Read-Aloud Story Guide

Step-by-step guide for reading bilingual Swahili–English stories aloud



1 Before You Read

- Show the cover — ask: What do you think this story is about?
- Point to East Africa on your classroom map together
- Say "Jambo!" (Hello!) — have children repeat and wave
- Introduce 2-3 Swahili words from the vocabulary sheet

2 During the Story

- Read slowly — pause at each Swahili word and say it together
- Use different voices for different characters
- Ask: How do you think this character feels right now?
- Encourage children to join in with repeated Swahili phrases
- Point to the illustrations — let children describe what they see

3 Discussion Questions

- What was your favourite part of the story?
- Can you remember any Swahili words? Let's say them together!
- How was this family similar to your family? How was it different?
- If you could visit East Africa, what would you want to see?

4 Extension Activities

- Draw your favourite scene from the story
- Practise saying the Swahili words on the vocabulary sheet
- Act out the story with friends using the animal masks
- Take the parent letter home to share the story with your family



Jambo! **Hello!** · Say: **JAM-bo**
Start every story time with a big wave and a "Jambo!"