New book will help bridge the gap in isiZulu

The cover of the brand-new bilingual isiZulu and English dictionary.

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UNOGWAJA! It’s one of the most difficult words in isiZulu . . .
And it simply means rabbit!
There’s no need to worry about difficult words any more . . .
A new isiZulu-English dictionary has just hit bookshelves.
“The dictionary even provides easy examples of sentences to help you use the right translation,” said Megan Hall, publishing manager of the new dictionary from Oxford.

Hall told Daily Sun that the new bilingual dictionary was designed particularly to improve communication between students of different backgrounds. But it can cater for everyone as it is modern and up to date.

“The dictionary talks the modern language, providing all these new words and their meanings, including diseases such as HIV/Aids,” added Hall.

It might look ordinary from the outside, but the inside keeps the reader more than informed.

It helps with singular and plural forms of tricky words – like “indlovu” in singular and “izindlovu” in plural.
It also uses example sentences to improve understanding.

These sentences include “Amaphoyisa abe nenkinga uku-xazulula impicabadala,” which translates to “The cops had a hard time solving the mystery.”

The dictionary contains over 40 extra activity pages to help pupils writing e-mails or application forms.
The book is available countrywide from leading bookshops. “It is selling very well. I advise everyone to have one,” said Hall.