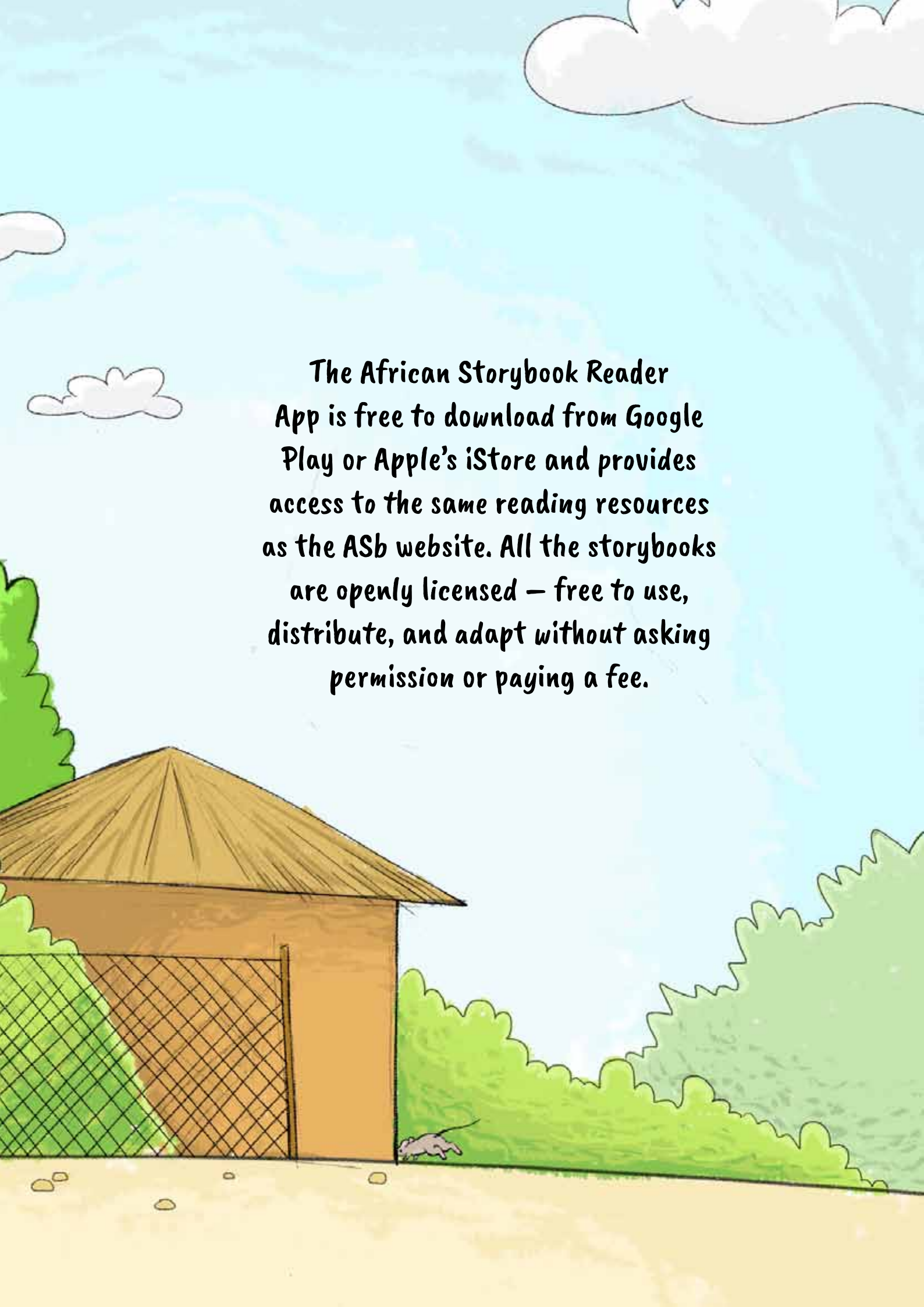



Guide 2

How to use the African Storybook Reader App


Open access to picture storybooks in the languages of Africa.
For children's literacy, enjoyment and imagination.



The African Storybook Reader App is free to download from Google Play or Apple's iStore and provides access to the same reading resources as the ASb website. All the storybooks are openly licensed – free to use, distribute, and adapt without asking permission or paying a fee.



In this guide, we show you how
to use the African Storybook
Reader App, to collect
storybooks and create your own
library in your mobile device.



The African Storybook Reader App

The **African Storybook Reader App** has over 1000 approved picture storybooks for early reading in the languages of Africa. The storybooks are developed in the contexts of use, and they speak to the experiences of young African children particularly in rural and peri-urban context.

1 Download the Reader App



Download the free African Storybook Reader App from Google Play or App Store. Install the App on your phone or tablet.

