshedzo dza mañwe maipfi ane ra ḫo a wana nganeani.*” Kha vha rere nga maipfi mahulwane a bvaho kha mutevhe wa ndivho ya maipfi, na u sumbedza vhagudi tshithu kana tshifanyiso kana u ita nyito u itela u vha sumbedza zwine ipfi ḫa amba zwone. Sa tsumbo: Kha vha ite tshifhañuwo tsha u dinalea nahone vha humbele vhagudi uri vha vha sumbedze vha vhonealisa hani hani musi vho dinalea. Kha vha humbele vhagudi uri vha ambe ipfi nga luambo Iwavho arali vha tshi amba luambo lwo fhambanaho hayani.

#### 2 Musi vha tshi ḫalutshedza nganea

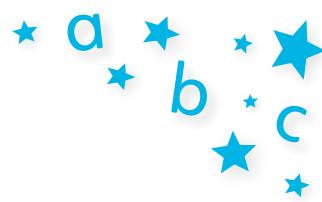
- 2.1 Kha vha ḫalutshedze nganea nga ndila i nyanyulaho na u shumisa maipfi o fhambanaho.
- 2.2 Kha vha ite nyito na u shumisa zwipopai na dzisiphereswenda.
- 2.3 Kha vha humbele vhagudi uri vha bule zwi ḋaho kha nganea na u ita uri vha shele mulenzhe nga kha mbudziso dici ḫodaho phindulo i fhiraho nthihi, dici fanaho na: “*Ndi a ḫoda u ḫivha uri Zinzi o ḫipfisa hani musi vho vha vhe ndilani yavho ya u ya tshikoloni?*”



#### 3 Nga murahu ha musi vho no ḫalutshedza nganea

- 3.1 Kha vha vhudzise vhagudi: “*Ndi zwifhio zwe na zwi takalela nga nganea? Ndi zwifhio zwine a no ngo zwi takalela? Ndi tshifhio tshipida tshanu tsha khwinesa? Ndi dzifhio mbudziso dzine na vha nadzo nga nganea?*”



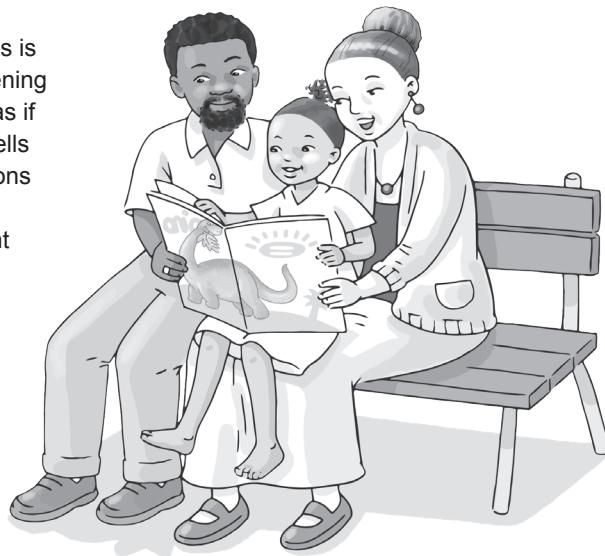


## Activities to build new vocabulary and book language

### Listening to stories

One way of helping learners to become familiar with the language of books is through oral storytelling. Research has shown a relationship between listening to and interacting with stories, and subsequent literacy competence. It is as if storytelling helps to bridge the gap between oral and written language. Wells (1987) proposed that hearing stories is the most crucial of all the interactions that contribute towards learners becoming literate. When learners are told stories, they are exposed to a special type of oral language that is different to the language they use in everyday speech. This is language that goes beyond the “here and now” and uses words to convey information about things happening at another time and place. It is critical for school learning.

Interactive storytelling has been shown to be an effective way to develop vocabulary and comprehension of language, particularly when it includes an emphasis on previewing vocabulary, using props linked to target vocabulary, interactive discussions about vocabulary in the



### In the classroom ...

Say the rhyme *Two eyes to see* to bring learners to the mat for story time.



#### 1 Before you tell the story

- 1.1 Tell learners the title of the story and introduce the characters using the puppets.
- 1.2 Relate the story to learners' lives: Talk about how old they are, whether they have brothers or sisters, where they live, how they get to school, what they wear to school.
- 1.3 Say: "*Before we begin, I want to tell you the meaning of some new words which we will find in the story.*" Discuss the keywords from the vocabulary list, and show learners an object or a picture or do an action to show them what a word means. For example: Make a worried face and ask learners to show you how they look when they are worried. Ask learners to say the word in their own language if they speak a different language at home.

#### 2 While you tell the story

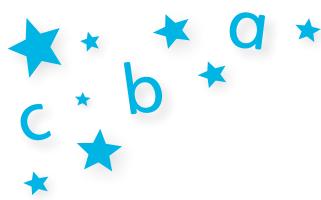
- 2.1 Tell the story in a lively way and use different voices.
- 2.2 Do actions and make use of the puppets and props.
- 2.3 Ask learners to predict what happens next in the story and involve them through open-ended questions, such as: "*I wonder how Zinzi felt when they were on their way to school?*"



#### 3 After you tell the story

- 3.1 Ask learners: "*What did you like about the story? What didn't you like? What was your best part? What questions do you have about the story?*"





## U anetshela dzinganea

Vhagudi vha guda nga kha u thetshelesa na u anetshela dzinganea vhuvhili hazwo zwo ḥangana. Iyi ndi nđila yo leluwaho na yo ḥoweleaho ya u bveledza luambo na u lugisela vhagudi luambo lwa dzibugu. Nganea dzi nga vha ngano dza sialala, kana dza tshikolo kana nganea dza muṭa dza nga ha zwe zwa vhuya zwa itea kale kana tshithu tsho iteaho zwino. Vhagudi vhaṭuku vha funa u dzhenelela kha u anetshela nganea nahone musi luambo lwavho lu tshi bvelela, vha ḥo ḥiphina nga u anetshela nganea dzavho mugudisi na vhaundi vhanne vha sumbedza dzangalelo na u dzhiela n̄tha zwine vha khou ḥoda u amba. Arali vhagudi vha guda u anetshela nganea dzavhuḍi musi vha tshe vhaṭuku, zwi ḥo vha lelutshela u ḥwala nganea dzavhuḍi musi vho no aluwa.

Nga kha u anetshela na u anetshela hafhu nganea kana u ḥalutshedza tshenzhemo ya kale, vhagudi vha guda uri vha tea u ḥalusia vhaanewa vho kwameaho na u n̄ea nyimele ya nganea yavho (kha vha ḥaluse uri ndi ngafhi nahone zwo itea lini). Vha guda uri nganea yavho i tea u tevhedzela mutevhe wo fanelaho wa zwiwo arali i tshi tea u pfala.

Musi vhagudi vha tshi vhekanya zwifanyiso uri zwi ite nganea, vha shumisa vhukoni havho u humbulela, u lavhelela, u ḥumanya na u pfectesa. Izwi zwithu zwoṭhe ndi zwikili zwa ndeme zwa nđivho ya u vhala. U anetshela nganea nga thevhekano i re yone ndi tshikili tsha ndeme na u vha tshithu tshire tshi nga vha khaedu kha vhagudi vhaṭuku, zwino vha ḥoda zwikhala zwo vhalaho zwa u ita nđowenḍowye ya tshikili itshi. Musi vhagudi vha pfectesa uri nganea dzo itiwa nga thevhekano ya zwiwo, vha ḥo kona u pulana nganea dzavho uri dici vhe na mathomo, vhukati na magumo. Izwi zwi ḥo tikedza mveledziso yavho sa vhaṇwali.

