

Story 13

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The next day the squirrel came to the elephant. The squirrel said, "I came here to tell you, my friend, that the fun we had yesterday is killing me. The things that are fun for you are not good for me. I can't stand this anymore."

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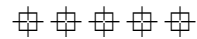
Lesson: Everyone does not like the same thing. What one person likes doesn't mean it's good for everyone. Don't expect everyone to like what you like, and don't think that you should like what everyone else likes. Don't be friends with someone that could hurt you.

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SHEEKADA SADDEX IYO TOBNAAD
MAROODI IYO DABAGAALE

Beri baa waxaa jirey Maroodi iyo Dabagaale saaxiib ah. Wey wada cayaari jireen. Waxay u dabaal tagi jireen webiga. Markasta oo ay dabaal tagaan inta Maroodigu kor u qaado Dabagaalaha ayuu biyaha dhexdooda dhigaa, markaasna faraha ayuu ka qaadaa, dabadeedna biyaha ayuu ku haftaa. Dabagaaluhu maalin walba wuxuu ka soo baxaa biyaha isaga oo daalan. Inta badana waxaa dhacda in marka uu biyaha ka soo baxayo dhoobadu ku dhegto sayntiisa oo mudo uu ka soo bixi keri waayo, Maroodiguna aanu ogeyn dhibaataada Dabagaalaha haysata. Mar mar inta maroodigu u yimaado Dabagaalaha ayuu kor u qaadaa oo bood boodsiiyaa isaga oo is leh ka farxi saaxiibkaa.

Maalin danbe ayuu Dabagaalihii u yimi Maroodigii, wuxuu ku yidhi "waxaan kuu sheeg yaa saaxiibow waxyaalaha aad ciyaarta ka dhiganayso aniga waa dhimashadeyda, sidaa daraadeen kulama ciyaari karo." Maroodigii yaab ayaa ka soo hadhay, markaasuu yidhi. "Dabagaale anigu waan ku

cayaarsiinayey, adna waad dhib satey ee maxaan kugu sameeyey?" Dabagaalihii ayaa yidhi, "ma maqashey waxa layidhi, Nin waxa uu ku raaxaysto ninka kale ayey dhibtiisa tahay" ee saaxiibow amaanka iigu dadaal.



Dulicda sheekada:

Waydii saaxiibkaa waxa dhiba iyo waxaan dhibin, si aanad u dhibaatayn.

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A Play

Time: A long time ago

Setting: In and around a river in Somalia

Characters: Narrator
Elephant
Squirrel

Narrator: A long time ago an elephant and a squirrel were friends. They played together.

Squirrel: Hi, my friend. Will you play with me today?

Elephant: Sure! I'll take you to my favorite place to play. I'll take you to the river where we can have fun. All elephants love water. I'll show you.

Squirrel: Sure, let's go!

Narrator: Squirrel jumped on Elephant's trunk and rode to the river.

Elephant: Here we are! Isn't it beautiful?

Squirrel: Yes, I see other elephants splashing in the river. It looks like they are all having so much fun.

Elephant: Let's go in too. Hold on tight.

Narrator: Elephant goes into the water. He splashes the water all over, and he swings his trunk around. He gets very excited, and he jumps around in the water. Squirrel holds on to elephant's trunk. Then Elephant puts Squirrel in the river.

Elephant: Squirrel, I'll be back later to take you home.

Squirrel: No, no, I can't swim. Please come back. I can't swim.

Narrator: There was too much splashing in the water so Elephant couldn't hear Squirrel's cry for help. Squirrel went under the water. He came up for air, and struggled to reach the edge of the river. Squirrel finally makes it to the riverbank. He gets stuck in the mud, and struggles and struggles to free himself. Finally he reaches

the dry part of the bank. Just then the elephant returns to get his friend.

Elephant: Here I am. I know you had a good time swimming. Everyone loves to swim.

Narrator: Squirrel was too tired to talk or play with Elephant, so Elephant takes Squirrel home.

Elephant: Good bye, I'll see you tomorrow.

Narrator: The next day Squirrel goes to Elephant's house.

Elephant: Hi, Squirrel. Let's go swimming. It is hot, and we'll have fun again.

Squirrel: I came to tell you that I can't swim. I almost drowned yesterday. I don't want to hurt your feelings, but you must understand that what you like to do is not what I like to do. Just leave me alone when you go swimming. I am too small to swim with you.

Elephant: You are my friend. I understand. Maybe we can think of other things that we can do together, things that we both like.

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New Vocabulary

carry/carried
edge
expect
hurting
instead
ride/rode
river bank

splash
struggled
stuck
surprised
swim/swimming
yesterday

Background Vocabulary

drown
Jubba River
Shabeelle River
(the biggest rivers in Somalia)

Suggested Background Information, Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Use the new vocabulary in sentences.
2. Talk about elephants. Tell about the many ways that they are different from squirrels.
3. What can a squirrel do that an elephant can't do?
4. Geography: Locate Somalia on a map. Name the largest rivers in Somalia (Jubba and Shabeelle).

After Reading

1. What is the main idea of this story?
2. What lesson can be learned from this story?
3. Do a story map.
4. Do the cloz activity.
5. Do the sequencing activity.
6. Circle all the verbs. Rewrite the story in the present tense.
7. Dramatize the story.
8. Use stick puppets to re-tell the story.
9. Act out the play

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Cloz activity

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