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<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=org.saide.ASbReader>

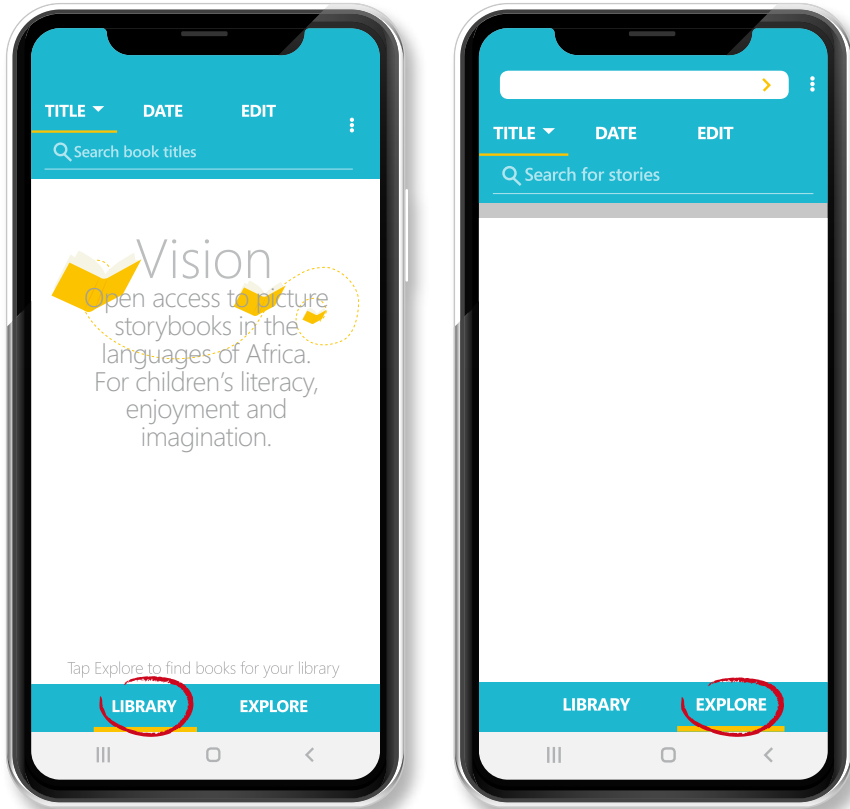
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2 Find storybooks

