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# Explain my name

## Pre-reading questions

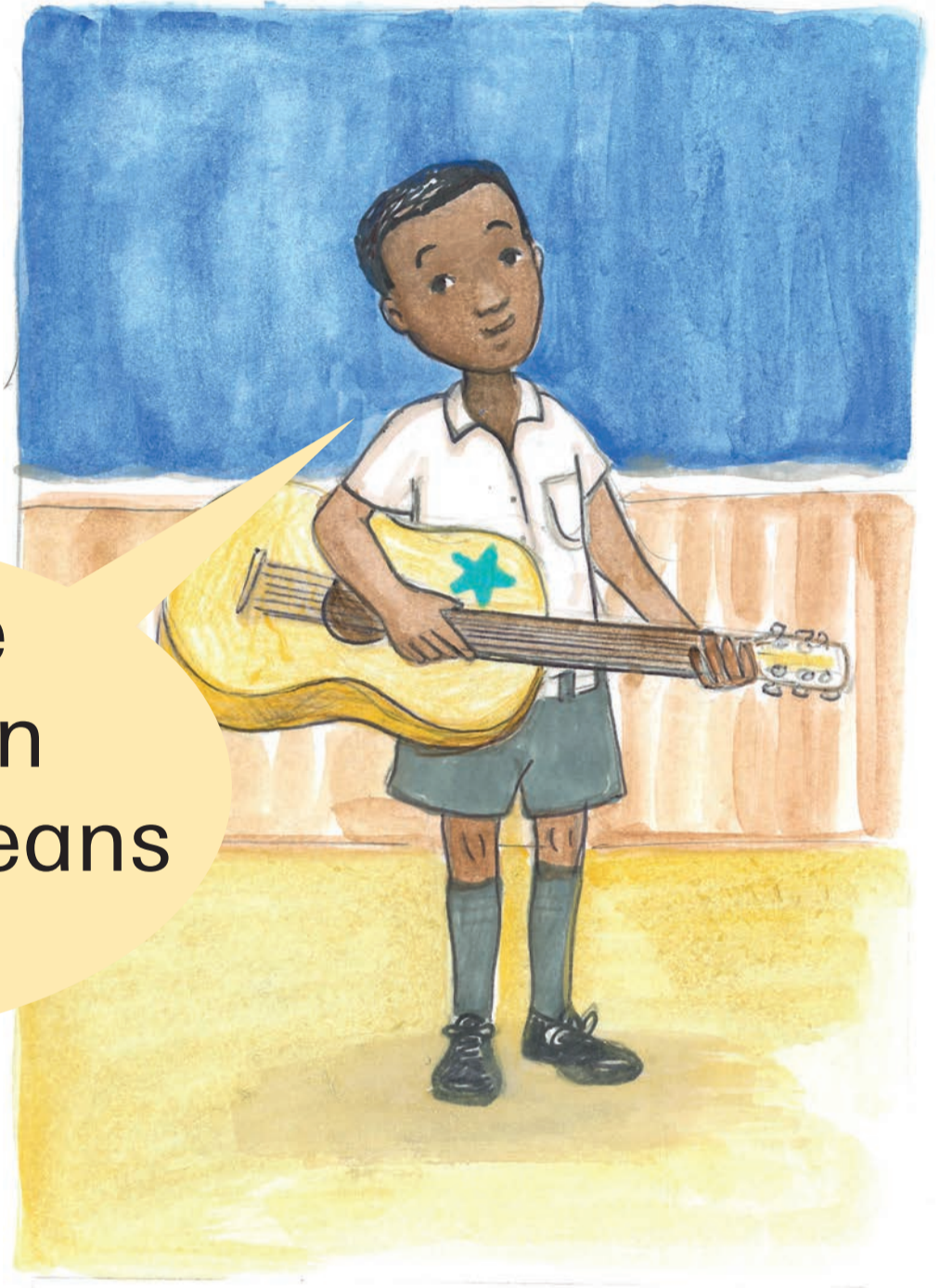
1. Have you ever named a toy or a pet? How did you come up with the name?
2. Your name is very important. Do you agree? Explain.
3. In what ways can someone be connected to their name?

There is something sweet about a name. It can tell a story or it can explain who you are or where you are from. Or what you one day will become.





My name  
is Thabisa.  
In Zulu, it  
means 'joy'.



My name  
is Mpho. In  
Tswana, it means  
'gift'.



My name  
is Isabella.  
It means 'I belong  
to God'.