“Nganea dza u anetshela zwiwo nga mulomo dzine vhagudi vha guda u anetshela vha tshe khireshe dzi fana na maṇwalwa ane vhagudi vha guda u vhala tshikoloni. Nga zwenezwo, u guda nga ha u shumisa nganea ya u anetshela zwi thusa vhagudi uri vha ite ndavhelelo dza uri maṇwalwa a u ḥwala a dzudzanywa hani.”  
(Peterson, 2006, siātari ja 2)

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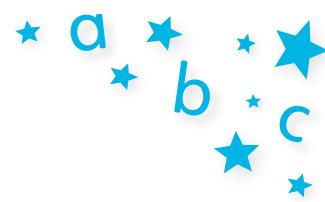
Kha vhege ya u thoma ya mutevheṭhaḍu, musi vhagudi vho no pfa nganea i tshi khou ambiwa na u ambiwa hafhu, na nga murahu ha musi vho dzhenelela kha u imba na u tamba nganea, vha na tshikhala tsha u humbula nga vhuronwane nga ha zwiwo na u vhekanya izwi nga thevhekano yone.



### U shumisa zwifanyiso u vhekanya zwiwo kha nganea

- 1 Kha vha nange iñwe ya thevhekano ya zwifanyiso vha i imisela n̄tha.
- 2 Kha vha vhudzise vhagudi zwine vha vhona, u bva afho vha ambe nga tshifanyiso nga vhudalo. Idzi ndi mbudziso dzo teaho u vhudziswa nga tshifanyiso tshiñwe na tshiñwe:
  - ★ “Ni kona u vhona nnyi?” (vhaanewa)
  - ★ “U khou ita mini?/Tshi khou ita mini?” (maiti na nyito)
  - ★ “Ndi zwifhio zwiñwe zwine na kona u zwi vhona?” (sedzani hafhu)
  - ★ “Tshi ngafhi ...?” (u bula fhethu/tshiimo)
  - ★ “Ndi ngani ni tshi humbula...?” (kuhumbolele kuswa, u amba mihumbulo)
- 3 Nga murahu ha musi vho no rera nga tshifanyiso tshiñwe na tshiñwe, kha vha tshi nambatedze bodoni u itela uri vhagudi vha kone u tshi vhona. Kha vha vhe na vhuṭanzi ha uri zwifanyiso a zwiho kha thevhekano nga tshifhinga hetshi tsha mushumo.
- 4 Nga murahu ha musi vho no amba nga zwifanyiso zwoṭhe, kha vha vhudzise vhagudi: “Zwifanyiso izwi zwi kha thevhekano kwayo naa?”
- 5 Kha vha humbele vhagudi uri vha sumbe tshifanyiso tsha mathomoni a nganea. Kha vha shumisane u dzudzanya thevhekano ya zwifanyiso uri nganea zwi vhe na ndunzhendunzhe.
- 6 Kha vha ite uri vhagudi vha shela mulenzhe vho ḥala mafulufu kha kuitele ukwu. Kha vha vhudzise mbudziso dzi fanaho na: “Hu ḥo bvelela mini? Ndi nnyi aña a ngā humbula tshipiḍa tshi tevhelaho tsha nganea?”
- 7 Musi zwifanyiso zwi kha thevhekano kwayo, kha vha rambe vhagudi vha si gathi u ḥalutshedza hafhu nganea nga thevhekano kwayo.





stories, and practising new vocabulary in small group activities.

#### Telling stories

Learners learn through both hearing and telling stories. This is an easy and natural way to develop language and prepare learners for the language of books. Stories can be traditional tales, or they can be school or family stories about long ago events or something that happened recently. Young learners love participating in storytelling and as their language develops, they will enjoy telling their own stories to teachers and caregivers who show interest and value what they have to say. If learners learn to tell good stories when they are young, it will be easier for them to write good stories when they are older.

Through telling or retelling a story or recounting a past experience, learners learn that they need to describe the characters involved and give a context to their story (describe where and when it took place). They learn that their story needs to follow a specific order of events if it is to make sense.

When learners sequence pictures to make a story, they use their ability to predict, anticipate, make links and comprehend. These are all important skills for reading comprehension. Telling a story in the correct sequence is a very important skill and something that can be challenging for young learners, so they need lots of opportunities to practise this skill. When learners understand that stories are made up of sequenced events, they are able to plan their own stories to have a beginning, middle and end. This will support their development as writers.

"Oral event-narratives that learners learn to tell as preschoolers are similar to the texts that learners learn to read in school. As a result, learning about and using narratives help learners form expectations about how written texts are organised." (Peterson, 2006, p. 2)

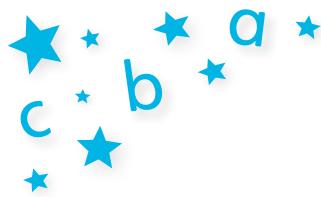
### In the classroom ...

In the first week of the cycle, once learners have heard the story being told and retold, and after they have participated in singing and acting out the story, they have an opportunity to think carefully about the events and to sequence these in the correct order.

#### Using pictures to sequence the events in a story

- 1 Choose one of the sequence pictures and hold it up.
- 2 Ask learners what they see, then talk about the picture in detail. These are useful questions to ask about each picture:
  - ★ "Who can you see?" (characters)
  - ★ "What is he/she/it doing?" (verbs and actions)
  - ★ "What else can you see?" (looking again)
  - ★ "Where is the ...?" (naming places/position)
  - ★ "Why do you think ..." (creative thinking, expressing opinions)
- 3 Once you have discussed each picture, stick it on the board so learners can see it. Make sure the pictures are not in sequence at this stage of the activity.
- 4 After talking about all the pictures, ask learners: "*Are the pictures in the correct order?*"
- 5 Ask learners to point out the picture for the beginning of the story. Work together to arrange the sequence of the pictures so the story makes sense.
- 6 Keep learners actively involved in this process. Ask questions like: "*What happened next? Who can remember the next part of the story?*"
- 7 When the pictures are in the correct order, invite a few learners to retell the story in the correct sequence.





## U tamba nganea

Musi vhagudi vha tshi dzhenelela kha mutambo wa litambwa, vha kopela na u ita ndowendowe ya maipfi e vha pfa vhañwe vha tshi khou a amba nahone izwi zwi thusa u khwathisa dienhaipfi na zwikili zwa luambo. Vha tamba sa vhaanewa vho fhambanaho kha nganea zwine zwa vha thusa uri vha vhone zwiwo nga kuvhonele kwo fhambanaho. Vha tea u tevhedzela thevhekano ya zwiwo u itela uri vha dzhene kha litambwa nga tshifhinga tsho fanelaho kha nganea.



Kilasirumuni ...

#### **U talutshedza nganea na litambwa**

- 1 Kha vha nange vhagudi uri vha tambe sa vhaanewa nganeani.
  - 2 Kha vha ambe nga muanewa muñwe na muñwe nganeani. Kha vha vhudze vhagudi vha khou ya u vha kha litambwa vha vha sumbedze dzisifhereswenda dzine dza ḋo shumiswa u ṭalutshedza nganea.
  - 3 Kha vha ṭalutshedze vhagudi uri vhone (mudededzi) vha khou ya u vha muṭalutshedzi wa nganea ane a dovha a ḫivhiwa sa muanetsheli. Vhatambi vha vhagudi vha khou ya u tambo zwoṭhe zwine vha zwi amba. Kha vha vha thuse u dzudzanya hune vha khou ya u ima hone.
  - 4 Kha vha thome u ṭalutshedza nganea na u ṭuṭuwedza vhagudi u ita nyito dzi elanaho na maipfi avho musi kiłasi yoṭhe i tshi khou ṭalela litambwa.
  - 5 Arali hu na tshiffinga, vha nga di todou dovhola litambwa vha na vhagudi vho fhambanaho.

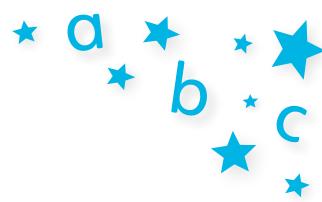
Litambwa ji dovha ja netshedza vhagudi zwikhala zwa u shumisa luambo lune lwa fhambana na kuambele kwa duvhja liñwe na liñwe. Luambo iwo khetheaho lu shuma kha litambwa, hune vhagudi vha tea u ambedzana nga vhatambi na puloto, na u ɏalutshedza zwine vha khou ita na u humbula na vhane vha khou tamba navho. Litambwa ji fhaña vhukoni ha vhagudi ha u pfectesa na u shumisa luambo lu fhiraho lwa tshifhinga tsha zwino, u fhira tshenzhemo dzavho dza vhuñe na u fhira jifhasi ja vhukuma. Kha litambwa, vha dovha vha guda nga ha u imela – uri tshiñwe tshithu tshi nga imela tshiñwe (sa tsumbo: buñoko ja bulannga ji nga imela lutingothenendeleki kha mutambo). U pfectesa uyu muhumbulo u kondaho zwi do vha thusa u pfectesa uri u ñwala kha siatari hu nga imela maipfi ane ra a amba.

