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Bua



Deepa



Rani



Mummy



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**One day, Rani's bua* came to her house.
Bua brought her little daughter with her.
Her daughter's name was Deepa.**

* bua – father's sister



**Rani took Deepa in her lap.
Rani started playing with Deepa.
Deepa is only one year old.**



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**Rama too came there.
She also started playing with Rani.
Rama and Rani played a lot with Deepa.**



**Bua said that Deepa looks like Rani.
Mummy also said that Deepa looks like Rani.
Rani started looking at Deepa carefully.**



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Rani made Deepa sit on the bed. She compared her arm with Deepa's arm. She found Deepa's arm thinner and her own arm fatter.



**Rani opened Deepa's mouth.
She looked for Deepa's teeth.
Deepa had only four teeth and Rani had lots.**



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**Rani matched her feet to Deepa's feet.
Deepa's feet were small and Rani's big.
Deepa's feet were thin and Rani's fat.**



**Rani compared her fingers with Deepa's.
Deepa's fingers were small and Rani's big.
Deepa's fingers were thin and Rani's plump.**



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**Rani matched Deepa's nails to her own.
Deepa's nails were very tender and pink.
Rani's nails were harder and less pink.**



Rani compared her nose with Deepa's. Rani was touching her nose to compare. She could not see it by keeping her nose next to Deepa's.



**Rani picked Deepa up.
She took Deepa to her Bua.
Rani's mother was also there.**



**Rani told bua that Deepa was not like her.
Rani did not find Deepa like her.
She said Deepa is not like me.**



**Mother asked Rani to bring a mirror.
Rani went in to get the mirror.
She brought back a green edged mirror.**



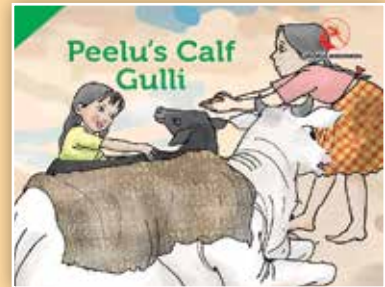
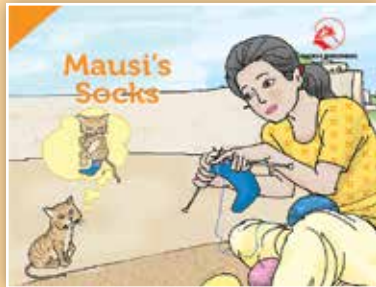
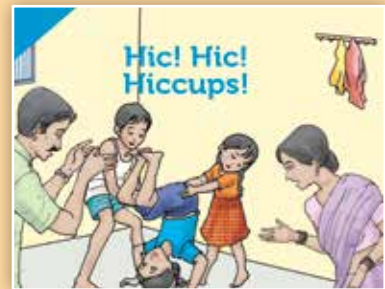
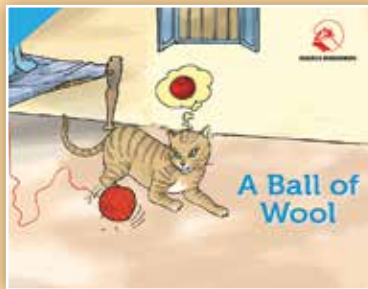
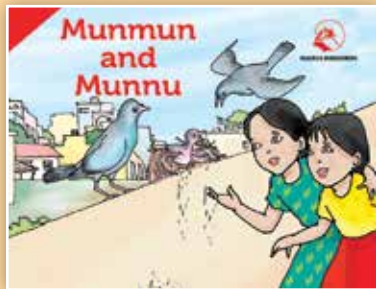
Mother asked Rani to look into the mirror. She made Deepa too stand in front of the mirror. Rani started looking at Deepa's and her own face in the mirror.



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**Rani looked carefully at the mirror.
She found Deepa just like her.
She nodded her head and said, Deepa is like me.**

Stories of Rama and Rani



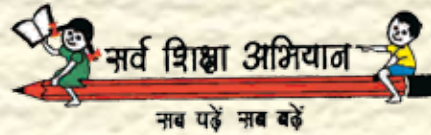


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