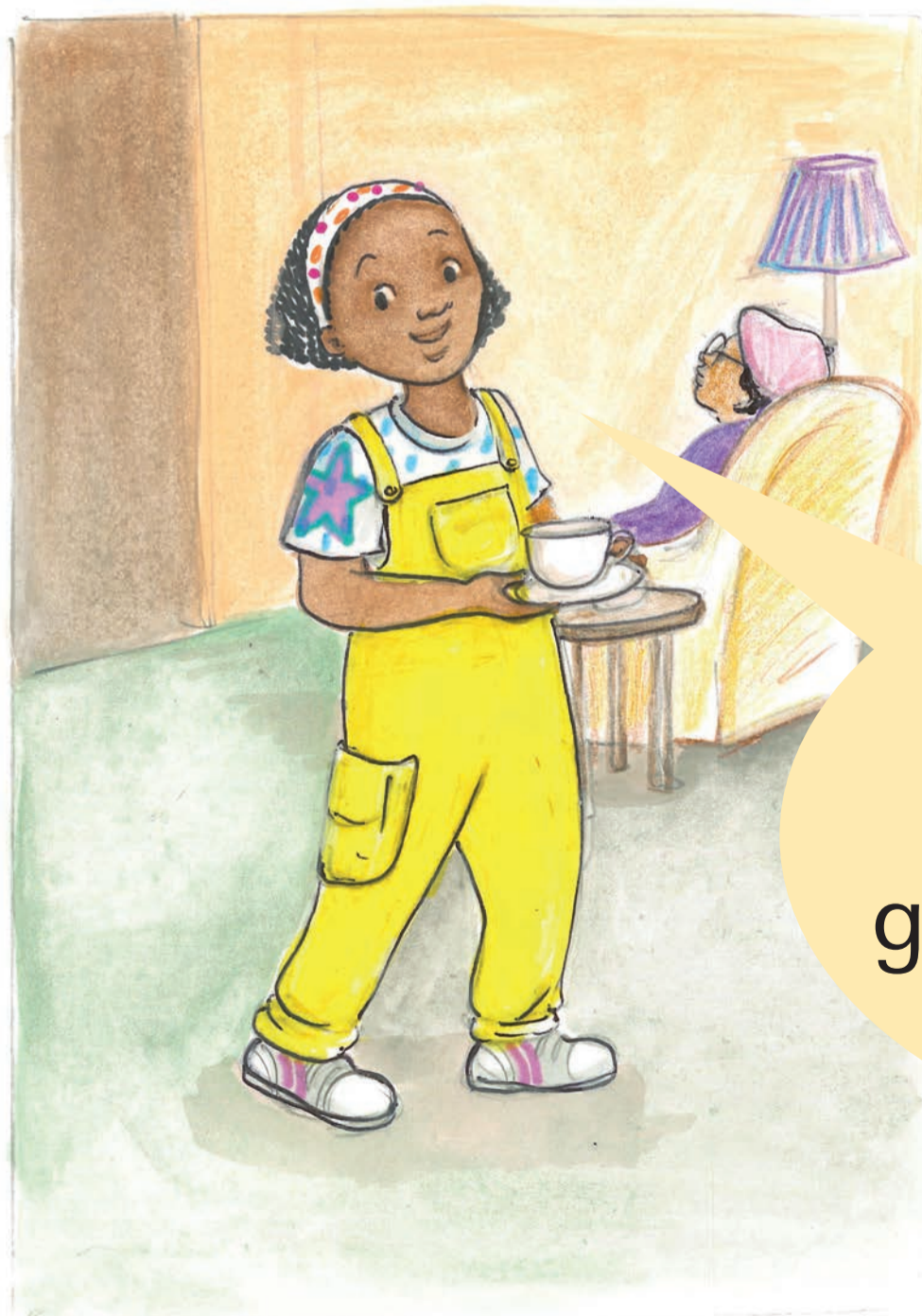


My name  
is Luan. It means  
'lion'. ROAR!



My name  
is Shamila.  
It means 'someone  
who brings  
peace'.

My name is Amara. It also means 'peace'. Some people say it means 'love'.



My name is Lindiwe. I am named after my grandmother, who is kind and caring.

Shamila



Amara



Lindiwe



Jayden



Jabulani



If you could choose a second name, what would it be? Why?

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My name is Jayden. My friends call me Booba. I like my nickname.



