

POWER POEMS FOR GIRAFFES

"HOLDING HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN"

We hold hands across the ocean
Only possible via apps on a mobile phone
We can ONLY see each others mouths, eyes and faces
Knowing we are in very different places
Our home is in an orphanage just outside
Kampala in Uganda
Yours is SOMEWHERE by a main road and green
pastures
COMPASSION shines through the cyberspace smiles
Generosity of spirit from our brothers and sisters goes
on for miles and miles
Helping us build a WORLD LOVE family
We are looking up and beyond ourselves to see each
other properly
We are listening and really hearing one another
We are looking and really seeing each other
We hold our hands across the ocean
SUPPORTING each other through life's commotions

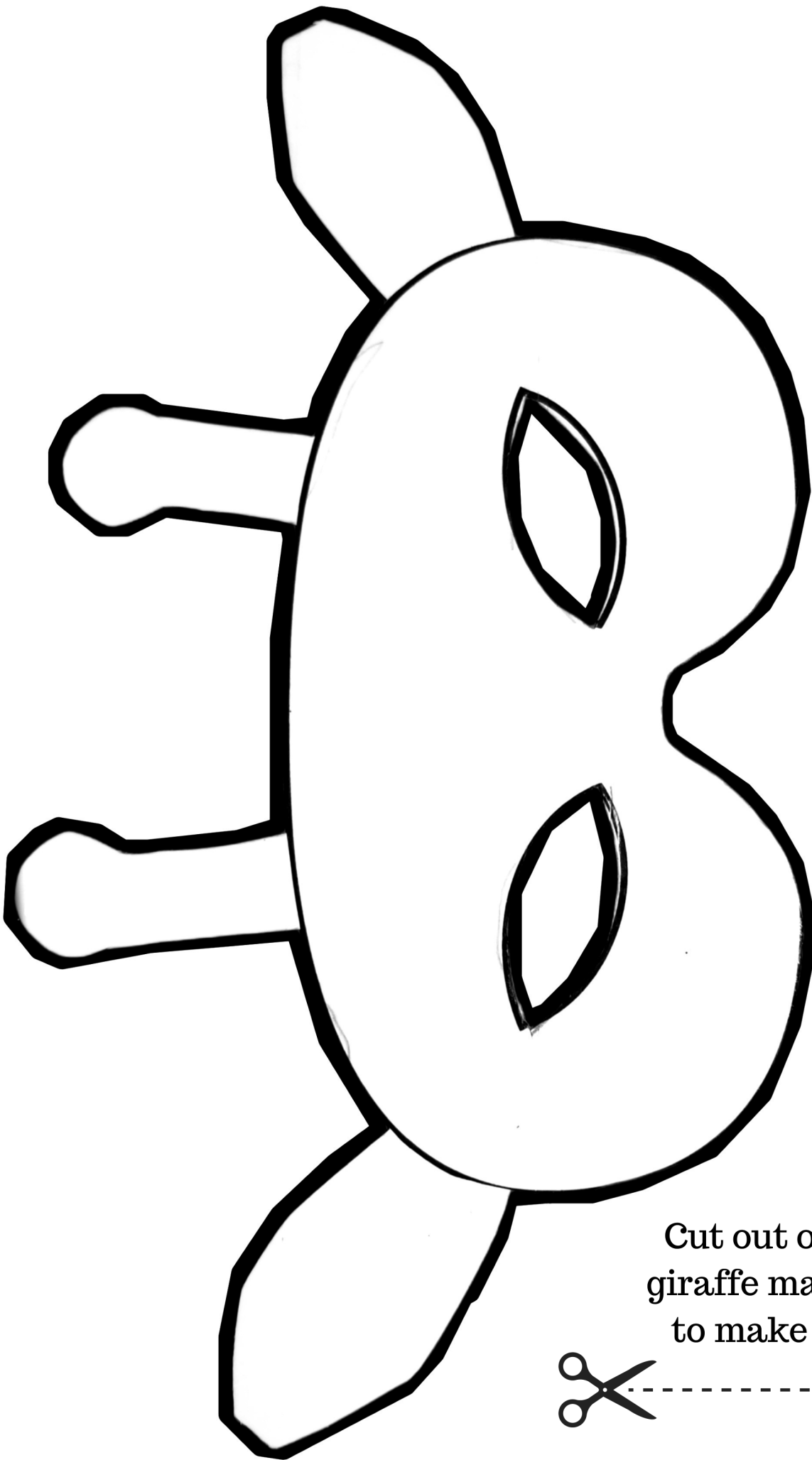
"EKITONTOME: OKUKWAATAGANA EMIKONO KU SSEMAYANJA"

