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A STORY.

# World Read Aloud Day with Nal'ibali

Reading aloud to children on World Read Aloud Day shows our commitment to the power of literacy, and is a very practical way of showing everyone that we think reading matters!

Since 2013, Nal'ibali has been bringing you a special story to celebrate World Read Aloud Day. Last year, the story was read to 1 559 730 children on one day! This year's story, **A day to remember**, again features some of our much-loved Nal'ibali characters. Read it to the children in your life on World Read Aloud Day 2020 and be part of the excitement!



## 8 benefits of reading aloud

### Reading aloud tips

1. Reading aloud is always a performance! Put lots of expression in your voice to create the right mood.
2. If you are reading to a group of children, practise reading the story aloud a few times before reading it to them.
3. Start by reading the name of the author and illustrator so that your children appreciate that stories are created by people just like them!
4. Allow time for your children to look at the pictures and comment, if they want to.
5. Help develop your children's prediction skills by asking questions like, "What do you think is going to happen next?" once or twice during the story.
6. Help develop empathy as you read by occasionally asking questions like, "I wonder how the children felt when they saw their creature and Noodle heading towards the mayor?"

Reading aloud to your children:

- ☒ shows them that you value books and reading.
- ☒ gives you things to talk about together.
- ☒ builds a bond between you.
- ☒ allows them to experience reading as a satisfying activity.
- ☒ motivates them to learn to read for themselves and then to keep reading.
- ☒ shows them how we read and how books work.
- ☒ lets them enjoy stories that are beyond their current reading ability.
- ☒ develops their imagination, vocabulary and language abilities.

## How to get involved

Go to [www.nalibali.org](http://www.nalibali.org) to sign up your family, reading club or school and help make this the biggest World Read Aloud Day event ever in South Africa!



**Spread a love of stories!**  
**Pass on this story resource or share it with someone you know.**

# A day to remember

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"Hurry up, Neo, we don't have much time!" said Hope putting down her heavy bag. Hope and Josh were waiting for Neo. They were all going to the park as part of Hope's plan!

Hope had started hatching a plan after reading the new book her mother had bought her. It was about a girl who had bravely saved her village from a scary creature. Hope had enjoyed the book so much that she had finished it in a day and had even dreamt about the scary creature that night!

"I hope that what you've planned for us will be fun. Why are you in such a hurry?" Neo asked Hope as he shut the front door. Neo was wearing his favourite pirate hat and eye patch.

"I'm as clueless as you are, Neo. Hope just asked me to bring my kite to the park," said Josh pointing to his kite.

"Trust me, you'll enjoy this!" said Hope as she walked off ahead of her friends. Neo and Josh followed, trying to keep up.

When they got to the park, they saw the mayor surrounded by a large crowd of people. "What's going on?" Josh asked a woman standing nearby.

"Well, for a long time, the mayor got lots of complaints because there wasn't enough shade

in the park," she said. "So, he made sure that lots of new trees were planted and today he's here to celebrate this with everyone."

"Oh no! The park is too full for my plan to work," said Hope, disappointed.

"What plan?" asked Neo and Josh at the same time, looking at each other.

"Do you remember the story I read about the brave girl who saved her village?" asked Hope. "Well, I was hoping we could make a scary creature, tie it to Josh's kite and then fly it over the park. But now look!" said Hope pointing to the happy people standing around the mayor.

Neo saw how sad Hope was. "Nice plan, Hope!" he said. "Let's go over there behind that big bush. No one will see us there." Josh and Hope nodded in agreement and off they went.

"Josh, you go and find some sticks. Neo, take off your pirate hat and eye patch," instructed Hope as she took her karate clothes and a balloon out of her bag.

Josh found some thin sticks next to a dustbin and the three friends sat behind the bush using string from Hope's bag to tie them together in a cross-shape for the creature's body. Then Hope blew up the balloon and tied that on for the creature's head.





They dressed the creature in Hope's karate clothes and Neo's pirate hat and eye patch. Josh tied the creature onto his kite. And then they were ready!



The children hid behind the bush and loosened the kite's string. A strong gust of wind took the creature off into the sky. Up, up, up it went, racing across the sky away from them.

In the meantime, Bella and her mom had arrived at the park to walk Noodle. When Noodle saw the creature dangling in the sky, he started barking and pulling on his leash. Bella tried to hold onto Noodle's leash, but he pulled so hard that she had to let go. Off went Noodle across the park. Bella and her mom chased after him.

Then the creature started to float down towards the mayor's head as he was making his speech! Noodle was running towards him still barking at the creature – and Bella and her mom were not far behind.

Josh pulled on the kite's string, trying to get the creature up higher into the sky, but it was too late. Noodle leapt up at the creature, knocking over the mayor. Bits of paper with the mayor's speech on it flew all over the park, and people started running in all directions.



Neo, Josh, Hope, Bella and her mom raced over to help. They found the mayor on the ground next to the creature with Noodle still barking at it. The children helped to calm Noodle down while Bella's mom helped the mayor up.



Then Hope explained her plan and how it had gone wrong. The mayor listened, and when Hope had finished, he just looked at her ... and then he started laughing. "Well, now you can write your own scary creature story," the mayor suggested.



Even though Hope's plan did not quite work out, it was a day they would all remember!

## How to share the story

1. Before you read the story, introduce it to the children. Ask them, "Have you ever done something that didn't quite go as you planned? What happened? How did that make you feel?" Encourage them to share their experiences with you.
2. Read the story, **A day to remember**, on pages 2 and 3 to the children. (Practise reading it aloud a few times before you read it aloud to the children.) Bring the story alive by putting lots of expression into your voice and using body actions as you read.
3. After you have read the story, ask the children these questions.
  - Do you know any other stories with scary creatures in them? What happens in those stories?
  - What do you think of Hope's plan? Do scary creatures have to be big? What ways can you think of to make scary creatures?
4. Encourage the children to interpret the story by asking them to draw or paint a picture of their favourite part.



## Other World Read Aloud Day activities

**At your school:** Arrange a special assembly to celebrate World Read Aloud Day and have one or more of the staff read our story, **A day to remember**, to the children. Organise for the older children to read to the younger children some time during the day.

**In your classroom:** Ask the children to bring their favourite book or story to school on World Read Aloud Day. Every hour during the day, or at the end of each lesson, ask the children to get into pairs and spend 15 minutes sharing these books and stories with each other.

**At your library or reading club:** Contact some adults or teenagers who you know read well, and invite them to volunteer to read aloud on World Read Aloud Day. At your library or club, set up a few read-aloud areas with mats or cushions where small groups of children can sit. Leave three or four storybooks, as well as a copy of the story on pages 2 and 3, at each read-aloud area. Ask the volunteers to read the stories to the children and to then talk to the children about them. Suggest that the volunteers ask questions that invite the children to share their ideas and opinions about the stories.



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## About Nal'ibali

Nal'ibali (isiXhosa for "here's the story") is a national reading-for-enjoyment campaign. It seeks to spark and embed a culture of reading across South Africa, so that reading, writing and sharing stories – in all South African languages – is part of everyday life.

Since 2012, Nal'ibali has worked with various state, civil society and business partners to make sure every South African child has opportunities to fall in love with books and stories. Through advocacy, training and high-quality reading materials, Nal'ibali is helping to nurture a nation of readers.

Nal'ibali is here to motivate and support you. **Contact us** by calling our call centre on **02 11 80 40 80**, or in any of these ways:

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