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# How to use the African Storybook Maker App

Open access to picture storybooks in the languages of Africa.  
For children's literacy, enjoyment and imagination.




Make your own storybooks offline. You can use your own photographs and drawings. You can also choose pictures from the African Storybook picture library. Once you have made your own storybook and have internet connection, you can upload your storybook to the African Storybook website.

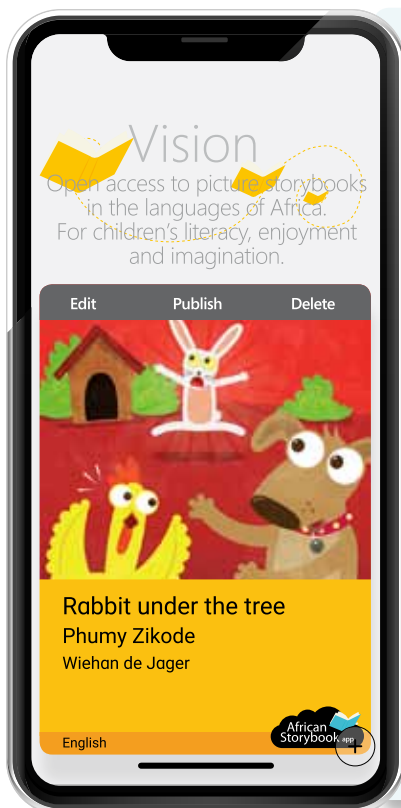




In this guide, we show  
you how to use the  
African Storybook Maker  
App to create your own  
storybooks.



## 1 Install the Maker App



Download the free African Storybook Maker App from Google Play or App Store. Install the App on your phone or tablet.

### Google Play:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=io.saide.asb maker>

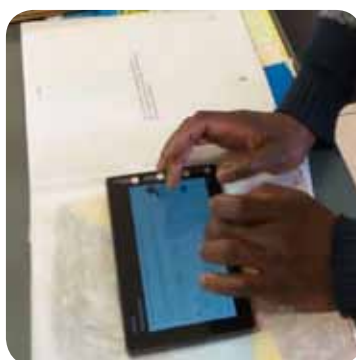
### App Store:

<https://apps.apple.com/app/id1486568534>



## 2 Prepare your story and pictures

To create a storybook with the Maker App, you need a **written story and story pictures drawn by children and teachers, and then photographed to use as illustrations in the App**. Take all the photographs and save them on your device before you start creating the storybook.