**U vhala bugu ya nganea hu na nyambedzano**

Vhunzhi ha vhagudi vha Afurika Tshipembe vha nga si thome tshikolo nga tshenzhemo iñwe na iñwe ya dakalo ja u vhalelwa. Lwendo lwavho na dzibugu lu nga thoma kha Gireidi ya R fhedzi nga zwenezwo ri tea u khwañisedza uri vha pfe nganea dzine vha vhalelwa dzi tshi takadza. Itshi ndi tshone tshifhinga tsha uri vhagudi vha vhalelwe nganea dzo pfumaho luambo na zwifanyiso zwavhuđi, hu si na ndavhelelo kana mishumo ine ya tevhela. Vhagudi ngangoho "vha tea u vha kha tshifhinga" - uri vha tzwonziwiye kha nganea yavhuđi na u vha na tshenzhemo ya bugu dza vhutolo. Tshipikwa a si tsha uri bugu i shumiswe u funza, fhedzi ndi tsha u ita tshikhala tsha lufuno nahone tshi kungaho u itela u amba nga ha tshimangadzo tsha bugu tshine vhuvhili havho vhone sa mugudisi na vhagudi vhavho vha do tshi funa.

Musi hu tshi khou aluswa lufuno lwa dzibugu, u vhala dzinganea hu dovha ha netshedza tshikhala tshavhuđi tsha u bveledza luambo lwa u amba nga zwithu zwi re kha bugu na zwithu zwine a zwiho kha bugu yone iñe. Bugu dzi nga livhisa kha therisano dza tshenzhemo dza kale kana u bvumba nga ha zwine zwa ño itea. Tsheo dzi nga ñi itiwa nga ha zwithu zwine zwa si vhe kha liñwalwa kana zwifanyiso. U vhala hu nga livhisa kha dzimbudziso nga ha nganea na zwifanyiso, ho katelwa mbudziso dzi re na phindulo i fhiraho nthihi dzi ngaho sa “*Ndi a ñivhudzisa arali ...?*”, “*Hu ño itea mini arali ...?*”, “*Ndi ngani ni tshi humbula ...?*”. Idzi mbudziso dzi re na phindulo i fhiraho nthihi dzi tujuwedza vhagudi u amba mihibulo yavho na u thoma therisano. Nđila nthihi ya u thusa vhagudi u dzhenelela kha nyambo yo raliho ndi nga kha ndovhololo ya u vhala bugu dzine vha dzi funesa, saizwi ñhodisiso yo sumbedza uri vhagudi vha dzhenelela zwinzhi kha u vhala musi hu tshi vhaliwa liñwalwa liñhihi, liñe li nga katela u humbulela na thalutshedzo (DeTemple, 2001).





## Acting out stories

When learners participate in dramatic types of play, they copy and practise the words they have heard others saying and this helps to reinforce vocabulary and language skills. They take on different characters in the story which helps them see the events from different points of view. They have to follow the sequence of events in order to join in the role play at the correct time in the story.

### In the classroom ...



#### Storytelling and role play

- 1 Choose learners to play the characters in the story.
- 2 Talk about each character in the story. Tell learners who they are going to be in the role play and show them the props that will be used to tell the story.
- 3 Explain to learners that you (the teacher) are going to be the storyteller, also known as the narrator. The acting learners are going to act out everything you say. Help them to organise where they are going to stand.
- 4 Start telling the story and encourage learners to do the actions to match your words while the rest of the class watches the role play.
- 5 If there is time, you may want to repeat the role play with different learners.

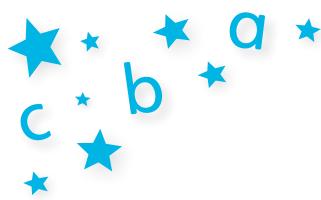
Pretend play also provides learners with opportunities to use language that is different to everyday talk. A specific kind of language is used in pretend play, where learners need to negotiate roles and plot, and explain what they are doing and thinking to their playmates. Pretend play builds learners' ability to understand and use language which goes beyond the here-and-now, beyond their own personal experiences and beyond the real world. In pretend play, learners also learn about representation – that one thing can stand for another (for example, a wooden block can stand for a cell phone in the game). Grasping this difficult concept will help them to understand that the writing on a page can stand for the words we speak.

#### Interactive storybook reading

Many learners in South Africa will not begin school with any experience of the joy of being read to. Their journey with books might only start in Grade R and so we need to ensure that they hear stories read to them for pure enjoyment. This is a time when learners are read stories with rich language and beautiful illustrations, with no expectations or activities to follow. Learners need to truly "be in the moment" – to become absorbed in a wonderful story and to experience the magic of books. The aim is not to use a book to teach, but to create a warm and inviting space for sharing the wonder of books that both you as the teacher and your learners will love.

While growing a love of books, reading stories also provide an ideal platform for developing oral language through talking about things in the book and about things that are not in the book itself. Books can lead to discussions about past experience or predictions about what will happen. Inferences can also be made about things that are not in the text or illustrations. Reading might lead to questions about the story and the pictures, including open-ended questions such as, "*I wonder if ...?*", "*What if ...?*", "*Why do you think ...?*". These open-ended questions encourage learners to express their own ideas and initiate discussion. One way to help learners to engage in this type of talk is through repeated readings of favourite books, as studies have shown that learners generally participate more in later readings of the same text, which can include more speculation and interpretation (DeTemple, 2001).





## U vhala na u ñwala

U guda u vhala na u ñwala a si zwithu zwine zwa sokou itea nga tshihađu, fhedzi ndi kuitele kwune kwa dzhia miñwaha. Musi ri tshi shumisa lithemo "u rangela u ñwala na u vhala" ri vha ri tshi khou amba uri u guda u vhala na u ñwala hu thoma miñwahani ya u ranga kha matshilo a vhagudi, nñhani ha uri hu vhe zwithu zwine zwa thoma musi pfunzo ya u vhala ha fomaļa i tshi thoma kha Gireidi ya 1. Vhagudi a vha tei u imela ngudo dza u vhala uri vha tumbule vhuđolo ha maipfi o gandiswaho na u guda uri ndi ngani ri tshi vhala na u ñwala!

### Nđivho i rangelaho u ñwala ha vhana

Musi vhagudi vha tshi thoma u guda uri bugu dzi shumisa hani nga kha u vhalela u ñitakadza, vhagudisi na vhone vha nga kona u sumbedza kuitele kwa u vhala nga u vhala Dzibugu Khulu, dziphosítara na mañwalwa a re kha vhupo havho. Tshifhingani tsha mishumo iyi ya u vhala nga u sielisana, arali ra "humbula ra sumbedza vhuđipfi nga tshenetsho tshifhinga" na u amba nga ha maitele a muhumbulo washu na dzindila, vhagudi vhađuku vha a thoma u pfectesa uri kuitele kwa u vhala kwu shumisa "hani". Ri nga sika zwikhala zwauri vhagudi vha vhale khandiso vhuponi havho na u ita maedza nga u ñwala kha mbekanyamushumo ya đuvha liñwe na liñwe kha Gireid ya R. Musi vha tshi ñtuwedza vhagudi tshifhinga tshothe u rangela u vhala, ndi hone vha tshi ñ do dzhenelelesa kha khandiso ya vhuponi.

Musi vhagudi vha tshi lavelesa vhaaluwa vha tshi khou vhala na u ñwala, vha a guda uri tsawayo dzine vha dzi ita kha bammbiri dzi na mulaedza na ñhalutshedzo. Vha thoma u pfectesa uri khandiso ndi ya mini nahone izwi zwi vha ñtuwedza uri vha ñtode u ñihalela na u ñihalela vhone vhađe.



