

Handa's Surprise

Handa put seven delicious fruits in a basket for her friend Akeyo. She will be surprised, thought Handa as she set off for Akeyo's village. Will she like the soft yellow banana... or the sweet smelling guava? Will she like the round juicy orange... or the ripe red mango? Will she like the spiky-leaved pineapple ... the creamy green avocado ... or the tangy purple passion - fruit? Which fruit will Akeyo like best?

"Hello, Akeyo," said Handa. "I've brought you a surprise."

"Tangerines! Said Akeyo. "My favourite fruit."

"TANGERINES?" said Handa. That *is* a surprise!"