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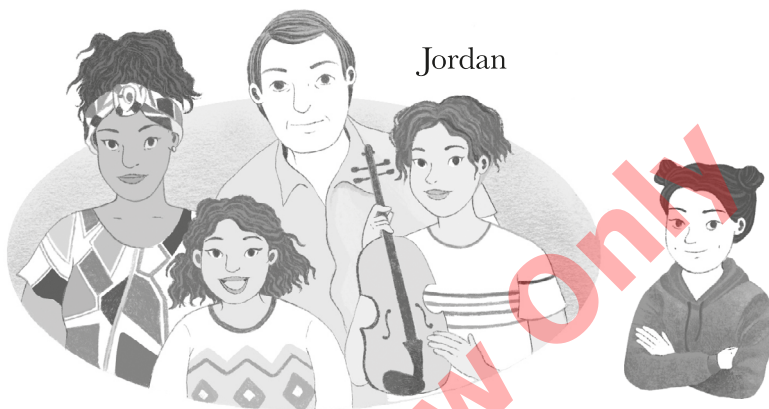
People in the story

The Santos-Campbell family

Mum/Mãe

Dad

Jordan



Jaz

Rosie

The Bramrock Stars

Charligh

Naomie

Steph

Talia

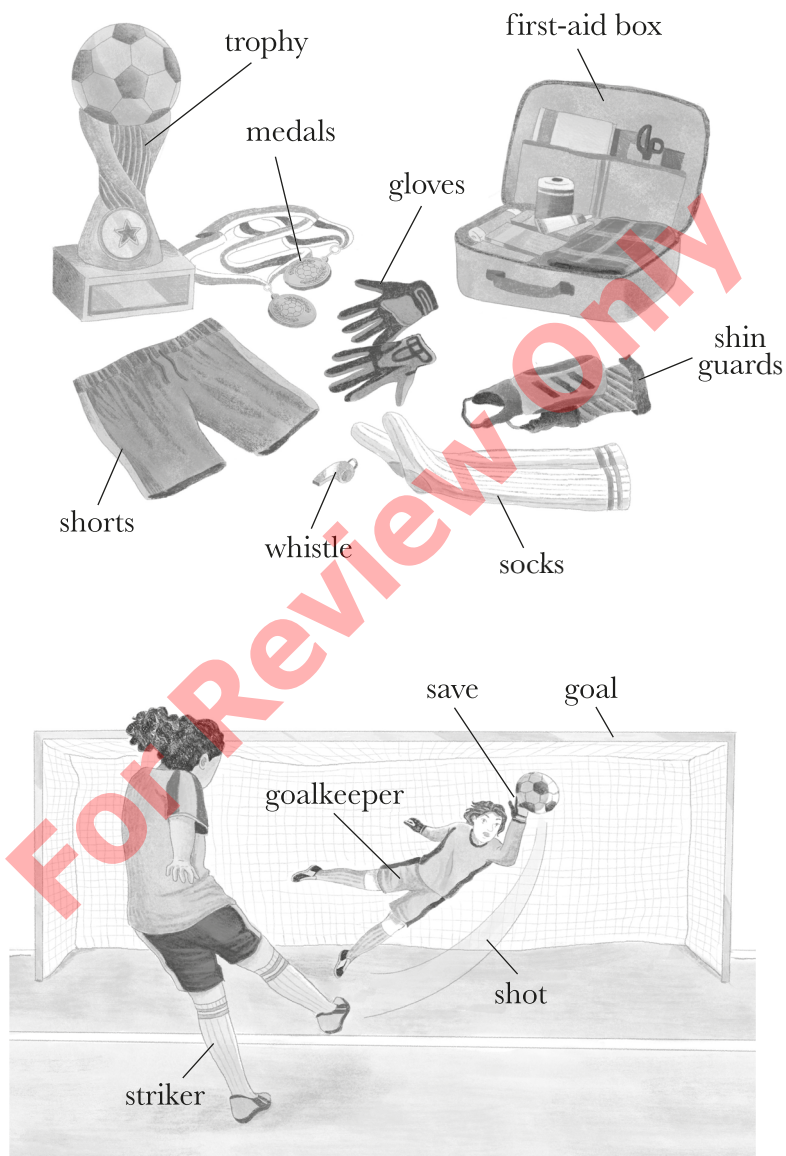


Allie

Layla

Rhiannon

New words



Note about the story

Priscilla Mante is from Scotland. Now she lives in London. *Jaz Santos vs the World* is her first book.