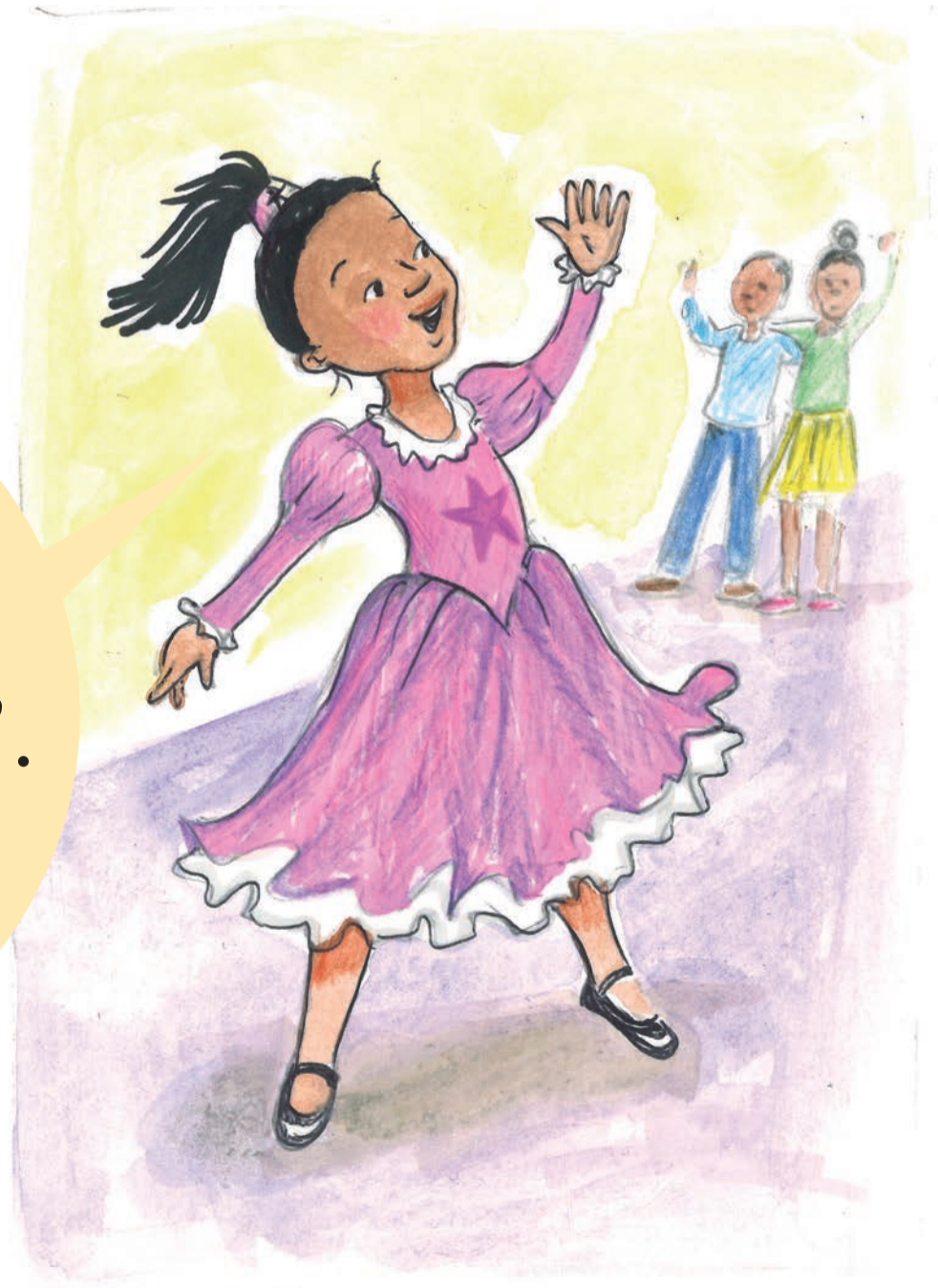
What is a nickname?  
Do you have one?



My name was Sarah when I was born. My parents changed it to Jabulani. It is easier to sign.



My name is Rufus. It means 'redhead'. I do not have red hair, but I like my name.



My name is Zikhona. It means 'we are blessed with a girl'. My friends call me Ziki for short.

My name is Aakash. It means 'sky'. This means that I have an open mind.



My name is Mosela. It means 'tail' in Sepedi. I am the last born in my family.



What is the story behind your name? How did you get it? What does it mean? How do you feel about your name?



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### Post-reading questions

1. What do these names mean?  
a) Thabisa    b) Rufus    c) Aakash
2. Why did Sarah's parents change her name?
3. Why do you think Zikhona's parents gave her that name?

# A special day

## Pre-reading questions

1. Look at the first picture. Where is the girl sitting?
2. Do you think she looks sad or happy? What do you think might make her sad?
3. Find two sea animals on page 12. What other animals might you find on the beach?

Daisy is staying with her grandmother for the summer holidays.

Daisy loves her grandmother, but she is lonely. She misses her friends from school.



Sometimes she just sits on the beach.

One day she sees many little crabs scuttling across the sand. Then she sees the seagulls swooping down.



Imagine you are sitting on the beach with Daisy. What can you see? What can you hear? What can you smell?



The seagulls want to eat the crabs!