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Introduction for Ministry of Education Online Early Childhood Education Teaching and Learning Materials

The Liberia Ministry of Education has developed 50 context-relevant and age-appropriate early childhood education readers. These readers would be addressing the chronic need of improving the quality of teaching and learning materials and the widespread lack of curriculum materials for foundational literacy and play-based learning. Twenty-five of these ECD readers were written by ECE master trainers and, 25 were contextualized using online open-source stories from the global digital libraries.

Welcome to this audio edition of early childhood books aligned to the Liberia Early Childhood Education Curriculum. There are 50 eBooks in this edition. The uniqueness of this Ministry of Education approach is that each book has a sign language version.

The books come in three categories or levels:

- Beginner or nursery is for children ages 3 to 4
- Intermediate or K-I is for children ages 4 to 5 and
- Advance or K-II is for children ages 5 to 6

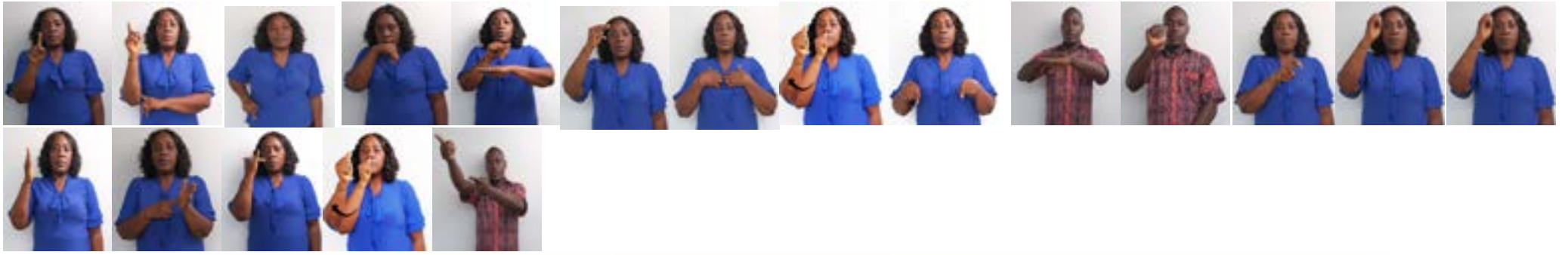
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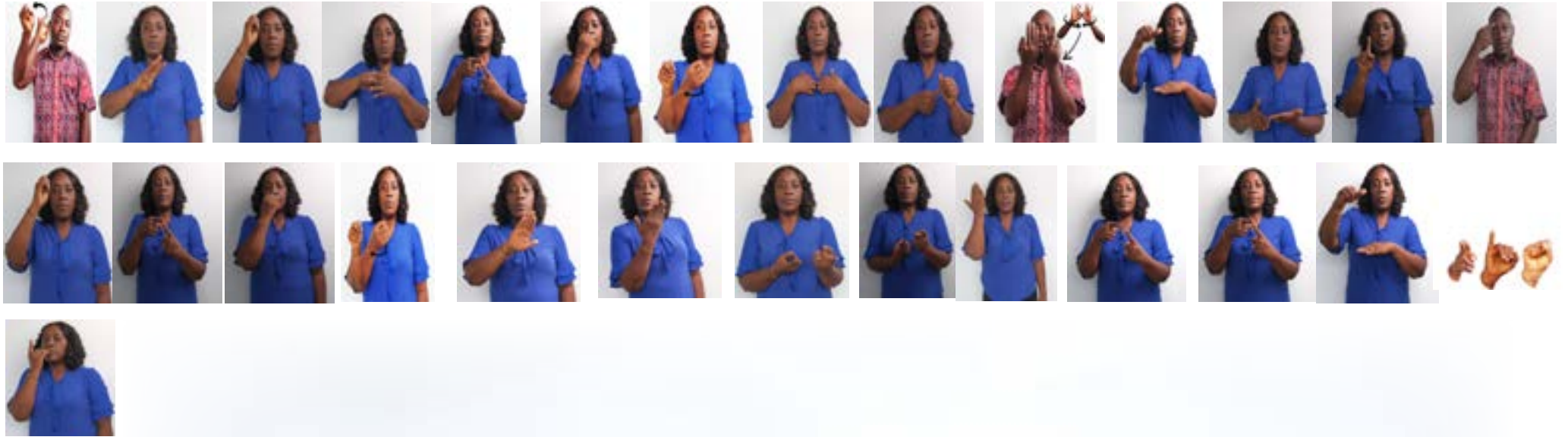
In a forest, the animals had a kingdom. Elephant was their king. He was a good king and everyone was happy.



