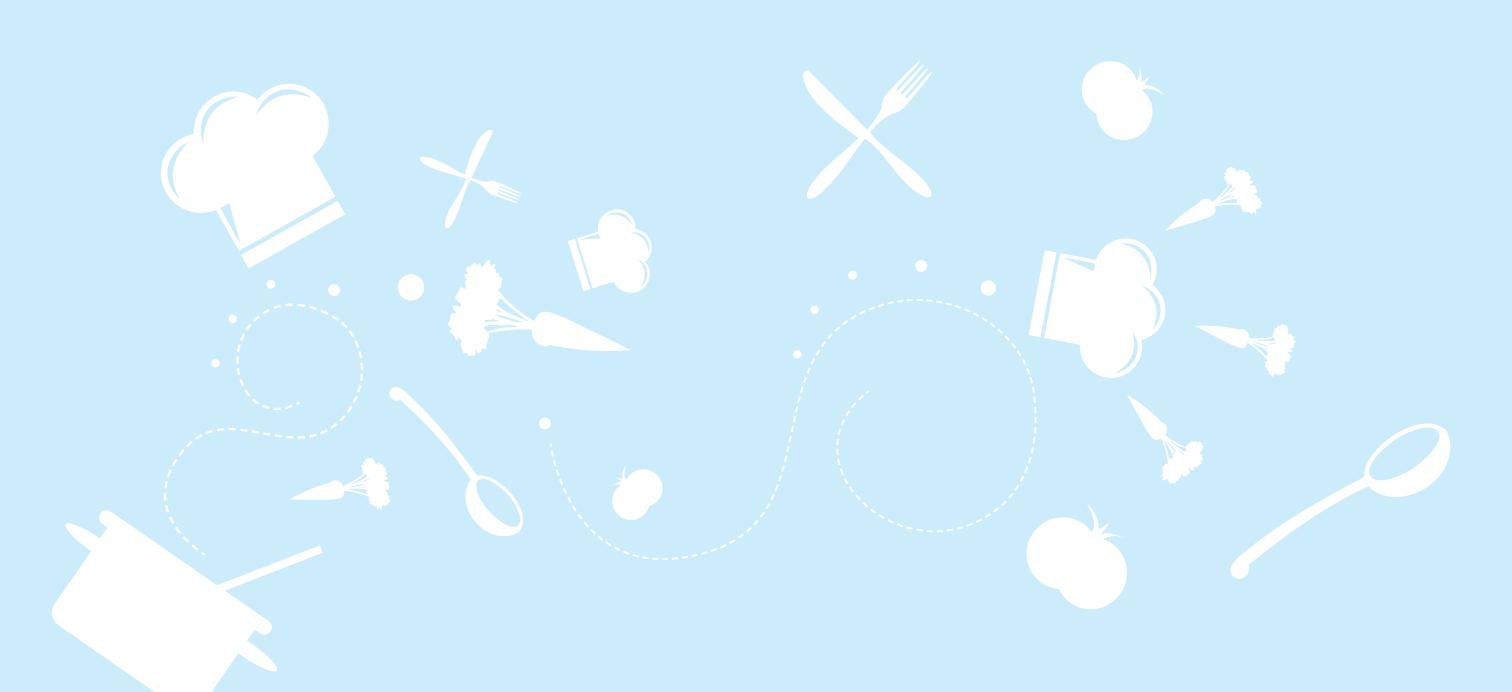


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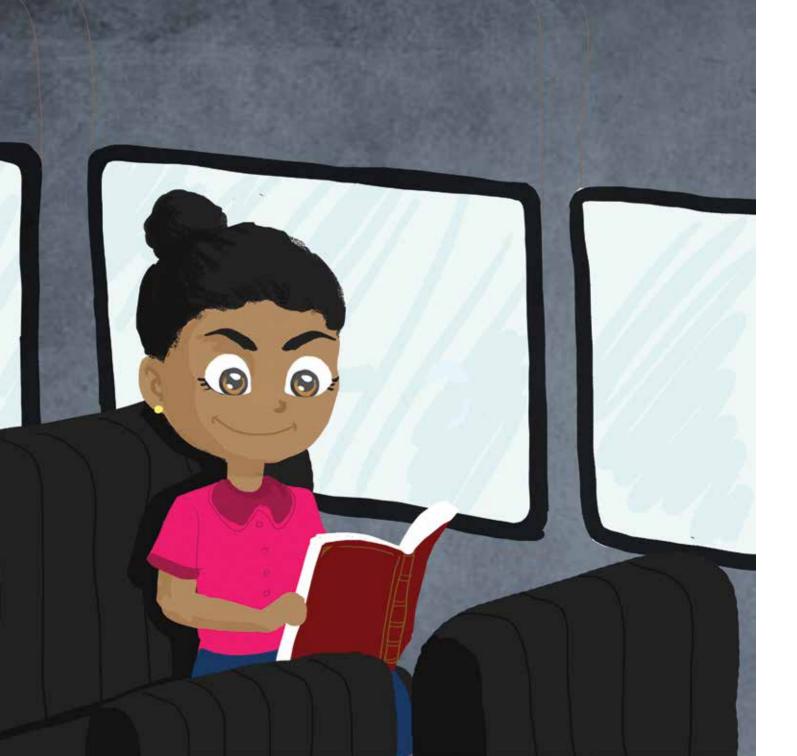
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Kasini is eight years old. She loves to cook. She reads a cook book on the school bus every morning and before bedtime.







She slices the cucumber and places two on top of her eyes. She **BANGS** the saucepans loudly as she jumps up and down.



"GET BACK TO WORK." the stick scolds.

"Cooking is not work, it's fun," Kasini laughs.

The stick tells her if the soup needs more salt, if the chicken needs more heat and when the Ugali is ready to eat.



Sometimes Kasini doesn't listen to the stick.
"I will use my palm to taste the soup,"
she says.





Kasini adds more salt, pepper and curry powder to the soup. This is wrong and she knows it but she is only being stubborn.





"The soup will BURN without the mingling stick!" moans Kasini.



She sings for the stick, but there is no change.

"I am sorry," she says. The stick turns back to brown just in time and Kasini hugs it in joy.