Mugudisi u sumbedza kuitele kwa u vhala.

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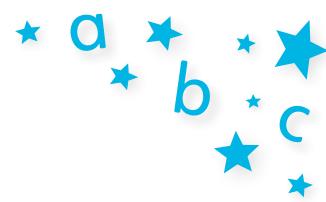
Nga u vhala Bugu Khulu na vhagudi, vha ñ do vhone uri maipfi a re kha siađari a ñumana hani na maipfi ane vha a amba. Nganea i re kha Bugu Khulu ndi vesheni yo leludzwaho, u itela uri vhagudi vha ñipfe vha na vhuđifulufheli ha u lingedza u "ñihalela". Izwi zwi vha ñea tshenzhemo ya u vha muvhali – naho vha tshi sokou amba maipfi a re kha bugu u bva kha nyelelwo.

### U vhala nga u sielisana – Bugu Khulu

- 1 Kha vha ñtuwedze vhagudi u sedza tshifanyiso tshihulwane vha ambe nga zwine vha vhone na zwine vha zwi ñihalela.
- 2 Kha vha vhalele kiłasi ñhoho ya nganea. Kha vha sumbe ipfi liñwe na liñwe musi vha tshi ñi vhala. Kha vha i vhale hafhu vha humbele vhagudi uri vha vhale na vhone.
- 3 Kha vha dzhie vhagudi vha fhende zwifanyiso zwa bugu, vha rere nga zwifanyiso na u ñtuwedza vhagudi uri vha vhudzise dzimbudziso.
- 4 Kha vha sumbe nomboro dza masiađari vha ambe uri ndi ifhio nomboro ine ya ñ do tevhela.
- 5 Musi vho no "fhenda" bugu yothe, kha vha humele mathomoni vha vhale ñhoho hafhu. Kha vha vule masiađari vha vhale fhungo liñwe na liñwe nga ipfi ñi pfalaho. Kha vha sumbe ipfi liñwe na liñwe musi vha tshi ñi vhala.
- 6 Kha vha vhale bugu hafhu vha ñtuwedze vhagudi uri vha "vhale" na vhone.

Nga kha u ñalela vhaaluwa vha re vhatshiloni havho, vhagudi vha thoma u vha vhatsheneleli vha re na mafulufulu kha u vhala dzibugu naho u vhala havho hu si nga si tou vha hone nahone vha nga "vhala" u bva kha nyelelwo kana u ita nganea dzine dza ñ do tshimbidzana na zwifanyiso. Izwi ri zwi vhidza u rangela u vhala. Vhagudi vhađuku vhone a vha na ñđivho ya u ñwala sa sisiteme ya alifabete, vha "vhala" nga u ita kana u amba nganea uri i fane na zwifanyiso zwi re kha bugu. Vha nga thoma nga u sumba zwifanyiso musi vha tshi "vhala", fhedzi nga zwiđuku nga zwiđuku vha thoma u limuwa uri vha khou vhala maipfi o gandiswaho. Naho zwo ralo, vha nga ñi sala vha si na muhumbulo wa uri ipfi ndi mini, izwo zwi ñ do ita uri vha sumbe fhungo ñothe vha tshi khou amba ipfi ñithihi, kana ipfi ngeno vha tshi khou amba fhungo ñothe.





## Reading and writing

Learning to read and write is not something that happens overnight, but is a process that takes many years. When we use the term “emergent reading and writing” we mean that learning to read and write starts early in learners’ lives, rather than being something that begins when formal reading tuition begins in Grade 1. Learners don’t need to wait for reading lessons to discover the magic of printed words and to learn about why we read and write!

### Emergent reading

While learners will learn about how books work through reading for pleasure, teachers can also model the reading process by reading Big Books, posters and texts in their environment. During these shared reading activities, if we “think aloud” and talk about our thought processes and strategies, young learners begin to understand “how” the reading process works. We can create opportunities for learners to read print in their environment and experiment with writing across the daily programme in Grade R. The more you encourage learners’ emergent reading, the more they can engage with environmental print.

When learners watch adults reading and writing, they learn that the marks they make on paper carry a message and have meaning. They begin to understand what print is for and this motivates them to want to read and write themselves.



Teacher models the reading process.

### In the classroom ...



By reading the Big Book with learners, they will see how words on a page link with the words you say. The story in the Big Book is a simplified version, so that learners feel confident to try to “read” it themselves. This gives them the experience of being a reader – even if they are just reciting the words in the book from memory.

#### Shared reading – Big Book

- 1 Encourage learners to look at the cover picture and talk about what they see and recognise.
- 2 Read the title of the story to the class. Point to each word as you read. Read it again and ask learners to read with you.
- 3 Take learners on a picture walk through the book, discussing the pictures and encouraging learners to ask questions.
- 4 Point out the page numbers and talk about what number will come next.
- 5 When you have “walked” through the whole book, go back to the beginning and read the title again. Then turn the pages and read each sentence in a clear and natural voice. Point to each word as you read.
- 6 Read the book again and encourage learners to “read” with you.

Through observing adults in their lives reading, learners start to become active participants in reading books even though their reading may not be accurate and they may “read” from memory or make up stories to go with pictures. We call this emergent reading. Young learners who have no knowledge of writing as an alphabetic system, generally “read” by making up or reciting a story to match the pictures in a book. They might initially point to the pictures while “reading”, but gradually start to realise that you read printed words. However, they might still not have a concept of what a word is, and will tend to point to a sentence while saying a single word, or to a word while saying a whole sentence.





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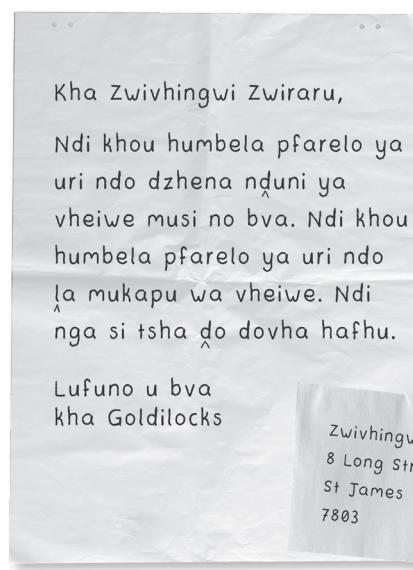


Vhagudi vha re kha vhuimo uvhu vha ditika vhukuma nga nyimele musi vha tshi vhala khanđiso i re kha vhupo havho, u fana na u shumisa luswayo lwa uri vha humbule uri tshiga tsha tshițaračani tshi amba uri "kha vha ime" kana u vhala uri "KFC" ho sedzwa tshigatħalu. A vha pfeſesi uri maledere o īwälwaho kha maipfi a tshimbidzana na mibvumo ya luambo lune lwa ambiwa, nahone u vhona u vhala sa u humbula thevhekano ya zwifanyiso zwa maledere hu tshi khou shumisa luswayo luñwe na luñwe zwi a thusa, u fana na vhulapfu na tshivhumbeo tsha ipfi, na zwivhumbeo zwa maledere.

### U rangela u īwala

Nga yeneyo nđila nthihi ine vhagudi vha nga guda uri u vhala hu shumisa hani nga u talela mugudisi wavho na u mu thetthelesa a tshi khou "sumbedza zwine a khou humbula nga tshenetsho tshifhinga" musi a tshi vhala, nga kha mishumo ya u īwala nga u sielisana, vhagudisi vha sumbedza kuitele kwa u īwala kwa vhagudi vha Gireidi ya R. Aya maħwalwa o itiwa nga tshumisano ya vhagudisi na vhagudi vhavho nahone ndi tshifhinga tsha ndeme tsha musi vhagudi vha tshi thoma u vhona mihumbulo yavho na maipfi o ambiwaho a kha khanđiso! Maħwalwa a u īwala nga u sielisana ndi a ndeme kha u vhala nga u sielisana saizwi ījewwalwa ċi tshi hwala mihumbulo, maipfi na mafhungo o doweleaho kha vhagudi - vha do dihudza nga u "vhala" maipfi a vhone vhañe. Musi vhagudisi vho no īwala tshipiða tsha ījewwalwa vho thusiwa nga vhagudi, ndi muhumbulo wavyuñi wa uri vha vhale ījewwalwa navho, vha tshi khou sumba ipfi ījewwe na ījewwe u itela uri vhagudi vha thome u zwi vhona uri tshipitshi tshashu tsho itiwa nga maipfi o fhambanaho, hu na zwikhala vhukati ha maipfi.