Ten-year-old Jaz and her friends all have big **dreams***. Jaz loves playing football, but many people think that football is only for boys. Jaz's parents **argue** a lot. Jaz thinks that this is because she is always in trouble at school. She hopes that, if she wins a football **tournament**, her parents will love her more, and that they will stop arguing. So she makes a football **team** with her friends. They want to show that girls can do the same things as boys. This story is about hope and being **brave**. It is also about following your dreams and reaching for the **stars**.

Before-reading questions

- 1 *Jaz Santos vs the World*. What does this title mean, do you think?
- 2 Choose three people from the "People in the story" on page 4. Who are they and what are they like, do you think? Think about:
 - How old are they?
 - What are their hobbies and interests?
 - What makes them happy?
 - What are their dreams?
- 3 Which sports do you like to play?

*Definitions of words in **bold** can be found in the glossary on pages 78–80.

CHAPTER ONE

I'm Jaz!

Hi! My name's Jasmina Santos-Campbell, but everyone calls me Jaz. When I'm in trouble, they call me Jasmina. Have you heard of me and the Bramrock **Stars**? We're *almost* famous. This is our story.

Charligh is my best friend and we go to Ms Morgan's after-school dance lesson twice a week.

"This is our last chance to show Ms Morgan that we can dance well, Charligh," I said. "Today, she'll choose us to dance in *Spinning Alices* – our school end-of-year **show**."

"Everyone knows that *I'm* the best dancer," said Rosie Calderwood. "I'll be the star dancer." Rosie is the opposite to a friend – she's an enemy.

"Ms Morgan will choose Rosie," said Erica. Erica always agrees with Rosie.

"Girls," Ms Morgan said. "Show me your dances."

I wanted to be the star dancer because, first, I really wanted Mãe – that's Mum in Portuguese – to be **proud** of me. And, second, Mãe was making the clothes for the show. This was my second year

at dance class and I still danced like an **elephant**. This year had to be different because Mãe and Dad were **arguing** a lot at home.

I was trying to pirouette – that means to quickly turn round in a circle. Suddenly, I fell past one of the other girls and my arm hit the wall. I laughed, but Ms Morgan didn't think that it was funny.

“Sit over there, Jaz,” she said. “You can come back in five minutes.”

Rosie smiled, and I felt very stupid.

It was boring to watch the others dance, so I thought about playing football for England in the Women's World Cup **final**.

*And Jaz Santos **scores** a goal in the **final** minute!*

People are shouting . . . Jaz! Jaz!

“Jaz! *Jasmina!!*” Ms Morgan said. “Come and dance now, please.”

At the end of the class, Ms Morgan asked me to wait. I knew that she wanted me to be the star dancer. “Rosie will be very unhappy,” I thought.

“Jaz! What am I going to say to you?” asked Ms Morgan.

I didn't know. That was the problem. But Ms Morgan wasn't smiling. Maybe I wasn't the star dancer.

“You can be a good dancer, but you must work harder,” said Ms Morgan. “You’re ‘on report’ for the next week. This means that I’ll watch you very closely and I’m going to speak to all your other teachers.”

Oh no! I had to be good for one week.

“I can do this,” I thought, “if I try hard.”

Mãe forgot to come to dance class for me. Again. This isn’t a big problem because my mum’s the Coolest Mum. She speaks Portuguese and English. She doesn’t talk to me about homework, and she makes and wears beautiful headwraps. People like the clothes that she makes. Now she’s with her **customers** all the time, and not with me and my brother, Jordan.

When I got home, I ran into Mãe’s work room. She was sitting at the huge desk that Dad made for her, and she was drawing new ideas for her clothes. She saw me, and she put her hand to her head.

“Jaz! I’m sorry. I forgot to meet you at school. How was dance?”

“OK,” I said. I didn’t want to tell her that I might not be the star dancer in the show.

“Are you hungry? Do you want me to cook something?”

“No,” I said, quickly. Mãe’s a terrible cook! My dad loves cooking different things.

“OK, dear,” she said and turned back to her drawings.

That evening, we all had dinner together. My parents weren’t arguing tonight, and I didn’t want this to change.



“Ms Morgan thinks that I can be one of the best dancers,” I said. This was almost true, I thought.

“You didn’t tell me this before,” Mãe said. A smile danced across her face. “Now I’ll have to make a special dress for the best dancer.”

