

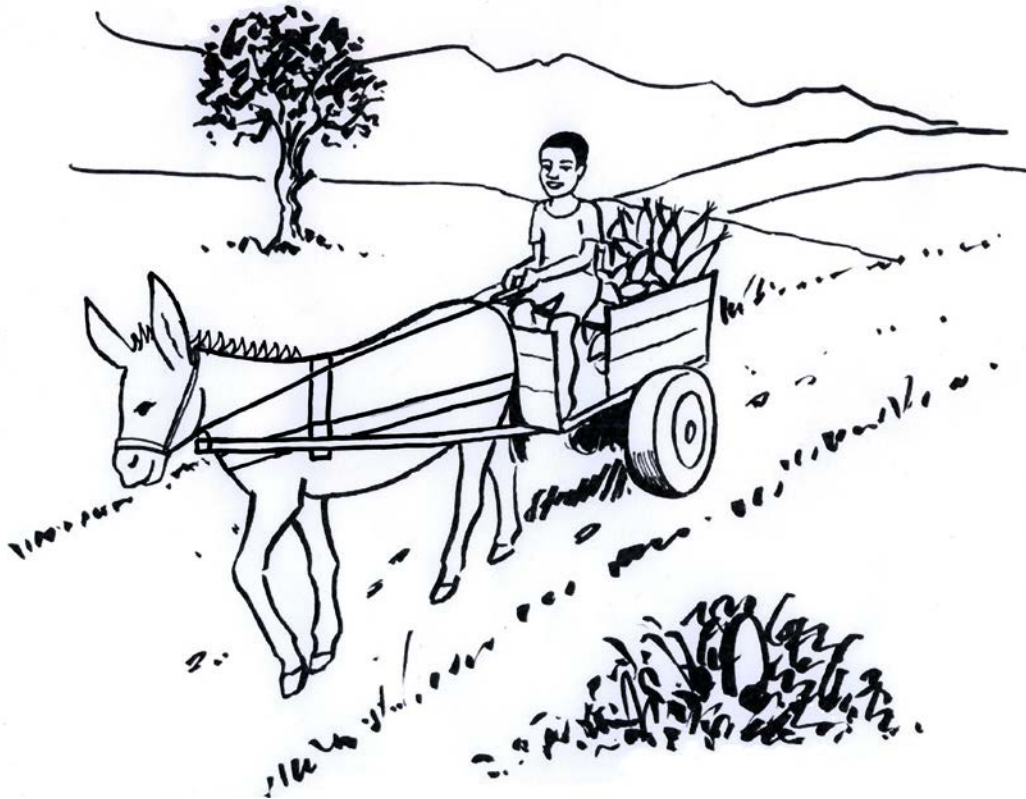
Working with adjectives

Based on the story *Vuyo and Unam*

Read the first two paragraphs of the story about *Vuyo and Unam*. Make sure that you understand all the words used then fill in the correct answers in the worksheet that follows.

Vuyo and his family of two elder brothers and one younger sister lived in the Eastern Cape at the foothills of the mighty Drakensberg Mountains. Their village was surrounded by rolling grasslands and soaring mountains but it was hard to travel. A car would struggle on the rough roads and a 4x4 or even a bakkie was beyond the family's means. But they thought they had the best transport one could wish for, because they were blessed with a donkey called Unam. This means 'He is with me' in Xhosa.

Unam was a small, grey donkey. He was faithful as only donkeys can be. He was also strong and pulled the cart with which the whole family did their business. This included working the land, shopping, building a wall and taking produce to the market down in the valley. They used Unam and his cart for everything.



Activity

Colour in the picture when you have finished the worksheet below.

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An adjective is a **describing word**. It **tells us more** about the **noun** which is the thing or object in the sentence, for example, 'mighty Drakensberg Mountains'. 'Mighty' is the adjective and 'Drakensberg Mountains' is the noun (proper noun). 'Mighty' gives us more information about the mountains. We know from the adjective that they are huge and cannot be missed.

Activity

1. Write down the **adjectives** from the story that **describe** the grasslands and mountains.

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2. Choose your own **adjective** from the list below that could describe the grasslands and the mountains. Choose carefully because not all the words are adjectives.

tall	cloud	green	high	mist	purple	jagged	flat
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3. Look at the following sentence. Underline the **adjective** twice. Underline its partner, the **noun**, once.

But they thought they had the best transport one could wish for.

4. Find 3 adjectives in the story that tell us more about the donkey Unam.

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5. Fill in 2 of your own adjectives to complete the sentence below.

I have a donkey.