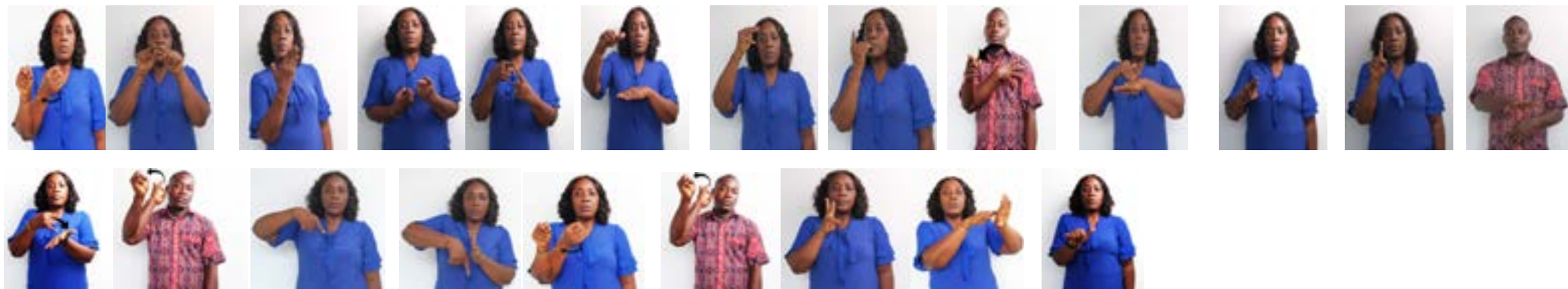
One day, King Elephant called his animals. "I'm going on a journey," he said. "Leopard will rule while I'm gone."



Leopard was wicked. He began to eat the animals. Each family sent someone for him to eat. The squirrels' turn came to send Leopard his dinner.



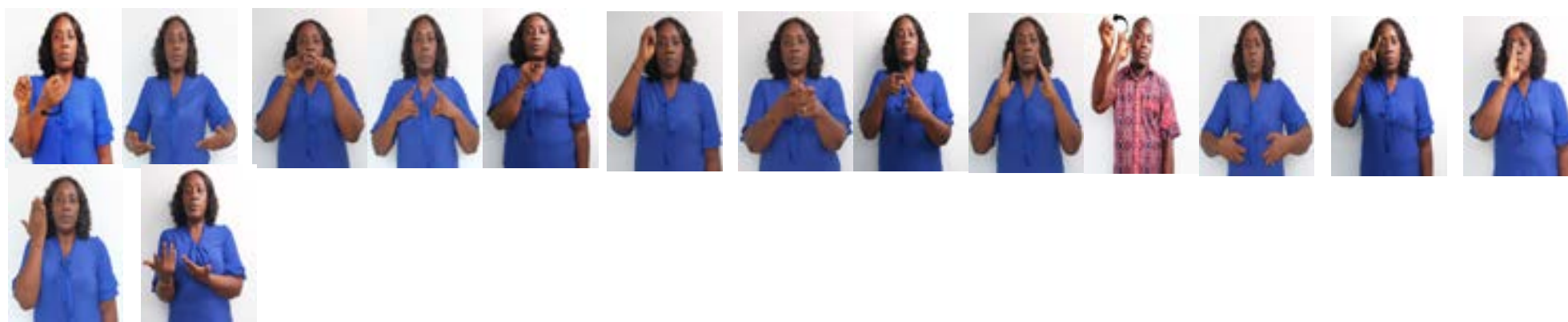
The young squirrel saw a deep hole in the ground. He looked into the hole. It was deep. There was water at the bottom.



