



# Noah's Ark Independent Primary School

Subject: Home Language	Examiner: Gororo, E
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Marks: 30 Marks	Time: 2 hours

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## Instructions

Follow the instructions your teacher gives you to complete the following oral tasks

### Section A: Unprepared Reading

Read the text given to you with a partner. Take turns to read one paragraph each. Read fluently and with expression and be prepared to answer questions.

Criteria	Possible Marks	Actual Marks
Fluency: A comfortable, fluent and relaxed reader	4	
Pace and Posture: Comfortable pace with the necessary variety. Very relaxed posture. A natural reader	3	
Audibility and clarity: Audible, clear and enjoyable to listen to.	3	
Total Mark	10	

## Section B: Listening and Speaking

Learners retell the story; “Thabo’s problem”

Talk about the story. Think about the following questions.

1. Why wasn't Thabo's life perfect?
2. What is Thabo's main problem.
3. Compare Thabo's feelings about Mpho at the beginning of the story to his feelings at the end of the story.

Criteria	Possible Marks	Actual Marks
Retells the story addressing questions asked	5	
Uses correct language	5	
Delivery: is confident, loud and clear. Shows understanding of the structure of the story by varying the tone of voice, body language and facial expression appropriately.	5	
Tells the ideas in order expressing his/her problem	5	
Total Marks	20	

## Reading and Listening Text

### Thabo's Problem

Thabo's life was nearly perfect. He had a lot of friends in his neighbourhood. They walked to school together almost every day, and after school they always had time to play. Thabo did have one problem. It was his little sister, Mpho. Somehow, Mpho just didn't understand that Thabo and his friends didn't want her around. Wherever they went, she would follow them. She would look around and announce, "Here I am." Everyone would groan.

Mpho wasn't really a pest. She never said much of anything except "Here I am." She didn't whine. She didn't cry. But she couldn't exactly do much either. She was too small to play football. She couldn't climb trees yet. She just watched the boys with her dark, serious eyes, and she followed them everywhere they went.

Thabo tried asking his mother to keep Mpho at home. "Why does *my* sister have to come along?" he asked. "Pieter's sister doesn't. Alfred's sister doesn't. Why me?"

Thabo's mother just laughed. "Pieter's sister is only six months old, and Alfred doesn't have a sister. Guess that makes you the unlucky one, Thabo."

Today, Thabo wanted to play football with his friends after school. Today, as usual, Mpho trotted out after the boys and announced, "Here I am." Just as naturally, everyone ignored her- as much as they could. They had to persuade her to stop playing drums on the football field (really just an old trash can lid). And they had to chase her away when she sat down in the middle of the goal area.

But finally, the game got started. Pieter picked up the football and kicked it hard- right into Mr McDonald's yard.

The boys ran over to Mr McDonald's fence and peered through the railings. The ball lay in the grass, just out of reach.

"I can't fit through the rails," Pieter said, trying to squeeze in. "I don't think any of us can." The boys looked glum. Thabo was especially irritated. "It's all Mpho's fault. She distracted us. Pieter kicked crooked because of Mpho."

Alfred interrupted him. "Thabo, look at Mpho. I mean, look at how small she is."

"Yeah," said Pieter. "She's so small, she can fit through the fence! Hey, Mpho Come over here."

Mpho walked over. "Here I am."

"How would you like to get that ball for us?"

Mpho looked at Thabo and his friends. Then she slipped through the fence, picked up the ball, and came back out of the yard. She handed the ball to Thabo and waited, looking up at the boys to see if they wanted her to do anything else.

"Whoooo-eee," said Alfred. "That was quick. Thanks, Mpho."

"Nice job, squirt," Pieter said, patting her on the head,

"C'mon," said Thabo, suddenly proud of his kid sister. "I'll teach you how to kick the ball."