

GRADE 2 HOME LANGUAGE

# Sisi makes new friends



ENGLISH

Level:

1

Book

1



# Group-guided reading

## Before reading

- Page through the story the learners will read. Talk about the illustrations.
- Ask them to predict what the story will be about; based on the title and the pictures.
- Introduce new or difficult words prior to the learners reading the story.
- Make word cards to introduce new vocabulary. (See the list of new vocabulary in the back inner cover.)

## First reading

- Learners should read the text individually.
- Learners should read silently or they can 'whisper-read' the text.
- Move from one learner to the next, requesting each learner to read a section of the text aloud.

## Discussion

- Ask comprehension questions based on the text.
- Focus on phonics, sight words and vocabulary.
- You will find the activities in the back of this book useful to guide the discussion. (Select appropriate activities for the level of the learners.)

## Second reading

- On later days, let learners reread the book, either in pairs or alone.
- Focus on fluency, grammar and vocabulary.
- Let learners complete the group-guided activities which are included in the back of this book. (Select appropriate activities for the level of the learners.)

*Let learners do a role play  
if the text lends itself to it.*



*Learners should do the group-reading  
activities after reading the story.*

*Let learners work in groups to complete the  
appropriate group-reading activities included  
in the back of the book. They should not  
write in this book. Written activities should  
be done in their exercise books.*



# Sisi makes new friends



Sisi hopped onto the truck.  
Everything was loaded and they  
were now moving to a new house,  
in a new town, where Sisi will go  
to a new school.

"Mom do you think I will make  
new friends?" asked Sisi.  
"Yes you will my dear," said Mom.