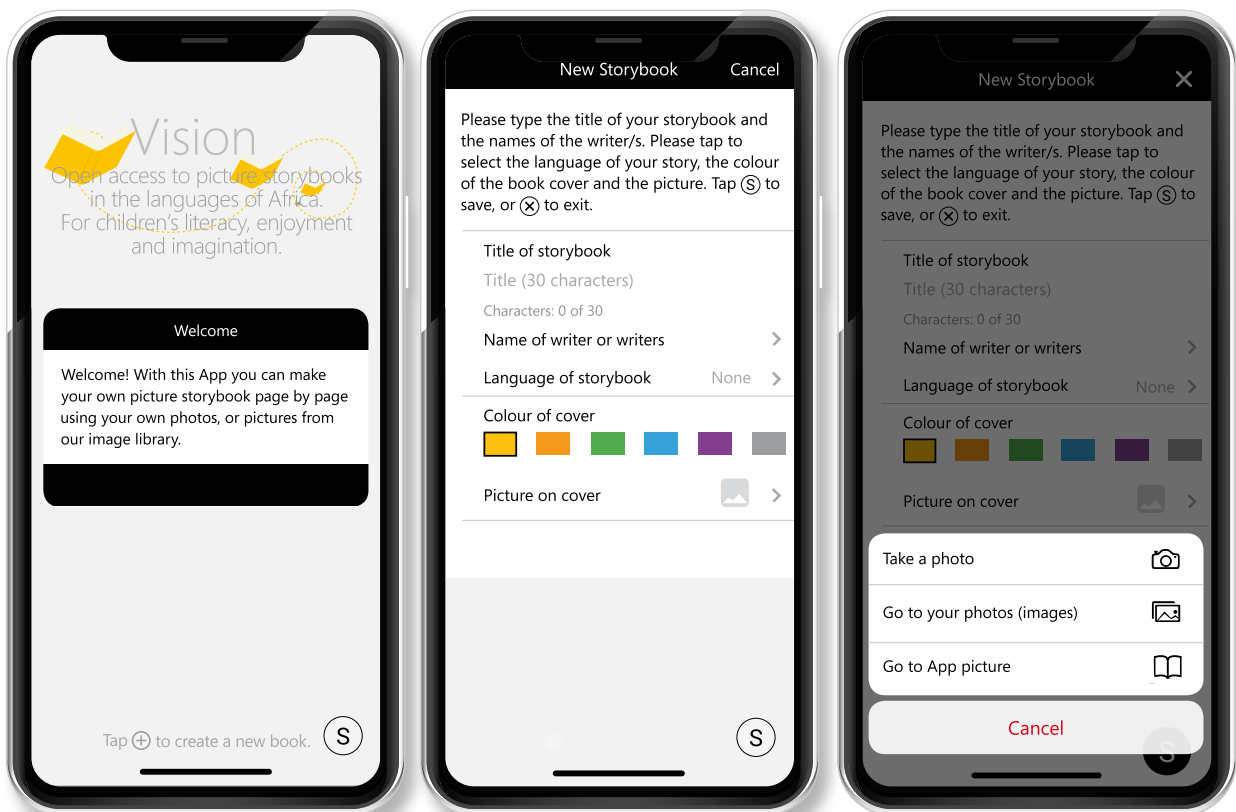


1. Take a photo of a drawing using device's camera.
2. Type the story words using device's keyboard.
3. Create storybook, picture and words, page by page

### 3 Create a storybook

Tap ⊕ to create a new storybook. When you begin a new storybook, you will start by creating the cover.

- > **Type the title of the storybook**, and the **names of the writer/s**.
- > Then, **select the language** of the storybook, the colour of the book cover, and a **picture** for the storybook cover.



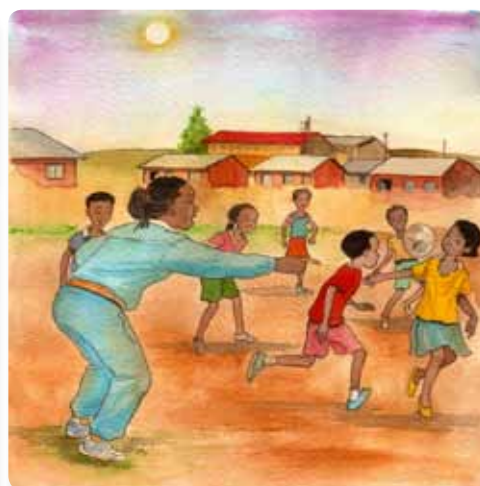
Each page is created on the African Storybook Maker App by uploading a picture – for example, a photograph of a drawing or painting – and by typing the words for that page (it is also possible to create wordless picture books). Each page must be saved until the whole storybook is complete. Then the storybook can be published on the phone or tablet, and online on the African Storybook website.

To illustrate their storybooks, storybook creators can:

- > **Use their own photographs** saved on the cellphone or tablet – in the device’s photo gallery or image library.
- > **Take photographs** of pictures on paper (for example, photographs of drawings or paintings). Try to take all the photographs for a story before creating the storybook -- so that the pictures are stored in the photo gallery or image library on the device when you need them.
- > **Use pictures** from the Maker App picture library – there are about 250 open license pictures.