Naho vhagudi vha Gireidi ya R vha tshi nga guda nga ha u īwala zwi tshi bva kha kuīwalele kwa mugudisi wavho, a zwi nga do vha lelutshela u īwala nga vhone vhañe. Nđila ya u thoma ine vha do sumbedza mihumbulo yavho kha bammbiri ndi nga kha u ola. Musi vha sa athu u guda u vhala na u īwala, vhunzhi ha vhagudi vho dōwela u ola sa yone nđila ya u sumbedza zwithu. Nyolo ya zwithu i vhonala sa zwithu zwine ya imela. Naho zwo ralo, vhuleme ha u īwala ndi ha uri maipfi ha vhuyi a tshimbilelana na zwine zwithu zwa vhonala ngayo, nahone vhagudi vha tea u guda uri maipfi o īwälwaho a tshimbidzana na uri zwithu ri zwi ambisa hani, hu si zwithu zwone zwiñe. Ngudo dzo sumbedza uri vhunzhi ha vhagudi vhañku vha fhira nga kha tshiimo tsha u humbula uri maipfi o īwälwaho a tshimbidzana na uri zwithu zwi vhonala hani, tshithu tshihulu tshi tea u imelwa nga ipfi ċilapfu ngeno tshithu tshiñku nga ipfi ċiñku (Ferreiro na Teberosky, 1982). Ndingedzo dza u īwala lwa u thoma dza vhagudi vhañku dzi nga si fane na u īwala ha vhaaluwa, fhedzi vha khou vha vhañwali musi vha tshi amba mihumbulo yavho kha bammbiri na u shumisa u īwala kha ndivho dzo fhambanaho. Ri shumisa ċiñhemu "u rangela u īwala" u ċiñlusa tswayo yo itwaho na u īwala hune vhagudi vhañku vha hu ita musi vha sa athu u īwala nga nđila yo dōwelaaho.



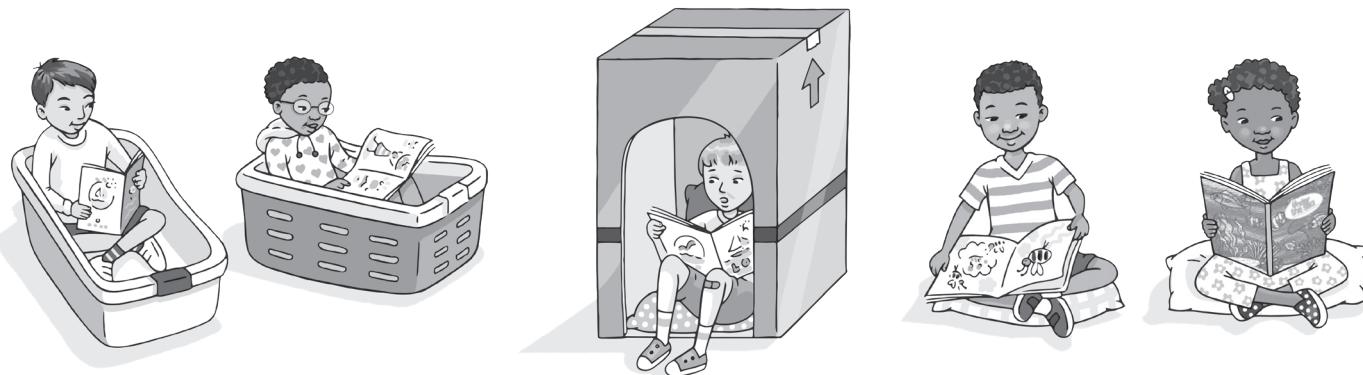
Vhagudisi vha sumbedza kuitele kwa u vhala.



### KHETHEKANYO YA 3: U FUNZA LUAMBO NA U RANGELA U KONA U VHALA NA U īWALA KHA GIREIDI YA R



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Learners in this phase rely heavily on context when reading print in their environment, such as using colour cues to remember that a street sign says "stop" or reading "KFC" because of the logo. They do not understand that letters in written words are related to sounds in spoken language, and see reading as remembering a visual sequence of letters using whatever cues are most helpful, such as word length and shape, and shapes of letters.

### Emergent writing

In the same way that learners might learn how reading works by watching their teacher and listening to her "thinking aloud" as she reads, through shared writing activities, teachers model the writing process for Grade R learners. These texts are co-created by teachers and their learners and it is an important moment when learners start to see their own ideas and spoken words in print! Shared writing texts are ideal for shared reading as the text contains ideas, words and phrases that are very familiar to the learners – they will take great pride in "reading" their own words. Once teachers have written a piece of text with input from learners, it is a good idea to read over the text together, pointing to each word so that learners start noticing how our speech is made up of different words, with spaces between the words.

While Grade R learners can learn about writing from observing their teacher's writing, they will not yet find it easy to write independently. The first way they will represent their ideas and thoughts on paper will be through drawing. Before learning to read and write, most learners are familiar with drawing as a way of representing things. Drawings of things look something like the things they represent. However, the difficulty with writing is that words are not in any way related to how things look, and learners need to learn that written words are related to how we say things, not the things themselves. Studies have shown that many young learners go through a stage of thinking that written words relate to how things look, a big thing should be represented by a long word and a small thing by a small word (Ferreiro and Teberosky, 1982). Young learners' first attempts at writing may not look like grown-up writing, but they are becoming writers as they try to communicate their ideas on paper and use writing for different purposes. We use the term "emergent writing" to describe the mark making and writing that young learners do before they learn to write in a conventional way.



Teachers model the writing process.





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1. U talatadza (u thoma huñwe na huñwe kha siañari)	2. U talatadza (u bva tshandani tsha monde u ya kha tshauña)	3. U ita u nga ndi małedere	4. Khuvhanganyo ya małedere (u bva tshandani tsha monde u ya kha tshauña)
5. Zwigwada zwa małedere hu na zwikhala vhukati hazwo u itela uri zwi vhonale sa maipfi		6. U kopa khangiso dza vhupo	7. U shumisa ledere ja u thoma ja ipfi u imela ipfi
Vusi a tba fa		Kani u fna smge twe	
9. U shumisa kupeletele kwune wa tou qiiitela na u ñwala maipfi a re na małedere mathomoni, vhukati na magumo			

Kha tshiiimo itshi tshavho tsha mveledziso ya u kona u ñwala na u vhala, vhagudi vha nga vha na mafulufulu a u vhone uri zwithu zwi ñwaliwiha hani na u anzela u humbela mualuwa a re tsini uri a vha "ñwalele zwone phasi". Itshe ndi tshipida tsha ndeme tsha mveledziso ya u ñwala, naho vha sa khou ñiñwalela, vhagudi vha khou guda zwithu zwa ndeme nga ha luambo lwa u ñwala: uri maipfi a ambiwaho a nga ñwaliwa, na uri ipfi ñiñwe na ñiñwe li ambiwaho li tshimbidzana na ipfi jo ñwaliwaho. Vha dovha vha bveledza vhuñifufuheli kha u sumbedza vhuñiphi ha vhone vhañe na u fhirisa mulaedza nga kha u amba na u ñwala. Musi vhagudi vha tshi thoma u "ñwala" vhone vhañe, vha anzela u shumisa mutualatadzo, tswayo na muvango wa dzinomboro na małedere.

