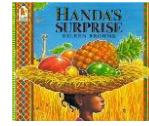


HANDA'S SURPRISE

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Handa put seven delicious fruits in her basket for her friend, Akeyo.
(A banana, a guava, an orange, a mango, a pineapple, an avocado and a passion fruit.)

She will be surprised, thought Handa, as she set off for Akeyo's village.
I wonder which fruit she'll like the best?
Will she like the soft yellow banana...
(A monkey swoops down and takes the banana.)

or the sweet smelling guava?
(An ostrich creeps through the long grass and takes the guava)

Will she like the round juicy orange...
(A zebra creeps through the long grass and takes the orange.)

or the ripe red mango?
(An elephant creeps through the long grass and takes the mango.)

Will she like the spiky-leaved pineapple...
(A giraffe creeps through the long grass and takes the pineapple.)

The creamy green avocado...
(An antelope creeps through the long grass and takes the avocado.)

or the tangy purple passion fruit?
(A parrot creeps through the long grass and takes the passion fruit.)

Which fruit will Akeyo like the best?
(A goat breaks free from a nearby post and rams into the trunk of a tangerine tree. The tangerines tumble from the tree and fill up Handa's empty basket.)

"Hello Akeyo" said Handa. "I've brought you a surprise."
(Handa waves to her friend Akeyo in the village.)

"Tangerines" said Akeyo. "My favourite fruit."
"TANGERINES?" said Handa. "That is a surprise!"