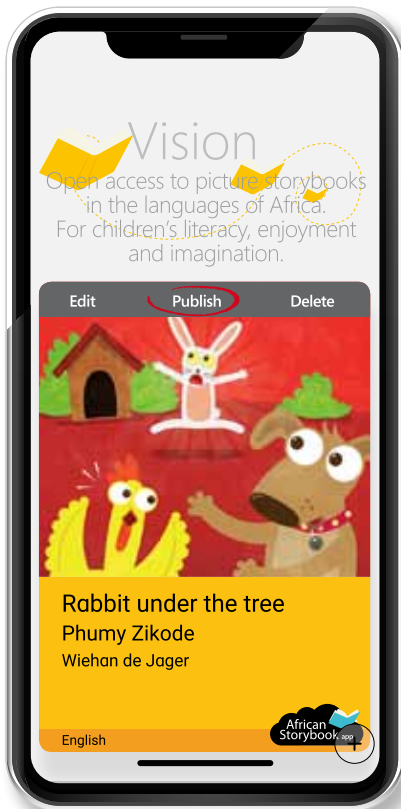


*Free-to-use African  
Storybook images included  
in the App.*

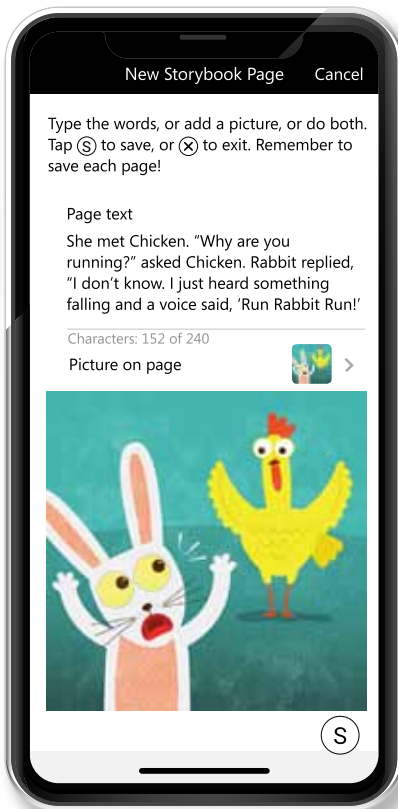


After the storybook cover has been created, each page of the storybook is created in a similar way:

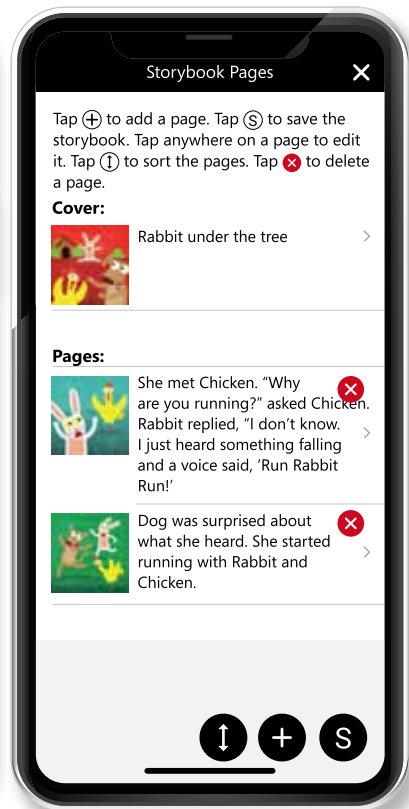
- > **Type the words for a page, or**
- > **Add a picture for a page** – or both words and picture. Each page has space for a picture and up to 50 words.



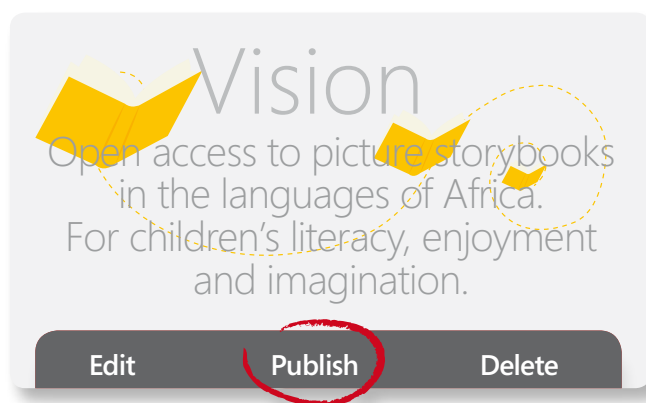
Storybook cover



Storybook page



View of cover and pages



The storybook can be published on the phone or tablet by tapping the Publish button above the storybook cover. The storybook will be published on the African Storybook website if the device is connected to the internet.



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