

PEDRO'S PERFECT PITCH



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The Perfect Position

Pedro steps up to home plate. “You can do this,” he mumbles, trying to calm himself.

It is the first day of practice with his team, the Cardinals. It is his first turn at bat.





Coach Ken pitches the baseball.

Pedro swings the bat. *Crack!*

The ball sails over the third baseperson's glove and into the outfield.

“You’re a natural hitter, Pedro!”
Coach says. “But what position
would you like to play in the
field?”

“I’m not sure,” Pedro says
with a shrug. “I’ve never
been on a team before.
Could I try infield?”

“We need someone **at**
second base,” **Coach** says.
“Let’s put **you there.**”





At second base, the first ball hit to Pedro is a line drive.

Pedro ducks and yells, “Ahhh!” as the ball zips by him.

“Hmm,” Coach says. “Maybe we’ll try you in the outfield instead.”



