

What to do today

IMPORTANT! Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and with any weblinks or use of the Internet required.

You will use the Story Planner you produce today in the lesson tomorrow

1. Story time

Re-open <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9FZqX1CBqE> and listen again to the story of *Handa's Hen*. In which continent does Handa live? Africa.

2. Describing words

Look at the *Animal Pictures* and at the list of *Akeyo's Animal Descriptions*.

- Read each descriptive phrase aloud.
- Suggest other good describing words you could use for each of the animals. What words could you use for the spoonbills and the chicks?

3. Plan a new version of *Handa's Hen*

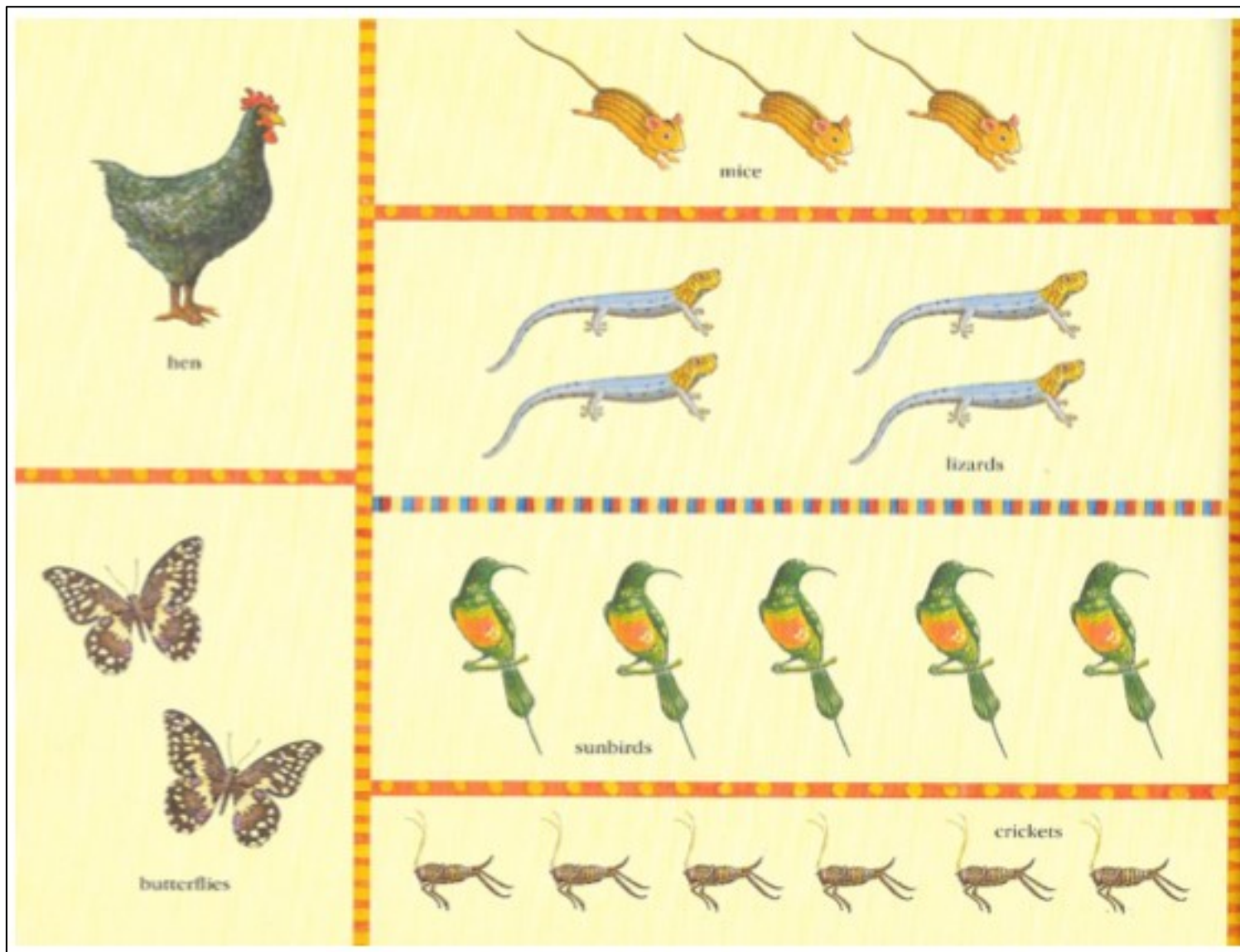
You are going to plan and write a new version of *Handa's Hen*. Today you will plan your story.

- Use the *Story Planner* and look at the pictures of *Handa and Akeyo's African Animals*.
- Keep filling in the *Story Planner* with your ideas, giving really good describing words for each animal.
- Decide where Handa's missing animal was finally found.

Now try this Fun-Time Extra

- Play a game of *Describing I Spy* with the picture from the book.
- List some animals you know. Find out what their offspring are called – cats/kittens, dogs/puppies etc.

Animal Pictures





Akeyo's Animal Descriptions

| Akeyo's descriptive phrases | Other words you could use to describe the animals |
|-----------------------------|---|
| fluttery butterflies | butterflies |
| stripy mice | mice |
| little lizards | lizards |
| beautiful sunbirds | sunbirds |
| jumpy crickets | crickets |
| baby bullfrogs | bullfrogs |
| shiny starlings | starlings |
| | spoonbills |
| | chicks |

How to use the story planner

- Carefully read the *Story Planner* and begin by deciding what missing pet Handa will search for. *A mouse, a hamster, a cat*, etc. Fill in the box, using describing words for the pet: *a stripy grey cat*.
- Now look at the pictures of *Handa and Akeyo's African Animals*. Read each animal's name and choose four different creatures that Handa will accidentally find as she searches for her lost pet.
- Keep filling in the *Story Planner* with your ideas, giving really good describing words for each animal you choose: *tall spotty giraffes, huge fierce lions*, etc.



- Decide where Handa's missing animal was finally found (*under a tall tree*)... and what little things she found with it!

Story Planner

Handa's _____

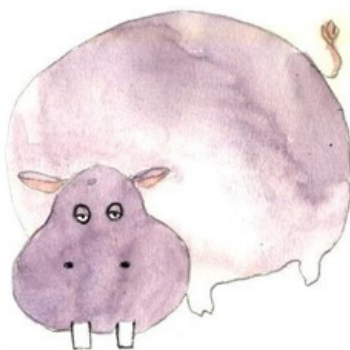
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| What pet did Handa lose? | | |
| Which animals did Handa see as she went looking for her pet? | one | |
| | two | |
| | three | |
| | four | |
| Where did Handa find her lost pet? | | |
| What did Handa find with her lost pet!? | five | |

Handa and Akeyo's African Animals

rhinocerus



hippopotamus



giraffe



ostrich



crocodile



snake



zebra



lion



If you prefer,
choose some
different animals
of your own.

Describing I Spy



What can you see in the picture?

Animals and their Young

| Animal | What their young ones are called |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>cat</i> | <i>kitten</i> |
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