Tukwatagana emikono ku Ssemayanja
Kisoboka ku App z'amasimu kwoka
Emimwa, amaaso n'obwenyi bwabalala, byetusobola
okulabako byoka
Nga tumanyi nti tuli mubifo byanjawulo nnyo
Amaka gaffe Gali mukifo Kay abatalina bazadde,
wabweru wa Kampala mu Uganda
Eyiyo eri kulubalama lw'oluguudo n'obuddo obwakiragala
Okusaasira kwakayakana okuyita mu bumwenyumwenyu
bw'omutimbagano
Omwoyo omugabi ogwa aboluganda ne banyinaze
gugenda mailo ne mailo
Nga tuyambibwako okuzimba famile ya WORLD LOVE
Tutunula wagula nokusuka kubanaffe okweraba
obulungi
Towulira era nga twela ddala buli ssekinoomu
Tukwatagana emikono gyaffe ku Ssemayanja
Nga tuwagirangana ffeka na ffeka okuyita mu miteeru
gy'obulamu gyona

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"Holding Hands Across the Ocean" Poem Extension Activities -- Art, Writing, & Postcards

- Make a Giraffe Mask Template
- Sentence Starters
- Fill out a "Thank YOU for being you!" postcard
- Practice Luganda



Cut out or trace this giraffe mask template to make your own!



Name _____

"HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN"

Write some creative sentences using the following sentence starters from the poem, "Hands Across the Ocean" by Katie Benatovich.



We hold hands...

Only possible via...

We can only...

Our home is...

Your home is...

Compassion shines...

Generosity of spirit...

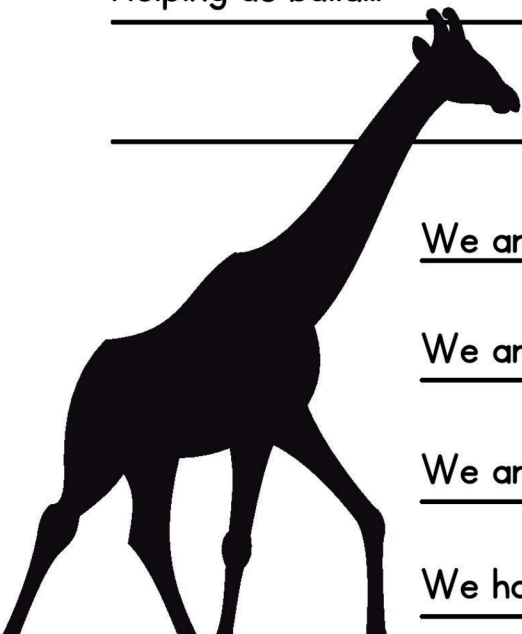
Helping us build...

We are looking...

We are listening...

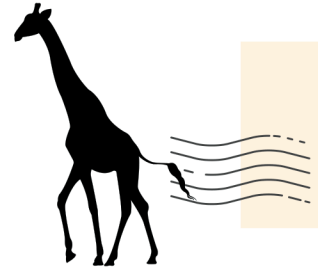
We are really...

We hold hands...





