

## Write your own folktale

The story below, 'Jabulani and the Lion', is adapted from *The Best of African Folklore*, by Phyllis Savory, published by Random Struik (2014). Without reading the original story make up your own story to fill in the missing gaps in the script. The story must end with the last three lines provided. Add in more lines if you need to. Write the story in script format and include all the characters listed below. Read the story to your class when you are finished.

### Jabulani and the Lion

**CHARACTERS:**

Narrator	Cow
Jabulani	Impala
Lion	Jackal
Donkey	

<b>NARRATOR:</b>	Jabulani was a happy little boy who loved to go for walks. One day he was walking along, humming happily to himself when he came across a trap made by the men of his village. In the trap was a large lion.
<b>LION:</b>	Good morning Young Boy.
<b>NARRATOR:</b>	Jabulani was amazed that this great beast, the king of the jungle, could talk. As he was a respectful child, he greeted the lion.
<b>JABULANI:</b>	Good morning.
<b>LION:</b>	[in a very sad voice] My child. I am dying of hunger and thirst. Please would you be kind enough to set me free?
<b>NARRATOR:</b>	Jabulani was a tender-hearted boy who was always willing to help, but, after all, this was a lion. He wavered as he was torn between being helpful and saving his own skin.
<b>JABULANI:</b>	If you are so hungry, you might devour me if I release you.
<b>LION:</b>	I will not eat you. Why would I turn against someone who saved me?
<b>JABULANI:</b>	In that case, I will lift the door that has enclosed you and set you free.
<b>NARRATOR:</b>	Jabulani pulled at the rope that lifted the door. The lion slowly walked out, stretching his cramped muscles.
<b>LION:</b>	We will now go down to the river to drink and then I shall have you as a tasty meal.
<b>JABULANI:</b>	But you said that you would not eat me!
<b>LION:</b>	Don't be silly. I am famished and cannot go against my nature.
<b>JABULANI:</b>	This is not right! Let's ask the other animals what they think of this situation.
<b>LION:</b>	I suppose we could that.
	[Add in your own version of the story here by including what Lion and Jabulani said to the other characters. The story must end with the last three lines provided below.]

