



# Baby Talk

Sope Martins

Alex Latimer

Thokozani Mkhize

# Baby Talk

This book belongs to

---











*Every child should own a hundred books by the age of five. To that end, Book Dash gathers creative professionals who volunteer to create new, African storybooks that anyone can freely translate and distribute. To find out more, and to download beautiful, print-ready books, visit [bookdash.org](http://bookdash.org).*

### *Baby Talk*

Illustrated by Alex Latimer

Written by Sope Martins

Designed by Thokozani Mkhize

Edited by Zanri Kritzinger

with the help of the Book Dash participants in Bologna, Italy on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.

ISBN: 978-1-77623-100-3

This work is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Licence (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>). You are free to share (copy and redistribute the material in any medium or format) and adapt (remix, transform, and build upon the material) this work for any purpose, even commercially. The licensor cannot revoke these freedoms as long as you follow the following license terms:

**Attribution:** You must give appropriate credit, provide a link to the license, and indicate if changes were made. You may do so in any reasonable manner, but not in any way that suggests the licensor endorses you or your use.

**No additional restrictions:** You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits.

**Notices:** You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation.

**No warranties are given.** The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material.

Sope Martins    Alex Latimer    Thokozani Mkhize

# Baby Talk



Tayo can't wait to meet his  
baby sister.

***Hurry up Mama!  
Let her out of your tummy.***





But Tinu isn't what Tayo  
expects.

She looks *funny*.



She smells  
*horrible!*

And even  
*worse...*



# *Neh! Neh!*

*She's too noisy, Mama!*  
Tinu won't stop crying.





*She's trying to tell you something, Tayo. What do you think she's saying?*

*I don't know,  
says Tayo.*



*Well, I think she's  
just hungry.*

Mama feeds Tinu. But...



***Eh!*** Tinu cries again.

***You've fed her, why is  
she still crying?***

***Because sometimes, babies  
need a good...***





***BUUURP!***





Friends and family want to meet her, but Tinu has never been around so many people.

**WAAAAHH!**

Mama takes Tinu to her room for some quiet time.







As time goes by, Tayo  
learns what Tinu's  
cries mean.

And she doesn't seem  
so bad after all. They  
even play together.

*No, Tinu. Planes are  
for flying, not chewing.*

But sometimes, Tinu cries and  
Tayo doesn't know what  
she wants.







Tinu cries through the day...



and through the night.

*Why won't she  
stop crying?*



Wait, what's that?  
***Look Mama,***



***Tinu's got her first tooth!***