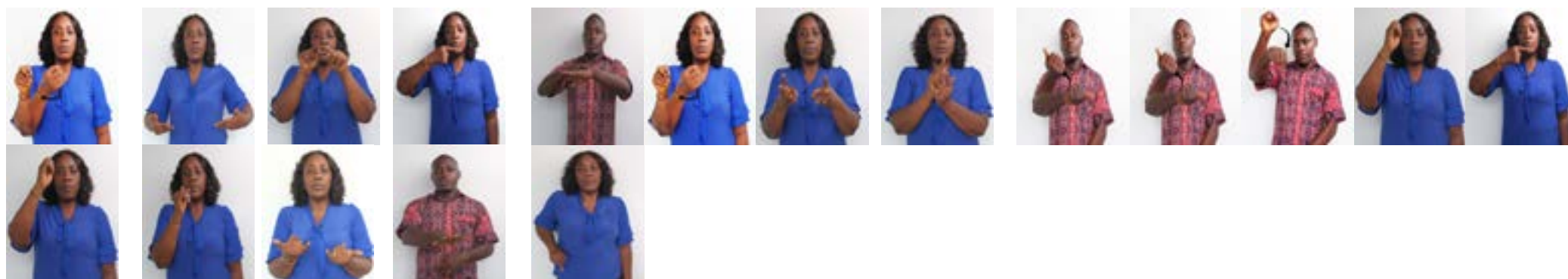
The young squirrel had an idea. He ran to Leopard house. Leopard was angry for being kept waiting.



The young squirrel said, "On the way I met another leopard." "Another Leopard?" "Yes. He says he is now the king."



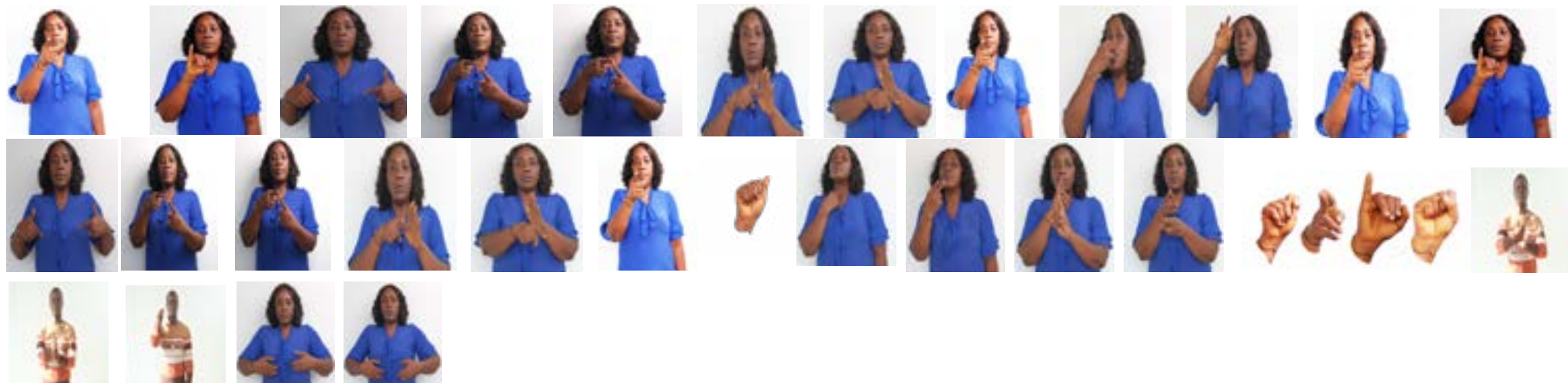
Leopard was furious. "Take me to him now!" The young squirrel took Leopard to the pit.



Leopard ran and looked into the pit. He saw another leopard.



"You imposter! I'm going to kill you!" Leopard shouted. "You imposter! I'm going to kill you!" a voice replied. This made Leopard angrier.



Leopard didn't know it was his image in the water. The voice was the echo of his own voice. He jumped into the pit and got drowned.



The young squirrel told everybody. The animals rejoiced over the news. King Elephant returned the next day. The animals were happy again.



Reading Level: Advance (Age 5 -6)

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Synopsis

The animals have a problem. See how they solve their problems in the beautiful forest.