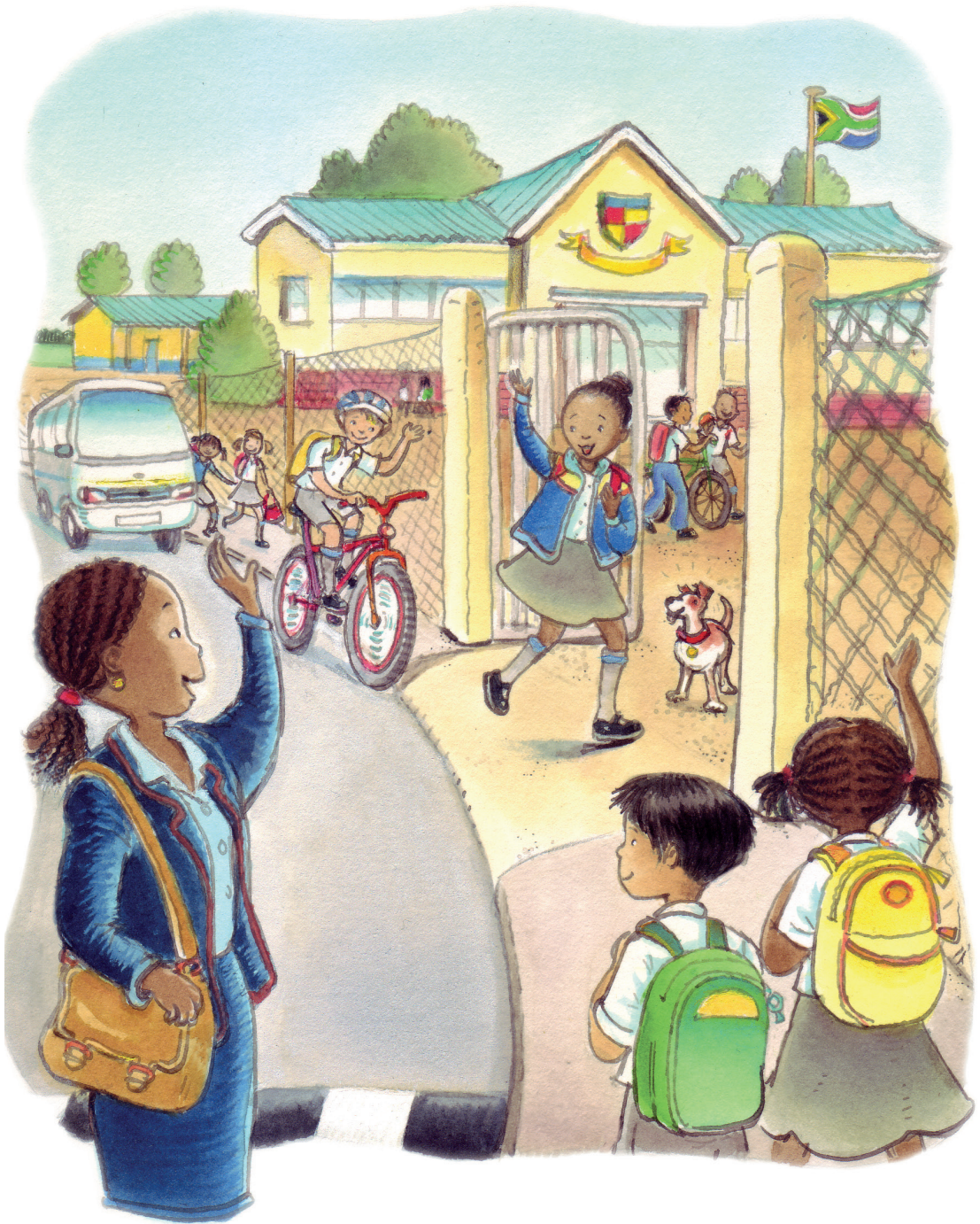




On the first day at her new school, Sisi was sad. She did not have any friends. "Who will be my friend?" she said to herself.

"I don't know anyone," she thought. "How will I make new friends?"

"Bye mom" Sisi called out as she went off to school. I hope I meet a friend.



Sisi went into her new Grade 2 classroom. She was afraid and her heart was beating, thump, thump, thump.

She had a new uniform, new books and a new teacher! She sat at a new desk, next to a new boy called Sam.

"I wonder if Sam will be my friend," she thought.





The bell rang for break and Sam ran off to play. He had friends!

Poor Sisi watched the children play. She wanted to play with them but she was too shy to ask. No one saw Sisi standing alone.

"I feel so lonely."

I wish I could  
play too.





The next day Sisi saw Mandu sitting alone and looking very sad.

Mandu was feeling sad because she did not bring her lunch box to school. Mandu was hungry. She saw Jim and Jabu eating their lunch.

"I wish I had something to eat," she said softly.



Sisi saw that Mandu was sad.

"What's wrong, Mandu?" Sisi asked. "Did you forget your lunch at home?"

"Yes, and I am very hungry," Mandu said

"Don't worry Mandu," Sisi said, "I will share my lunch with you."





Sisi shared her lunch with Mandu.

"Mmm!" Mandu said.

"This sandwich is yummy! Thank you, Sisi. Thank you for caring," Mandu said.

Sisi had a new friend!