## Kilasirumuni ...



### U ola na ndivho i rangelaho u ñwala ha vhana

- 1 Kha vha vhudzise vhagudi arali vha tshi nga tama u ola tshifayiso tsha vhone vhañe vho ambara yunifomo kana zwiambaro zwine vha zwi funesa.
- 2 Kha vha ambe vhupifiwa kana vha humbele mugudi muñwe na muñwe uri a vha vhudze nga nyolo yawe.
- 3 Kha vha vhudzise vhagudi arali vha tshi nga tama u ñwala zwiñwe zwithu nga tshifanyiso tshavho kana arali vha tshi nga tama uri vhone vha vha ñwalele.
- 4 Kha vha sumbedze zwine vha khou humbula nga tshenetsho tshifhinga musi vha tshi ñwala fhungo ja mugudi: "Nñe ... ndi funa ... u ambara ... vhorukhu ... hanga ... vhupfufhi ... ha lutombo... na muñadzi ... mutswuku." Arali vha tshi nga takalela uri vhone vha vha ñwalele, kha vha vha katele nga u vha humbela uri vha ambe maipfi nga u ongolowa musi vhone vha tshi khou a ñwala phasi.
- 5 Kha vha ñwale zwenezwo zwine vhagudi vha vha vhudza zwone, ipfi nga ipfi. Kha vha humbule u ñwala nga vhudele na nga ndila i vhonalahlo.
- 6 Musi vho no fhedza u ñwala, kha vha tshuñwedze vhagudi uri vha vhale fhungo na vhone. Kha vha sumbe ipfi ñiñwe na ñiñwe musi vha tshi li vhalo na u dzhiela ntha u didina havho.



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1. Scribble (starting point at any place on the page)	2. Scribble (left to right progression)	3. Pretend letters	4. Letter string (left to right)
9. Uses invented spelling and writes words with beginning, middle and ending letters			

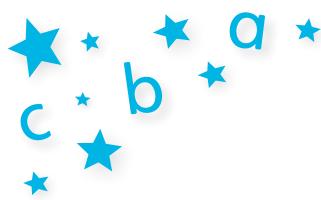
At this stage of their literacy development, learners might be keen to see how things are written and often ask a nearby adult to "write it down". This is an important part of writing development, for even though they are not physically doing the writing, learners are learning important things about written language: that spoken words can be written, and that each spoken word corresponds to a written word. They are also developing confidence in expressing themselves and communicating a message through speaking and writing. When learners initially "write" themselves, they tend to use scribbles, marks and a mixture of numbers and letters.

### In the classroom ...

#### Drawing and emergent writing

- 1 Ask learners whether they would like to draw a picture of themselves in their uniform or in their favourite clothes.
- 2 Make a comment or ask the learner to tell you about their drawing.
- 3 Ask learners if they would like to write something about their picture or if they would like you to write for them.
- 4 Think aloud as you write the learner's sentence: "I ... like ... to wear ... my ... blue ... shorts ... and ... red ... hat." If they would like you to write for them, keep them involved by asking them to say the words slowly as you write them down.
- 5 Write exactly what the learner tells you, word for word. Remember to write neatly and clearly.
- 6 When you have finished writing, encourage the learner to read the sentence with you. Point to each word as you read and acknowledge their efforts.





U talatadza na u shumisa maledere o fhambanaho na zwivhumbeo ndi liga la ndeme ja mveledziso. Naho zwo ralo, ndi vhuimo hu tevhelaho ha mveledziso ya u nwala hune ha sumbedza uri mugudi ngangoho o dzhia maga a u thoma kha u kona u vhala na u nwala. Kha vha dzhie tsumbo iyi ya u nwala (mutevhe wa zwirengwa wo nwalwaho nga mugudi ane a khou tou thoma tshikolo). Nahoaya maipfi a songo peletwa nga ndila yo doweleaho, ndi u lingedza havhu di ha u imela mibvumo i re kha maipfi. Lushaka ulwu lwa "kupeletele kwa u tou diitela" kana nqivho i rangela u nwala ho raliho ndi tshiga tshavhu di tshi sumbedzaho uri mugudi a kona u pfa mibvumo i re kha maipfi, nahone u na nqivho ya ledere na mubvumo, nahone u a divha uri luambo lwo nwaliwaho lu a tshimbidzana na mibvumo ine ya vha kha maipfi a ambiwaho. Mugudi u khou thoma tumbula uri sisiteme i shumisa hani.

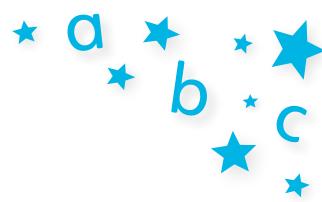
Kha ngudo nnzhi dla vlagudi vha khireshe dzi re mashangoni o bvelelaho, vhaqodisisi vho wanulusa uri vlagudi vhaquku vha fhira nga kha vhuimo ha "kupeletele kwa u tou diitela". Kupeletele kwa u tou diitela zwi amba uri vlagudi vha khou ita maedza a uri mibvumo i nga imelwa hani kha maipfi. Ngudo dzo sumbedza uri kha nyimele dla vhushai ha ntha, vlagudi vha lavhelelwa u sa vha na vhuimo ha "kupeletele kwa u tou diitela". Ngudo dzo dovha dza sumbedza vhushaka vhukati ha kupeletele kwa u tou diitela na u vhala. Bryant na Bradley (1980) vho wanulusa uri vhukoni ha u nwala maipfi nga ndila ine a pfalisa zwone ndi mathomo a vhukoni ha u vhala kha vlagudi, zwine zwa amba uri u psesa kuvhetshole kwa alifabethe na kwone kwu nga konadzea kha u nwala ha vlagudi vha sa athu u vhala. Mann, Tobin na Wilson (1987) vho wanulusa uri kupeletele kwa u tou diitela kwo vha kwone kwu bvumbaho vhukoni ha u vhala ngavhuya, kwu tshi khou khwathisedza ndeme ya vhukoni vhune ha khou aluwa kha mugudi ha u imela mibvumo i re kha maipfi.

## Maledere na mibvumo

Musi vlagudi vho no thoma u shumisa maledere uri a imele mibvumo i re kha maipfi musi vha tshi khou nwala, vha lavhelelwa uri vha dzhiele ntha maledere musi vha tshi a vhala. Izwi zwi vha fha mbuelo dzavhu di fhira vlagudi vhane a vha divhi na ledere na litihi na u guda maipfi nga tswayo dza mafo fhedzi. Vharwe vlagudisi vha fara kuvhonele kwa uri vlagudi vha thoma u guda maipfi nga u vhona vha kona u thoma u shumisa nqivho ya maledere nga murahu musi vha tshi vhekanya kana u amba maipfi. Vhaqodisisi vho itela khaeduhumbulo wa uri u guda u vhala maipfi hu thoma nga u rwela ngomani zwivhumbeo zwa maipfi kana zwirwe zwithu zwine zwa vhoniwa – vho dzinginya uri u tshimbidzana ha ledere na mubvumo hu ita mushumo u bva kha zwimo zwa u thoma zwa u mveledziso ya u kona u vhala na u nwala (Dixon, Stuart na Masterson, 2002; Ehri, 1998).

Musi vlagudi vho no qowela maledere na mibvumo ine a ita, vha do kona u shumisa tswayo dza mibvumo u fhindula zwine maipfi a amba kha tshi nwe tshifhinga, ndila ya u guda nga u vhona i amba uri muvhali wa u rangela u thoma nga u qitika nga mu nwe muthu uri a vha vhudze zwine ipfi ja amba zwone – a vha na ihwe ndila ya u fhindula nga vhone vhaqne vha ipfi ji nga vha ji jifhio. Vhavhali vha u vhona nga tswayo na vhone vha tea u humbula vhushaka vhukati ha thalutshedzo ya ipfi na mubvumo walo.





Scribbling or writing using random letters and symbols is an important developmental step. However, it is the next phase of writing development that really shows that a learner has taken the first steps into literacy. Consider this example of writing (a shopping list written by a learner who has just started school). Although these words are not spelt in a conventional way, they are meaningful attempts to represent the sounds in words. This type of “invented spelling” or emergent writing is a good sign that the learner can hear sounds in words, has some letter–sound knowledge, and knows that written language has something to do with the sounds in spoken words. The learner is starting to discover how the system works.