- > In the App, go to **EXPLORE** to find storybooks to save in your **LIBRARY**

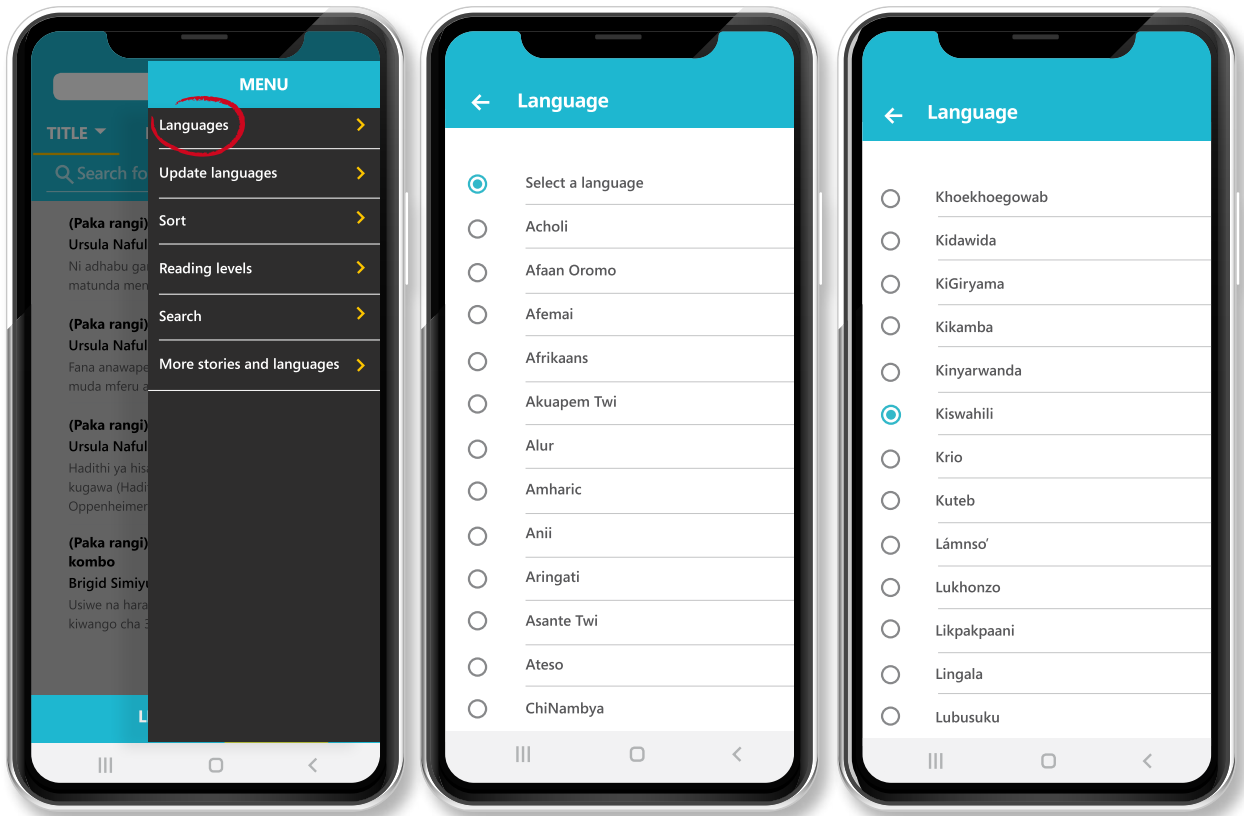


3 Choose a language

- > On the **EXPLORE** page, you will need to choose a language to see storybooks.
- > On the **EXPLORE** page, tap in the white space at the top of the screen to open the language list.
- > Or you can open the language list in the **MENU** (tap on the three dots at the top right corner of the screen).
- > Select the language that you want for storybooks. In the example, the selected language is **Kiswahili**. The App will list all the storybooks in the language.
- > You can organise the list by **TITLE** (alphabetically), by **DATE** (when it was published) or by **READING LEVEL**. African Storybook has 5 reading levels, from 'First Words' (Level 1) to 'Read Aloud' (Level 5).



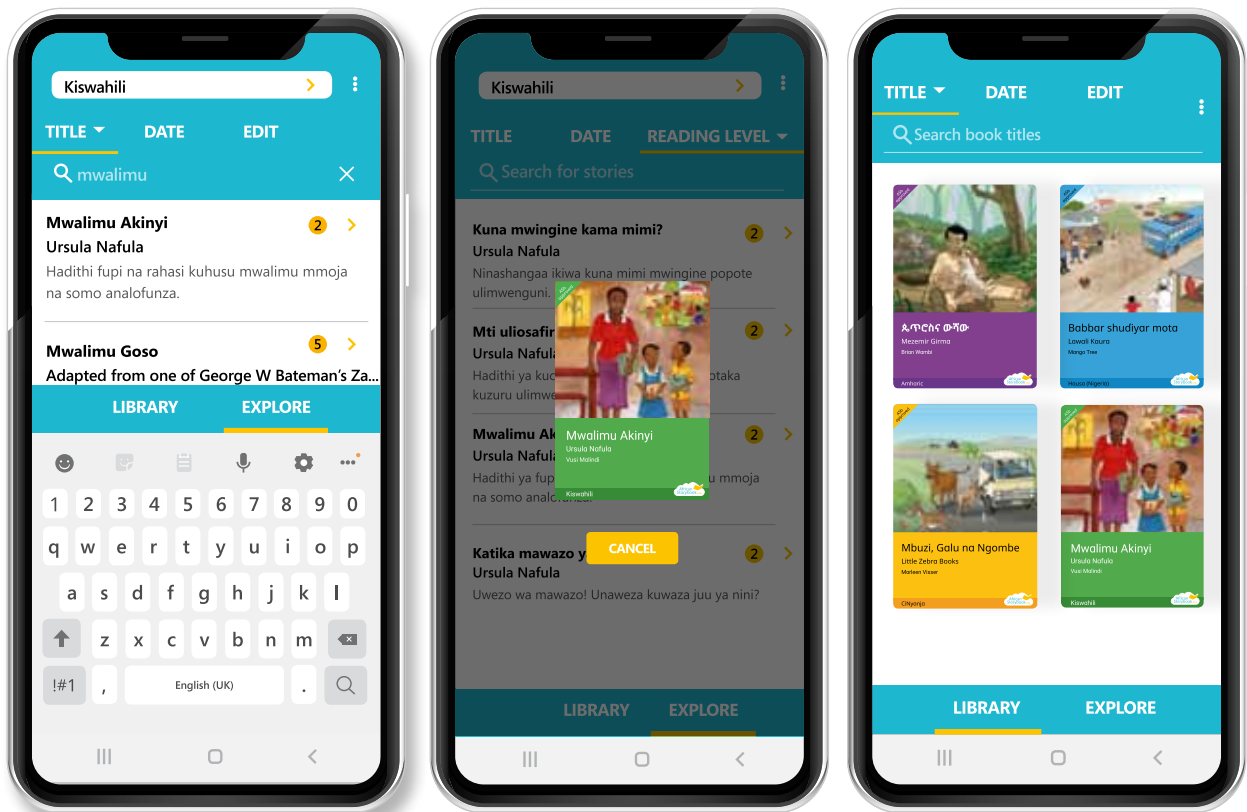
4 Search for storybooks and save them in your library



- > You can search the list of storybooks in a **language** by typing a **key word** or **words**. In the example, the key word is **"mwalimu"** (teacher). The App will list storybooks with that key word.
- > Tap a **title** in a list of storybooks to download that storybook. The example is **"Mwalimu Akinyi"** (Teacher Akinyi).
- > The storybook you chose will download in your **LIBRARY**.