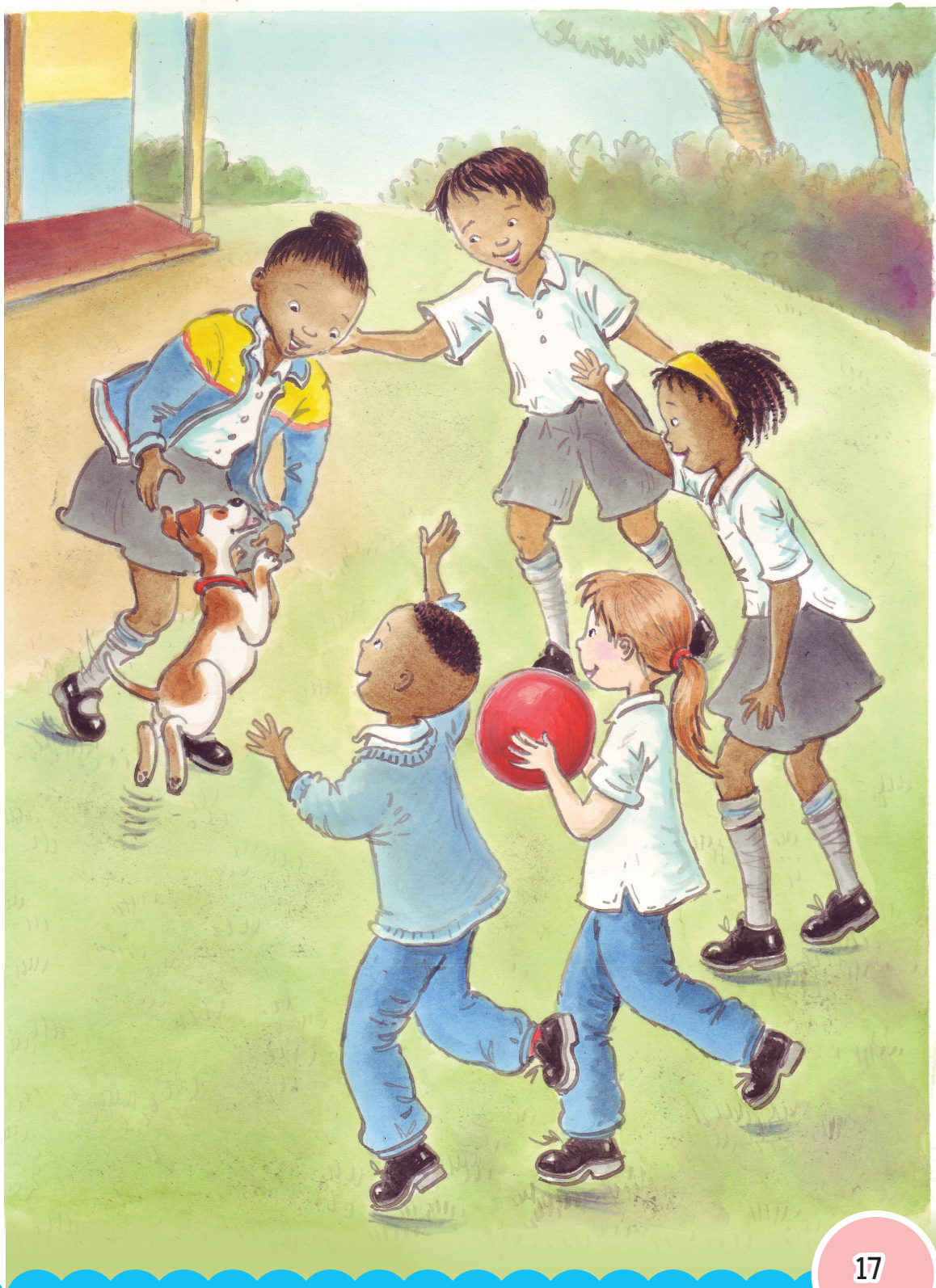


Ben the dog was very happy  
because Sisi had a new friend.

"Woof, woof!" he barked.

The children ran to see why Ben  
was barking.

"Hi Sisi!" they called, "come and  
play with us."



Now Sisi had lots of new friends.

She liked her new school. She had fun with her new friends. Changing schools was not so bad after all.

Making friends is easy  
if you are kind and caring!







# How to make friends



Sometimes it is hard to make new friends.  
What should you do?



😊 Make the first move.  
Say Hello and tell  
your name.

😊 Join after school  
activities.



😊 Make sure you are clean and tidy.



😊 Remember their names.

😊 Be kind.

😊 Be good.



... Be helpful and caring





# Group reading activities



1

Look at the pictures.

Tell your friend what happens in each picture.

Tell your friend which picture should be first, second and third.

Use the pictures to help you retell the story to your friend.



2

Put the following sentences in the correct order and then read them to your friend.

- |    |                                   |
|----|-----------------------------------|
| a. | She waves goodbye to her mother.  |
| b. | Sisi shares her lunch with Mandu. |
| c. | Sisi sits with Sam.               |
| d. | Mandu is very hungry.             |
| e. | Today Sisi moves to a new house.  |



3 Role play the story.

Complete this activity.

4



- a. Write down two of your own words that will rhyme with:

bought

care

lunch

day

- b. Write the past tense of these words:

wave

go

sit

call

move

share

play

forget

hop

say

- c. Find words with the following sounds in the story and write them down:

-ch

-th

-nd

wh-

- d. Find sentences in the story with the following punctuation marks and write them down:

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5 Talk about the story:

