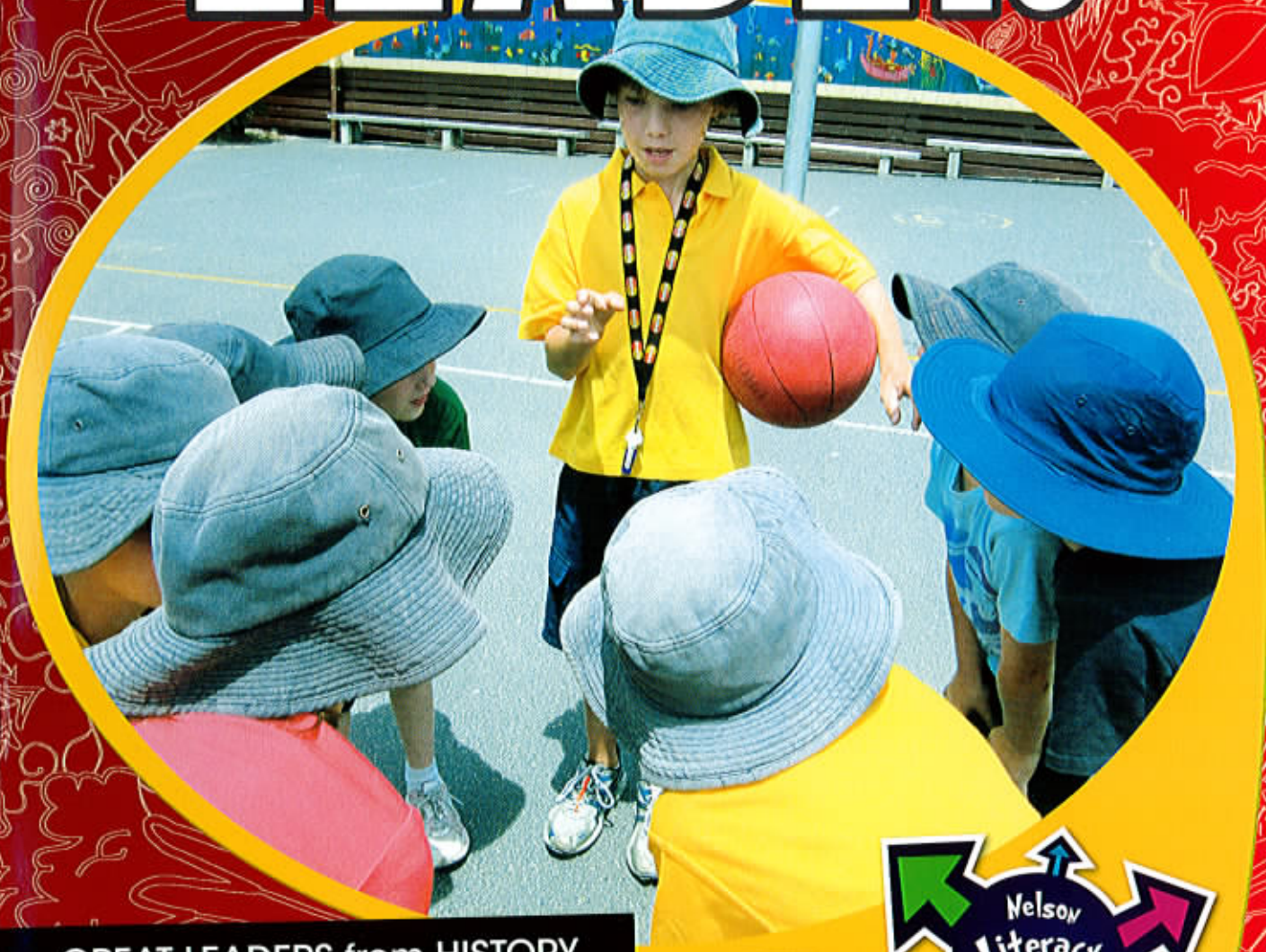
FOLLOW THAT LEADER



GREAT LEADERS from HISTORY and the PRESENT

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a student leading the class


a conductor leading an orchestra

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A soccer coach leads his team from the sidelines.


a statue of Nelson Mandela


Jane Austen

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1 The Author's Favourite Leader

TEXT TYPE
Recount

A **Leadership** Recount

Let's Begin

When I visit schools, students always ask me how I became an author. I can think of many people who have inspired me along the way. But I do have one favourite person whose great leadership helped me get started many years ago.



the author writing this book at her home

"I WAS HAPPY TO FOLLOW THAT LEADER."

SHARON PARSONS

My Leadership Recount

When I first came to Australia from New Zealand, I was a primary school teacher. One day, I saw an **advertisement** in the newspaper for a job at a publishing company. They published books for primary schools.

The managing director interviewed me for the job. Two weeks later I started working at the publishing company. *I was excited!*

I observed **leadership qualities** in the managing director that later helped me to become a publisher and an author. Here are some of his leadership qualities. He was:

- **an intelligent leader:** he knew a lot about publishing and he helped me to *learn*, too
- **a great person:** he had a happy personality and that helped me to *feel good* about working in his team
- **a motivator:** he was such a good motivator that I always *wanted* to do my best work
- **a great team leader:** he was a very good leader for everyone in the team – we worked together to achieve our goals
- **a clear communicator:** he explained things clearly so I understood what he wanted me to do.

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Let's Conclude

These leadership qualities have helped me over the years in my work as a publisher. In more recent years, I have continued to work as a publisher and an author.

2 A Leadership Quiz

Are **You** a **Leader?**

Complete this quiz about leadership. Then add up your scores to find out if you like to lead, or join in, or a bit of both.

Would you like to be a leader?
Scores: Very much = 5 points; Maybe = 3 points; No = 1 point

Would you enjoy being the leader in a class group?
Scores: Very much = 5 points; Maybe = 3 points; No = 1 point

Do others like working with you in class groups?
Scores: Very much = 5 points; Maybe = 3 points; No = 1 point

Do you enjoy working in a team?
Scores: Very much = 5 points; Maybe = 3 points; No = 1 point

Would you enjoy being the captain of a sports team?
Scores: Very much = 5 points; Maybe = 3 points; No = 1 point

Would you enjoy having the main role in a class play?
Scores: Very much = 5 points; Maybe = 3 points; No = 1 point

Write the names of up to five great leaders in your life.
Scores: 1 point for each leader you can name





A student "becomes" the teacher!



The captain of a basketball team gives final instructions



A student shares her ideas with the group.



The lead actor in a class play reads aloud.



Teachers are great leaders!

Total Your Scores

- **28–35 points** = you could be a great leader
- **21–27 points** = you could be a great leader but may need more practice
- **7–20 points** = you could be a great leader but you may not want to be at the moment. Perhaps you'll change your mind in the future!

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