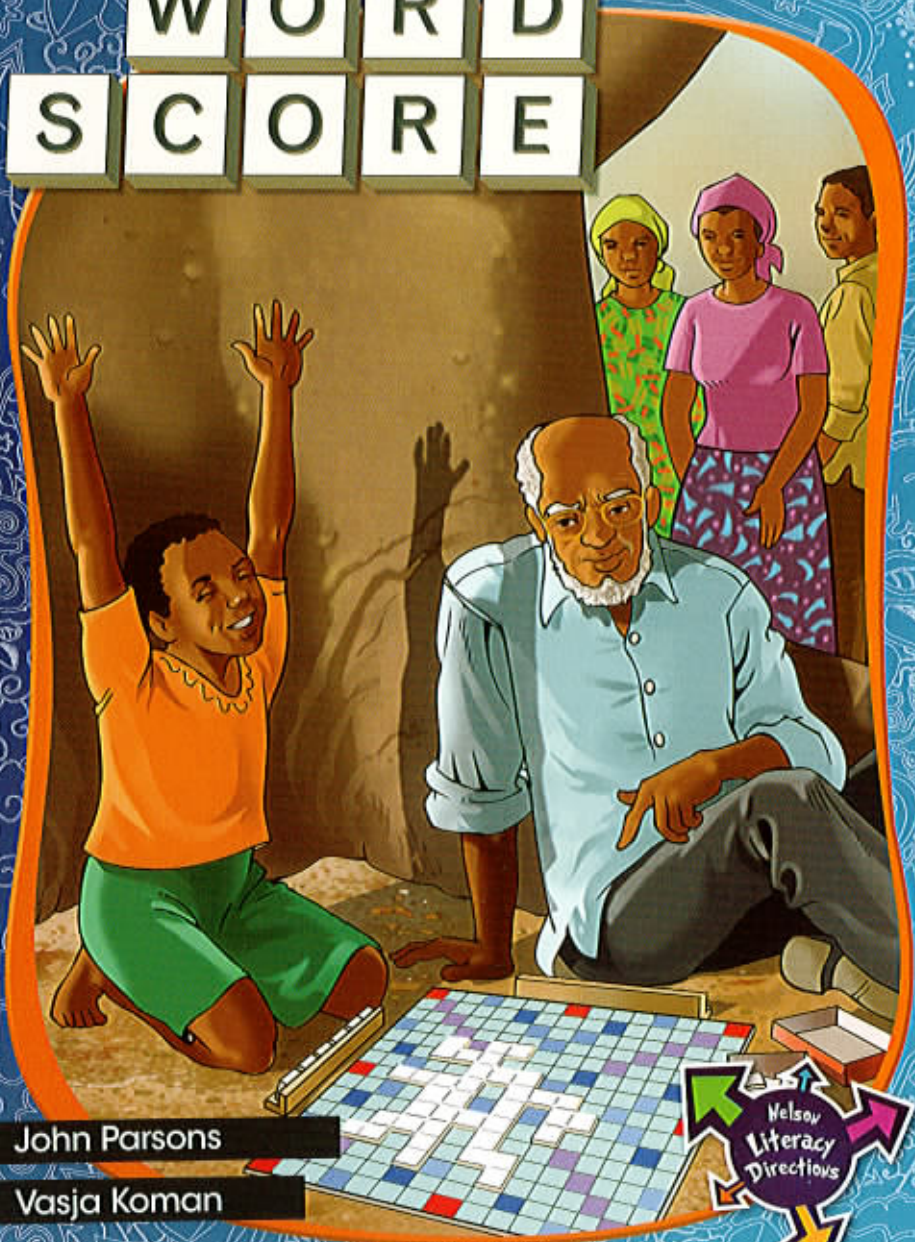
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Meet the Characters



Mrs Jade
Maddie's mother.



Maddie
A girl who loves word games.



Mr Cheng
Maddie's neighbour.



Mr Njango
A politician.



Sir Joshua
The Prime Minister.

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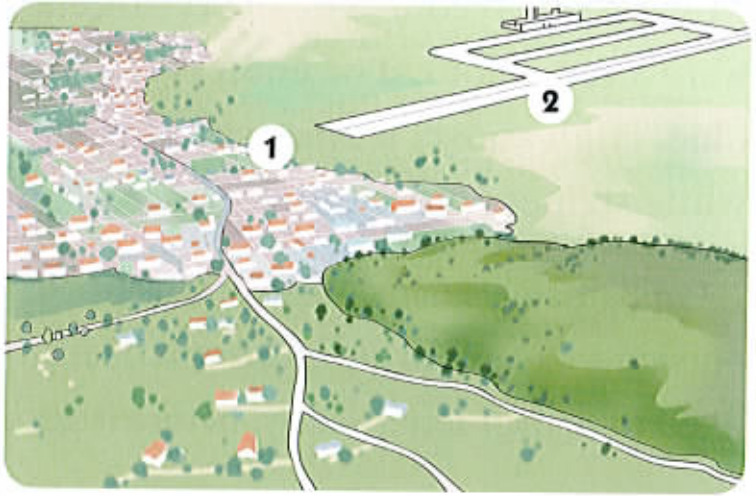
Dear Reader

This is a story about a community who wants to protest about a new airport – and who think up a great way to send their message to their prime minister!

I hope you enjoy it!

John Parsons
Author

Zankeze



1. Maddie's suburb
2. Zankeze airport

1 A Red Letter



At the bottom of Africa lay a hot, dusty town called Zankeze. All the houses there were white, to keep cool. The dusty streets were a red colour. The endless sky was blue. High above, jet planes left wispy white stripes across the sky.

On Saturdays, hardly anyone went outside – except for the postman. He liked to deliver letters early, before it got too hot. And one Saturday, he had lots of letters.



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At seven o'clock, Mrs Jade was making bread. Already, many loaves were baking. She saw the postman put a letter into her letterbox. She raced outside. A red envelope sat in the box.

"Mrs Jade. 7 Kwala Street, Zankeze," she read when she got back to her kitchen.





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She tore open the envelope. Maybe it was a birthday invitation? Or maybe she had won a prize?

Instead, when Mrs Jade read the letter, her mouth opened in shock.

"Oh no."

"What's wrong, Mum?" called her daughter, Maddie, who had been playing crossword games on her computer.

"Finish your game, Maddie. I'm just going next door to Mrs Nokondomo. I'll be five minutes."

Mrs Jade ran next door. There, Mrs Nokondomo sat reading another letter in a red envelope.