In many studies of preschool learners in developed countries, researchers have found that young learners go through a phase of “invented spelling”. Invented spelling means that learners are experimenting with how to represent sounds in words. Studies have shown that in high poverty contexts, learners are less likely to have an “invented spelling” phase. Studies have also demonstrated a relationship between invented spelling and reading. Bryant and Bradley (1980) found that the ability to write words the way they sound preceded the ability to read among learners, which suggests that alphabetic understanding might well be evident in learners’ writing before their reading. Mann, Tobin and Wilson (1987) found that invented spelling was a predictor of later reading ability, confirming the importance of a learner’s growing ability to represent sounds in words.

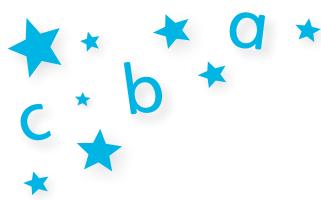


## Letters and sounds

Once learners start using letters to represent sounds in words when writing, they are also likely to be paying attention to letters when they read. This gives them an advantage over learners who do not know any letters and are learning words using visual cues only. Some teachers hold the view that learners initially learn words by sight and then only later start to use letter knowledge when they decode or sound out words. Researchers have challenged the idea that learning to read words initially involves memorising shapes of words or other visual features – they have proposed that letter–sound correspondence plays a role from the earliest stages of literacy development (Dixon, Stuart and Masterson, 2002; Ehri, 1998).

Once learners are familiar with letters and the sounds they make, they will be able to use phonetic cues to work out what words say. In contrast, a visual learning strategy means that an emergent reader is initially reliant on someone to tell them what a word says – they have no way of working out by themselves what the word could be. Visual cue readers also have to remember arbitrary connections.





## Kilasirumuni ...

U vha muvhali a re na zwikili, na u kona u ñwala maipfi, vhagudi vha tea u guda u shumisa sisiteme ya kuvhetshelle kwa alifabete. U guda nga ha maleđere na mibvumo ine ya a ita zwi a dzhia tshifhinga nahone ndi zwa ndeme uri kilasirumu dla Gireidi ya R dici pfume nga zwikhala u itela uri vhagudi vha gude nga ha maleđere na mibvumo ine ya a ita nga kha u shumisa zwipfi zwavho zwothe.

### U thetshela mibvumo

- 1 Kha vha humbele vhagudi vha dzule metheni vha vha thetshelene nga vhuronwane. Kha vha ambe maipfi aya a bvaho kha nganea: "sala, songo, si, Sam, Spot. Ni khou kona u pfa mubvumo wo sedzwaho: **sala, songo, Sam, Spot? Ee, ni khou amba zwone! Yothe i na mubvumo wa /s/**".
- 2 "Thetshelani nga vhuronwane, aya ndi mañwe a maipfi manzhi a thomaho nga /s/: sosara, sea, saha, sefo, siliga, siatari, sale, sibadela, sunzi, sila. (Kha vha ombedzele mubvumo wa mathomoni musi vha tshi amba maipfi aya.)

### U amba mibvumo

- 1 Kha vha ambe mubvumo wa /s/ nga ndila i pfalaho vha vhudze vhagudi uri vha sedze mulomo wavho nga vhuronwane.
- 2 Kha vha humbele vhagudi uri vha ambe mubvumo wa /s/: "**s-s-s**". Kha vha ite uri izwi zwi takadze: Kha vha zwi ambele fhasi, zwi pfalese, kha luvhondo, kha silini na kha vhone vhanę.
- 3 Kha vha funze vhagudi nyito i ɻumaniwaho na mubvumo. Sa tsumbo: Vhagudi vha nga edza u nga vha khou shumisa saha u gera muri musi vha tshi amba: "**sa-ha, sa-ha, sa-ha**".

### U humbula nga ha maipfi ane a thoma nga mubvumo

Kha vha vhudzise vhagudi arali hu na dzina la muñwe muthu ɻine la thoma nga /s/ kana arali vha tshi nga humbula mañwe maipfi ane a thoma nga mubvumo wa /s/.

### U vhumba ɻedere

- 1 Vha vhudzise arali vha tshi ɻivha u ñwala ɻedere ɻine la ita mubvumo /s/.
- 2 Kha vha vhudzise vhagudi arali vha tshi zwi humbula uri ɻedere la s li ñwalisa hani. Kha vha khode u lingedza havho, u bva afho vha ñwale ɻedere ɻihulwane bodoni kana tuyani musi vha tshi khou amba zwi tevhelaho: "Thomani kha tshithoma, ni ye matungo, ni ye fhasi."
- 3 Kha vha tendele vhagudi vha gude mbumbo ya ɻedere tuyani, khaphetheni, miñanani yavho kana zwandani zwavho. Vha nga dovha vha lingedza u shumisa muvhili wavho u vhumba ɻedere.



### U ɻumanyisa ɻedere kha tshati ya alifabete

Arali vha na tshati ya alifabete kilasini yavho, kha vha sumbedze vhagudi ɻedere la s kha tshati ya alifabete.



### KHETHEKANYO YA 3: U FUNZA LUAMBO NA U RANGELA U KONA U VHALA NA U ÑWALA KHA GIREIDI YA R



★ a ★ b ★ c



## In the classroom ...

To become a skilled reader, and to be able to write words, learners need to learn how to make use of an alphabetic system. Learning about letters and the sounds they make takes time and it is important that Grade R classrooms are rich with opportunities for learners to learn about letters and the sounds they make through using all of their senses.

### Listening for sounds

- 1 Ask learners to sit on the mat and listen carefully to you. Say these words from the story: "sala, songo, si, Sam, Spot. Can you hear the focus sound: **sala, songo, Sam, Spot?** Yes, you are right! They all have the sound /s/."
- 2 "Listen carefully, here are some more words with /s/: sosara, sea, saha, sefo, siliga, siaṭari, sale, sibadela, sunzi, sila." (Emphasise the focus sound as you say these words.)

### Saying the sounds

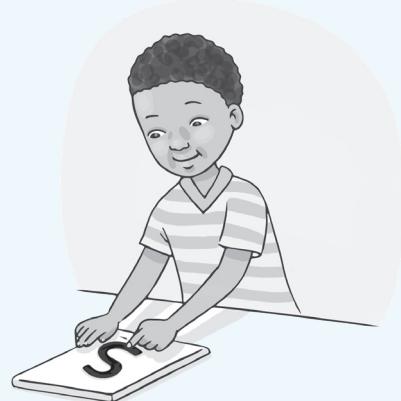
- 1 Say the sound /s/ clearly and tell learners to watch your mouth carefully.
- 2 Ask learners to say the sound /s/: "**s-s-s**". Make this fun: Say it softly, loudly, to the wall, to the ceiling and to each other.
- 3 Teach learners an action associated with the sound. For example: Learners can pretend to use a saw to cut down a tree while saying: "**sa-ha, sa-ha, sa-ha**".

### Thinking of words beginning with the sound

Ask learners if anyone's name starts with /s/ or if they can think of any other words that start with the sound /s/.

### Forming the letter

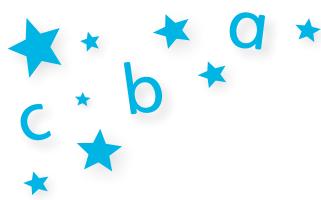
- 1 Ask learners if they know how to write a letter that makes the sound /s/.
- 2 Show learners how to write the letter **s**. Praise their attempts, then write a large letter on the board or in the air while saying the following: "Start at the dot, over the top, turn, across the middle, turn and go back."
- 3 Let learners practise the letter formation in the air, on the mat, on each other's backs or on their hands. They can also try using their bodies to make the letter.



### Linking the letter to the alphabet chart

If you have an alphabet chart in your class, show learners the letter **s** on the alphabet chart.





