

Let us see what happens next to Shumba.

As Shumba shivered, people  
threw things at him and took  
photos.



One day, Emma came to see him.  
She had a plan to rescue the  
animals. 'You're going home,'  
she told Shumba.



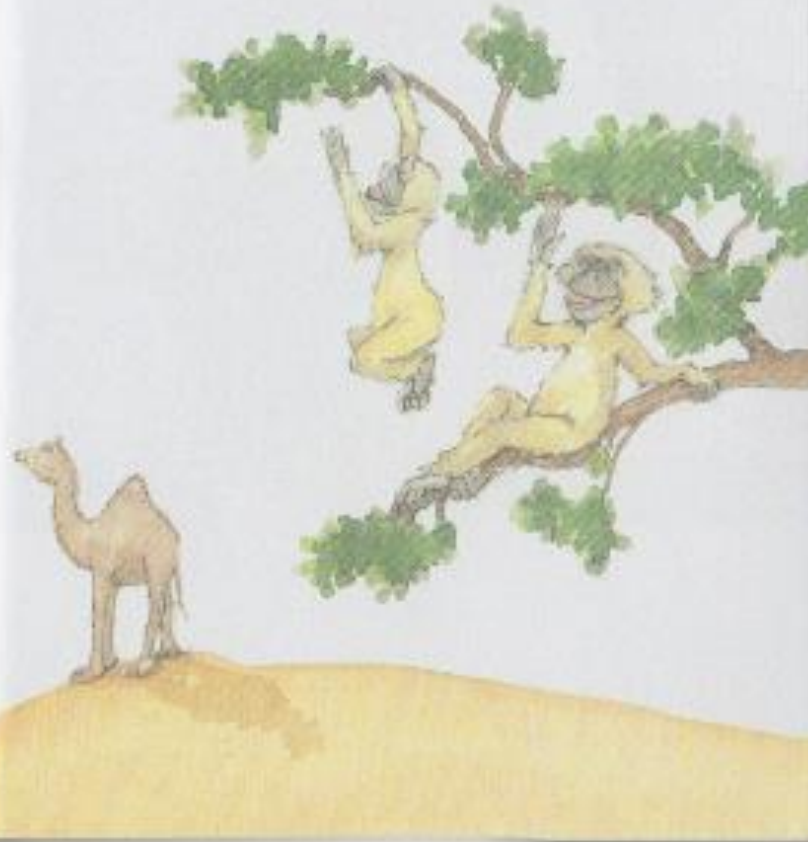
She collected the elephants,  
gorillas, monkeys, camel and  
zebra and put them all on  
a plane to Africa.



They dropped the gorillas in  
the jungle and the camel in the  
desert.



The monkeys swung from the  
trees in the African bush.





Shumba was the last to leave the plane. 'What if my family has forgotten about me?' he asked Emma, but she told him that mothers, like elephants, never forget.



It was true. When they reached his home, Shumba's mum and his brothers and sisters were waiting.



'Where have you been?' asked his mum. 'I've searched high and low and far and wide for you. I've never stopped looking.'



Then Shumba's dad came home and was very happy to see his boy. Shumba had never had so many cuddles and licks in his life.





He told his family about the ship, the kind dolphin, the monkeys, and the zoo where he was cold and lonely. He told them about Emma who had set him free.

Then the lion family moved to a secret place where no humans ever go and the only sound is birdsong. When Shumba grew up, he had a family of his own. Every evening they would sit together and watch the sun set.





His children loved to hear about  
his adventures, but they all  
agreed that there was no  
place like home.





## Reading Vipers

Vocabulary

Infer

Predict

Explain

Retrieve

Sequence



- V What does 'secret' mean?
- I How do you think Shumba felt on page 73? How do you know?
- P Do you think Shumba's children will ever wander off? Why?
- E Explain why Shumba was worried to see his family.
- R Where did they drop off the camel?
- S Tell me three things, in order, that happened to Shumba.

You can talk about these questions with a grown up or you can try to write a sentence to answer each question.

Remember to check your sentences for capital letters and full stops.

Think of some words to describe this picture.

Then if you can search online for a thesaurus to help you find other similar words that mean the same.