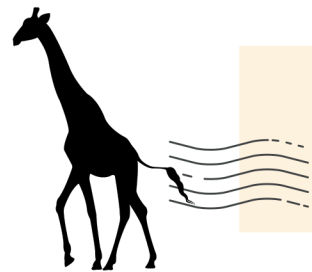
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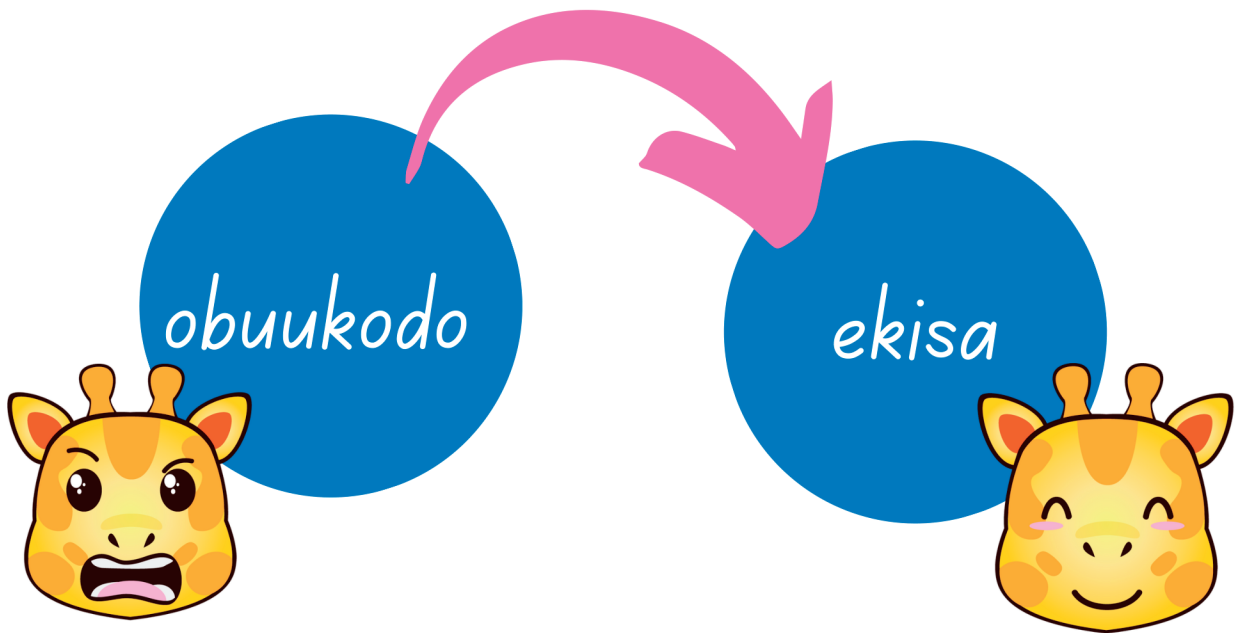
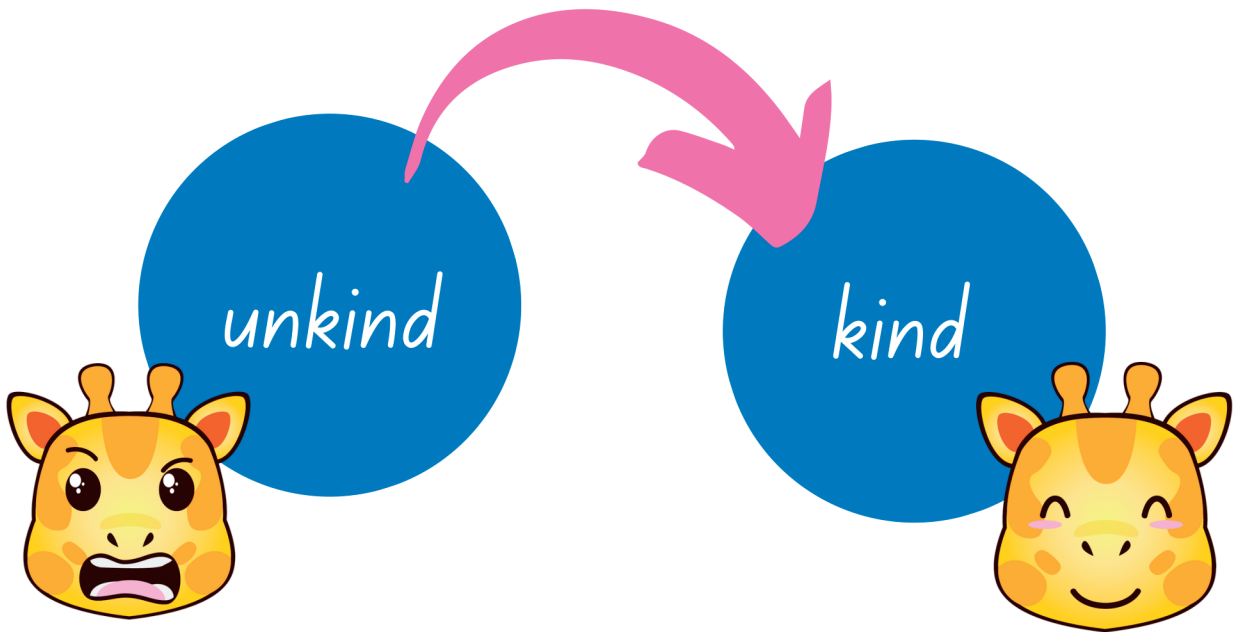
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Practice Saying these key words in English & Luganda



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