After dinner, I **practised** football in the garden. Football made everything better. In school, at dance,

at home . . . I was always making mistakes. But on the football field – I understood the game. I could **dribble** and strike very well. I practised **keepy-uppies**. I could do thirty-three without stopping. “Girls can’t play football,” says Zach Bacon, from my school. But he can only do thirty-one keepy-uppies.

I was in bed and trying to sleep, but my parents were arguing. I went downstairs very quietly to listen to them.

Suddenly, Dad opened the living room door. “Are you all right, Jaz?” he asked. “It’s very late.”

“I wanted a drink,” I said, quickly. I didn’t want to say that the **argument** was stopping me from sleeping.

When I went back to bed, the house was very quiet. Later, I heard only one of my parents come upstairs to bed.

The next day at school, I played football with the boys at lunchtime. Some of the boys didn’t like girls that played better than them, so they wouldn’t **pass** the ball to me.

That afternoon in class, we had to make a cake.

“The best **cinnamon** and apple cake will win a **prize**,” said Mrs Tavella, the cooking teacher.

“Rosie makes the best cakes,” Erica said. But we knew that Erica was **lying** because her ears turned pink.

Charligh and I worked hard to make a good cake mix. Then, I went to look at Rosie and Erica’s cake mix – it looked good. So I added something different to our cake mix to make it better. We cooked it and it looked lovely.

“Your cake looks really horrible,” Rosie said.

“Try it,” I said.

Rosie ate a big slice. Suddenly, her face was grey and green. Then, she was sick! It smelled horrible. Some of her sick fell on Erica’s arm and now Erica was looking green, too.

Everybody stepped back, holding their noses. Rosie pointed straight at me.

“Jaz did it!” she said. “She made me sick.”



During-reading questions

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Which year is Jaz in at her dance class?
- 2 What happens when Rosie eats Jaz's cake?

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 Where does Jaz often have dinner on Fridays?
- 2 How did the fire start?
- 3 Why does Jordan open Jaz's bedroom window, do you think?

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 How many girls does Jaz invite to her sleepover?
- 2 What is Layla's favourite colour?

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Why does Tia hold the front door wide open?
- 2 Who does Jaz ask to coach her team?
- 3 How many followers does Rhiannon have on Instagram?

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 What does "stealing" the ball mean, do you think?
- 2 How many times did Rachel Yankey play for England?
- 3 Who throws rubbish all over the girls?

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Why do the girls want to make pizzas?
- 2 How much money do the girls make from pizzas?
- 3 How long have Hove Cosmos played together?

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 When does it start to rain?
- 2 What does “to live in the clouds” mean, do you think?
- 3 How does Mãe feel about two wins and a draw?

CHAPTER EIGHT

- 1 Where is Rosie hurt?
- 2 Why is it difficult for Jaz to take a penalty?
- 3 When is the football final?

CHAPTER NINE

- 1 Who does Jaz talk to at break time?
- 2 What is Dad’s surprise after training?
- 3 How many stars are there on each football shirt?

CHAPTER TEN

- 1 Who kicks Steph’s ankle?
- 2 How many goals does Allie save in the first half?

After-reading questions

- 1 Is *Jaz Santos vs the World* a happy story or a sad story? Why?
- 2 Which character was your least favourite in this story?
Why?
- 3 Look back at your answers to “Before-reading question 2”.
Were you right?
- 4 Choose one of these characters. Why does Jaz like or not like them? How is she different from them?
a Rosie Calderwood **b** Erica **c** Zach Bacon

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

1 Who says these words? Who do they say them to?

Write the correct names in your notebook.

- 1 “This is our last chance to show Ms Morgan that we can dance well.” *Jaz to Charligh*...
- 2 “You can come back in five minutes.”
- 3 “Do you want me to cook something?”
- 4 “Ms Morgan thinks that I can be one of the best dancers.”
- 5 “It’s very late.”
- 6 “Rosie makes the best cakes.”
- 7 “Try it.”
- 8 “Jaz did it.”

CHAPTER TWO

2 Write questions for these answers in your notebook.

- 1 Who *shouted at Jaz?* Mrs Forrest shouted at Jaz.
- 2 Where Jaz often went to dinner at Charligh’s house on Fridays.
- 3 Who Jordan was at band practice.
- 4 What Mãe was smoking a cigarette in the garden.
- 5 Who Dad had a red face.
- 6 Where Jordan sat on the floor in Jaz’s bedroom.
- 7 Who Jaz fell on the wet grass.
- 8 What Dad made two cups of hot chocolate.