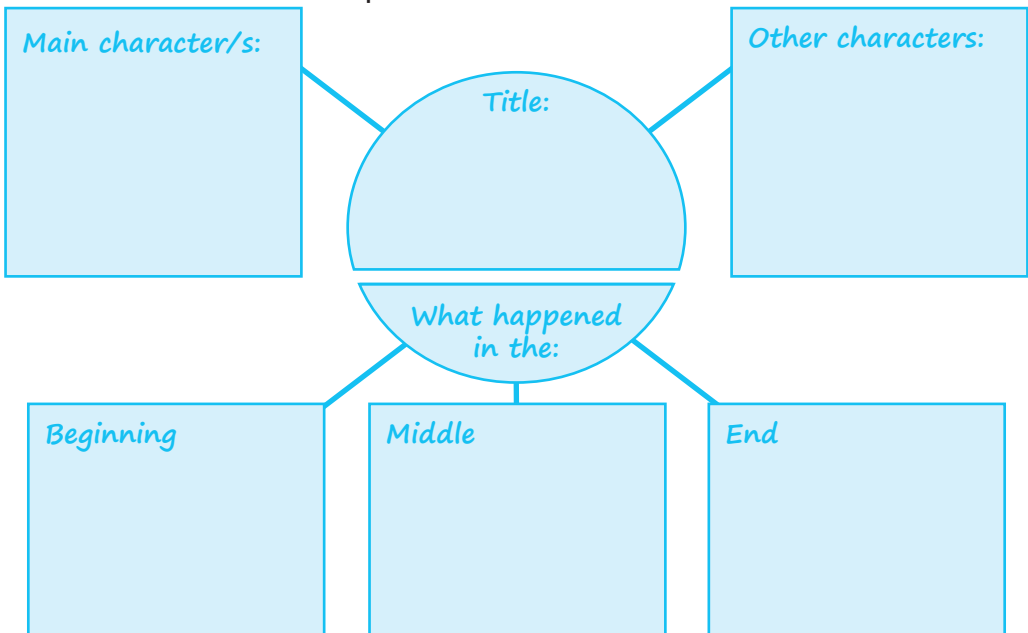
- What does it mean when we say "Sisi had butterflies in her tummy"?
- What is the title of the story?
- Who are the main characters in the story?
- Why did Sisi go to a new school?

- e. Have you ever felt butterflies in your tummy? If so, why?
- f. Why do you think Sisi was too shy to ask the children if she could play with them?
- g. What did Ben do to help Sisi?
- h. How do we know that Sisi was a good friend to Mandu?
- i. What do you look for in a good friend?
- j. Can you think of another ending for the story?
- k. What question do you want to ask your teacher about this story?



6

Re-draw the mind-map in your exercise book and complete it.



7

Write the story in about three to four sentences. Then draw a picture of your story.



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## Book 1

<i>Title:</i>	Sisi makes new friends
<i>Language:</i>	English
<i>Level:</i>	Grade 2 Home Language Reader Level 1 Book 1
<i>Text type:</i>	Narrative
<i>Sight words:</i>	today, are, next, your, she, was, where, another, come, make
<i>Vocabulary:</i>	loaded, moving, friends, afraid, teacher, lonely, uniform, teacher
<i>Phonics:</i>	th-, -th, sh-, -sh, -ch, ch-, wh-, st-, fr-, br-, pl-, oo, ee, ea, ie, ei, ai, ou
<i>Content, concepts and skills:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Describe pictures.</li><li>▪ Sequence pictures in the correct order.</li><li>▪ Use pictures to re-tell the story.</li><li>▪ Sequence events in the correct order.</li><li>▪ Role play the story.</li><li>▪ Write down own rhyming words.</li><li>▪ Write down the past tense of words.</li><li>▪ Find words with the following sounds in the story: -ch, -th, -nd, and wh-.</li><li>▪ Find sentences in the story with the following punctuations: full stop, comma, question mark and exclamation marks.</li><li>▪ Read and answer comprehension questions.</li><li>▪ Complete mind map about the story.</li><li>▪ Write the story in your own words, six sentences.</li><li>▪ Draw a picture for the story.</li></ul>

The CAPS requires teachers to allocate some time each day for focused group-guided reading.

In group-guided reading, teachers guide learners of a similar reading level, to read the same book, in a group.

The reading session should include a range of word attack skills and comprehension strategies that children require when reading.

Reading effectively also requires "text talk" between the teacher and learners, and amongst the children in the group. These books include a number of "text talk", comprehension and other related activities to help teachers direct group reading in their classes.

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Level:

**1**

*Sisi makes new friends*

*It's a dog's life*

*How Zebra got its stripes*

*Jerry loves reading*

Level:

**2**

*Bubu gets lost*

*That's what friends are for*

*The Ugly Duckling*

Level:

**3**

*Bheki's new bike*

*Animals at sea*

*Wendy Whale to the rescue*