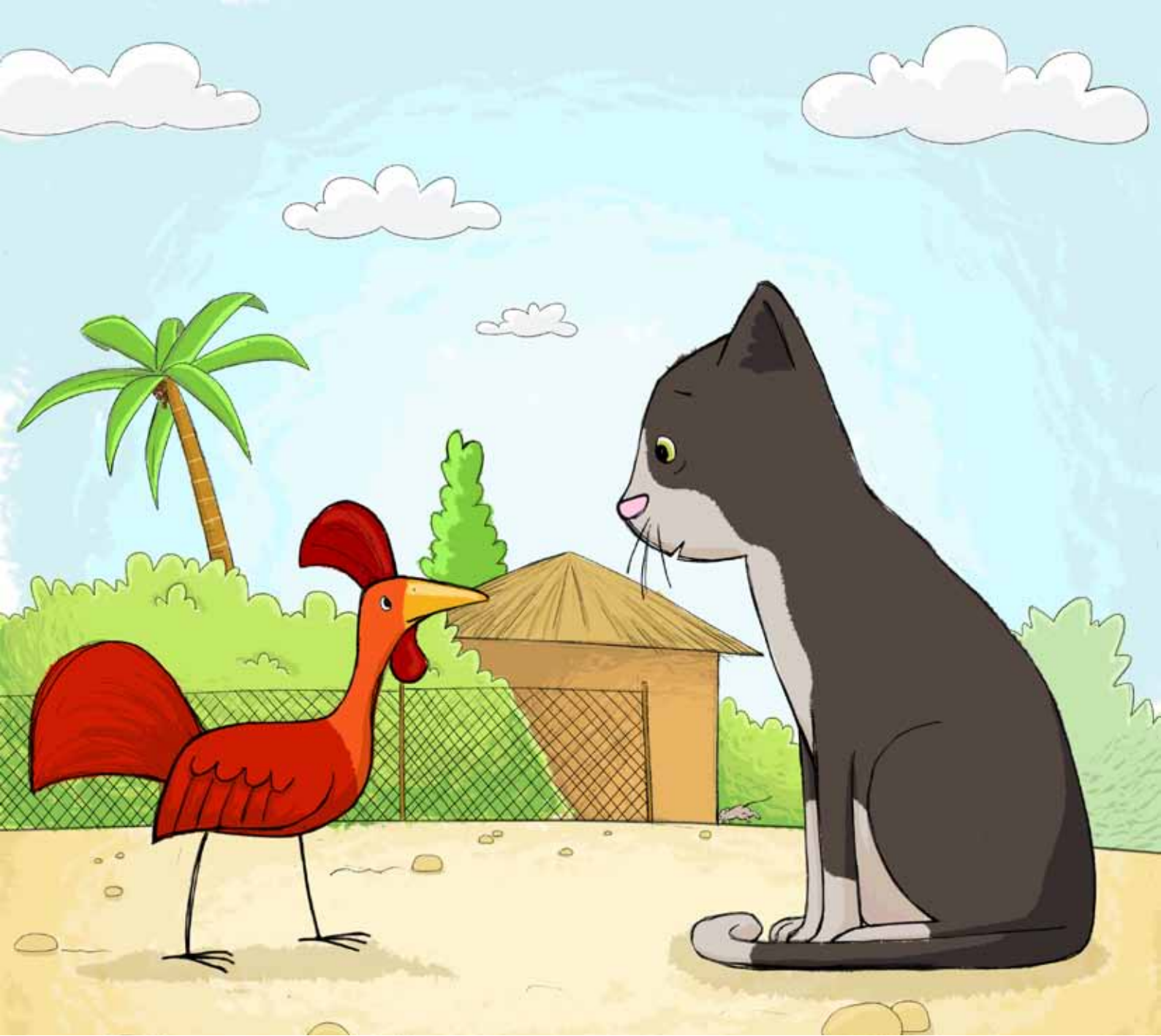


You can fill your library with storybooks to read offline. Although the stories are at different levels, they are not graded readers, but intended to support reading for pleasure.



The ASb Reader is for teachers and caregivers to find and share stories with the children in their care. The stories can be read with individual children on smartphones, or with groups of children using a large format tablet.





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