U vha vhavhalu vha re na zwikili, vhagudi vha tea u pfectesa mulayo wa kuvhetshelle kwa alifabetehe wa uri hu na vhułumani vhukati ha małedere ane vha a vhona kha siałari na mibvumo ine vha i pfa kha maipfi. Naho izwi zwi tshi tou vha khagala kha vhavhalu vha vhaaluuwa, ilj ndi ligi ljhulwane kha vhagudi vhałuku, nga maanđa musi vha tshi tea u thoma u guda u pfa mibvumo yo fhambanaho kha maipfi. Vhagudi vhałuku vha anzela u shumisa na u pfectesa maipfi manzhi, fhedzi a vha athu u limuwa mibvumo ine ya ita aya maipfi. Vha nga kha di ćivha uri penisela ndi tshithu tshire wa tshi shumisa u ola ngatsho, fhedzi vha nga kha di vha vha sa ćivhi nga ha mibvumo yo vhumbaho ilj ipfi. Sa tsumbo, ipfi **penisela** lo vhumbiwa nga zwipiđa zwiņa (zwine ra zwi vhidza uri **madungo**): **pe | ni | se | la**. Ipfi **penisela** li thoma nga mubvumo wa /p/. Maħwe maipfi na one a thoma nga mubvumo uyu (a ngaho pani, pennda, piyere). Ndīvho ya mibvumo i re kha ipfi, nħħani ha ħalutshedzo ya ipfi, zwi vhidziwa **ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele**. Mishumo ya ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele a i ɻodi u sedza kha małedere – minzhi i nga itiwa vho bonya mało!

Ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele a i fani na dzifoniki:

- ★ ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele = ndi vhukoni ha u pfa mibvumo i re kha maipfi nahone i tea mutheo wa dzifoniki
- ★ dzifoniki = u ćivha uri małedere o tiwaho ane a ɻwaliwa a na vhusaka ha hani na mibvumo yo tiwaho ine ya ambiwa.

Ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele na ndīvho ya ɻedere na mubvumo zwi wela kha zwibvumbi zwa khwinesa zwauri vhagudi vha do guda u vhala nga ndila i bveledzaho. Hu dovha ha vha na zwibvumbi zwa khwine u fhira IQ (tshikalo tsha vhułali ha muthu)! Izwi zwi amba uri vhagudi vhałuku vhane vha vha na ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele yavhuđi na ndīvho ya ɻedere na mubvumo vha do vha na tshikhala tsha khwine tsha u guda u vhala nga ndila i bvelelaho.

### Gułosari

#### **madungo**

dungo ndi ipfi kana tshipiđa tsha ipfi tshi re na pfalandothe nthihi

#### **ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele**

ndīvho ya mibvumo i re kha ipfi nħħani ha ħalutshedzo ya ipfi

#### **u khethekanya**

u ɻukhukanya maipfi a vha zwipiđa zwe fhambanaho

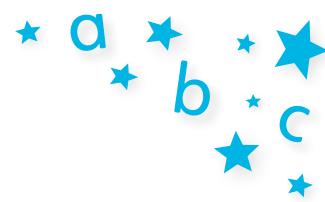
## Kilasirumuni ...



Hu na vhuimo ho fhambanaho ha ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele. Thebuļu iyi i sumbedza zwikili zwa ćivhamabulele zwe fhambanaho na u fha tsumbo dza mishumo ine ya nga shumisiwa u funza, u ita ndowendowe na u linga zwikili.

Mishumo ya ndīvho ya ćivhamabulele	Dzitsumbo
1 U hałula arali mibvumo i tshi fana.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Mibvumo iyi i a fana kana yo fhambana: /p/, /p/ naa? (i a fana); /p/, /d/ naa? (yo fhambana)</li> <li>★ Maipfi aya a thoma nga mubvumo u fanaho naa: bola, bege? (ee)</li> </ul>
2 U pfa mubvumo mathomoni kana wo sedzwaho kha maipfi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Ndi mubvumo ufhio une na u pfa mathomoni ha ipfi <b>peni?</b> (p)</li> <li>★ Ndi mubvumo ufhio wa mathomoni kha maipfi aya: <b>bere, bada, bola?</b> (b)</li> <li>★ Ndi mubvumo ufhio wo sedzwaho kha maipfi aya: <b>bigiri, philisi, phiriphiri?</b> (i)</li> </ul>
3 U pfa mubvumo kana dungo ja u fhedzisela kha maipfi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Ndi dungo ljhio lline na li pfa magumoni ha maipfi aya: <b>gani, goni, pani?</b> (ni)</li> </ul>
4 Tħanganyisani zwipiđa zwa maipfi uri zwi vhumble ipfi lo fhelelaho (u ɻanganyisa).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Ndi ipfi ljhio lline na li wana arali na ɻanganyisa madungo aya: <b>a-pu-ɻi-ko-so?</b> (apulikoso)</li> </ul>
5 U ɻukhukanya maipfi uri a vhe zwipiđa ( <b>u khethekanya</b> ).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ ɻukhukanyani ipfi iljuri li vhe madungo: <b>kherotse.</b> (khe-ro-tse)</li> <li>★ Ndi madungo mangana ane na a pfa kha ipfi <b>hejkhophutha?</b> (he-ɻi-kho-phu-tha: madungo małanu)</li> </ul>
6 U shandukisa zwipiđa zwa maipfi.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Ambani uri <b>dzula.</b> Zwino bvisani /dzu/ nahone vhudzuloni hało, ni engedze /fu/. Ipfi ljswa ndi ljhio? (fula)</li> <li>★ Ambani uri <b>raha.</b> Zwino dovhani ni li ambe fhedzi ambani /sa/ nħħani ha /ra/. (saha)</li> </ul>





To become skilled readers, learners need to understand the alphabetic principle – that there is a link between the letters they see on a page and the sounds they hear in words. Although this is obvious to adult readers, this is a big step for young learners, particularly as they must first learn to hear the different sounds in words. Young learners often use and understand many words, but haven't yet become aware of the sounds that make up these words. They might know that a pencil is something you use to draw, but might not know about the sounds that make up this word. For example, the word **penisela** is made up of four parts (that we call **syllables**): **pe | ni | se | la**. The word penisela starts with a /p/ sound. Other words also start with this sound (such as **pani**, **pennda**, **piyere**). The awareness of the sounds in a word, rather than the meaning of the word, is called **phonological awareness**. Phonological awareness activities don't require a focus on letters – most can be done with your eyes closed!

Phonological awareness is not the same as phonics:

- ★ phonological awareness = the ability to hear sounds in words and it lays the foundation for phonics
- ★ phonics = knowing how specific written letters relate to specific spoken sounds.

Phonological awareness and letter–sound knowledge are among the best predictors that learners will learn to read successfully. They are even better predictors than IQ! What this means is that young learners who have good phonological awareness and letter–sound knowledge will have a better chance of learning to read successfully.

### Glossary

#### **syllables**

a syllable is a word or part of a word with one vowel sound

#### **phonological awareness**

the awareness of the sound in a word rather than the meaning of the word

#### **segmenting**

breaking words into different parts

## In the classroom ...

There are different levels of phonological awareness (PA). This table lists different phonological awareness skills and gives examples of activities that can be used to teach, practise and assess these skills.

PA activity	Examples
1 Judging whether sounds are the same.	★ Are these sounds the same or different: /p/, /p/? (same); /p/, /d/? (different) ★ Do these words start with the same sound: <b>bola</b> , <b>bege</b> ? (yes)
2 Hearing the beginning or focus sound in words.	★ What sound do you hear at the beginning of the word <b>peni</b> ? (/p/) ★ What is the beginning sound in these words: <b>bere</b> , <b>bada</b> , <b>bola</b> ? (b) ★ What is the focus sound in these words: <b>bigiri</b> , <b>philisi</b> , <b>phiriphiri</b> ? (i)
3 Hearing the end sound or syllable in words.	★ What syllable do you hear at the end of these words: <b>gani</b> , <b>goni</b> , <b>pani</b> ? (ni)
4 Combining parts of words to make the full word (blending).	★ Which word do you get if you put these syllables together: <b>a-pu-li-ko-so</b> ? (apulikoso)
5 Breaking words into parts ( <b>segmenting</b> ).	★ Break this word into syllables: <b>kherotse</b> . (khe-ro-tse) ★ How many syllables do you hear in the word <b>helikhophutha</b> ? (he-li-kho-phu-tha: 5 syllables)
6 Substituting parts of words.	★ Say <b>dzula</b> . Now take away the /dzu/ and in its place, add /fu/. What is the new word? (fula) ★ Say <b>raha</b> . Now say it again, but say /sa/ instead of /ra/. (saha)





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