

# The Kind Man

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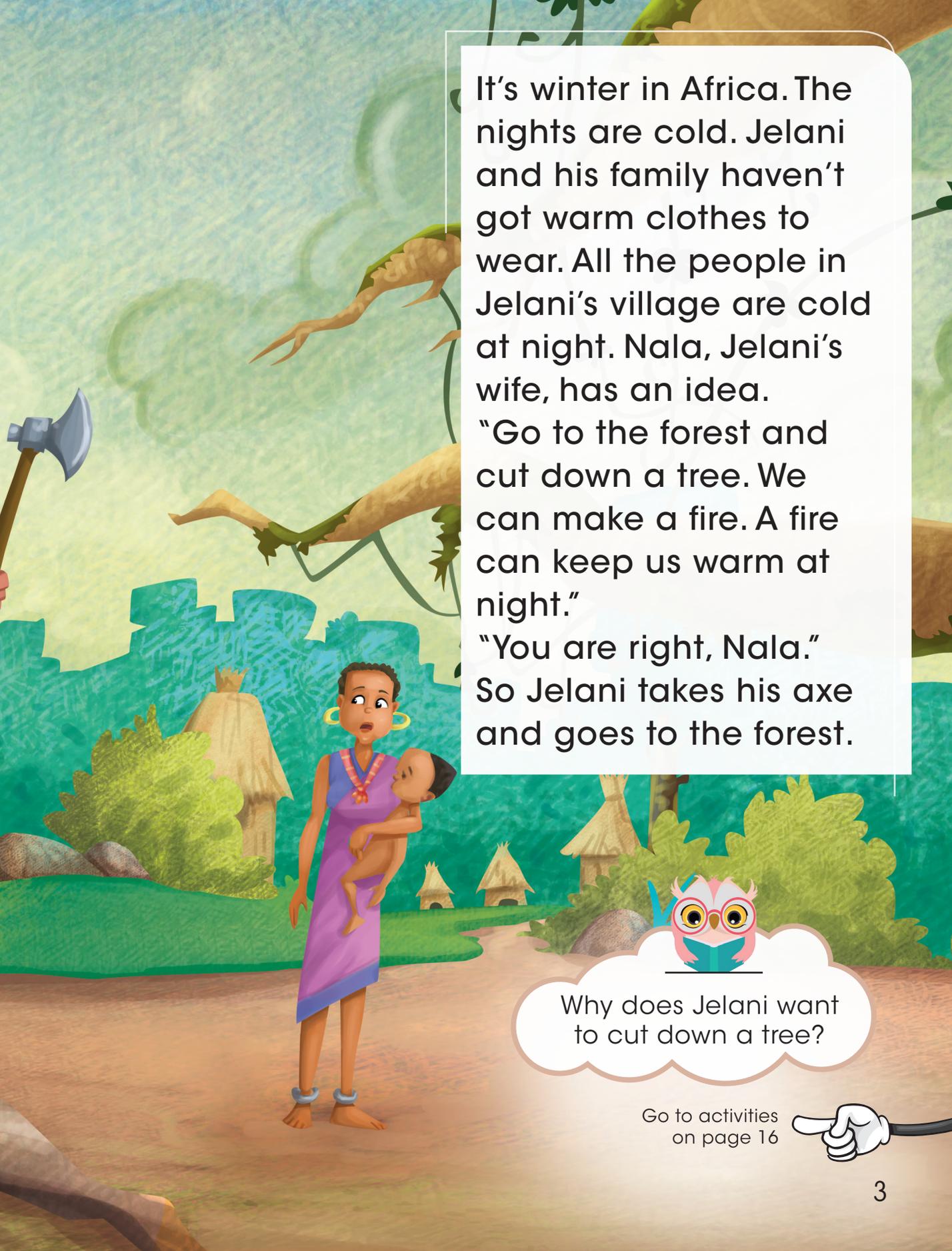
  
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Look and choose:  
Jelani's village is in  
**England / Africa.**



A woman with dark skin, wearing a purple sleeveless dress and large yellow hoop earrings, is holding a baby. She has a surprised expression. In the background, there are several traditional huts with conical thatched roofs. To the left, a hand is holding an axe. The scene is set in a lush, green environment with trees and a dirt path.

It's winter in Africa. The nights are cold. Jelani and his family haven't got warm clothes to wear. All the people in Jelani's village are cold at night. Nala, Jelani's wife, has an idea.

"Go to the forest and cut down a tree. We can make a fire. A fire can keep us warm at night."

"You are right, Nala." So Jelani takes his axe and goes to the forest.



Why does Jelani want to cut down a tree?

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# ACTIVITIES

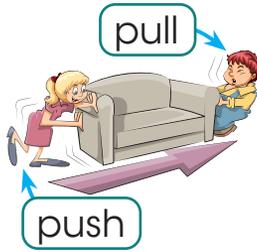
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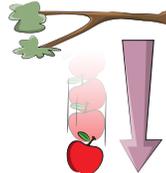
13  Listen and say.



evening



push



fall



ground



uncle

14  Look, read and put a tick (✓) or a cross (x).



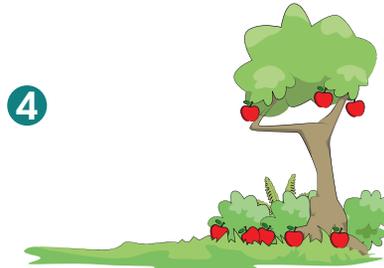
It is winter and it's cold.



The boys watch TV.



The girl is hungry.



There are some fruit on the ground.

15  Listen and write a number. There is one extra item.



- 1 Mia
- 2 Sam
- 3 Nina
- 4 Ian

# ACTIVITIES

for pages 12-13



16  Listen and say.



hug



forget

17  Read, look and underline the correct word.



- 1 The boy **is/ isn't** hungry.
- 2 The boy **picks up/ hugs** the teddy.
- 3 Mum gives the boy **a fruit/ some nuts**.

- 4 It **is/ isn't** warm because it's winter.
- 5 Two men **push/ cut down** a tree.
- 6 A man **sits/ doesn't sit** on the ground.



18   Look, think & write a number. Then listen & check.









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Jelani needs wood to keep his family and village warm during the cold winter, but cutting down a tree in his forest is very difficult. What will Jelani do, and how can a baby elephant he meets help the kind man?



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