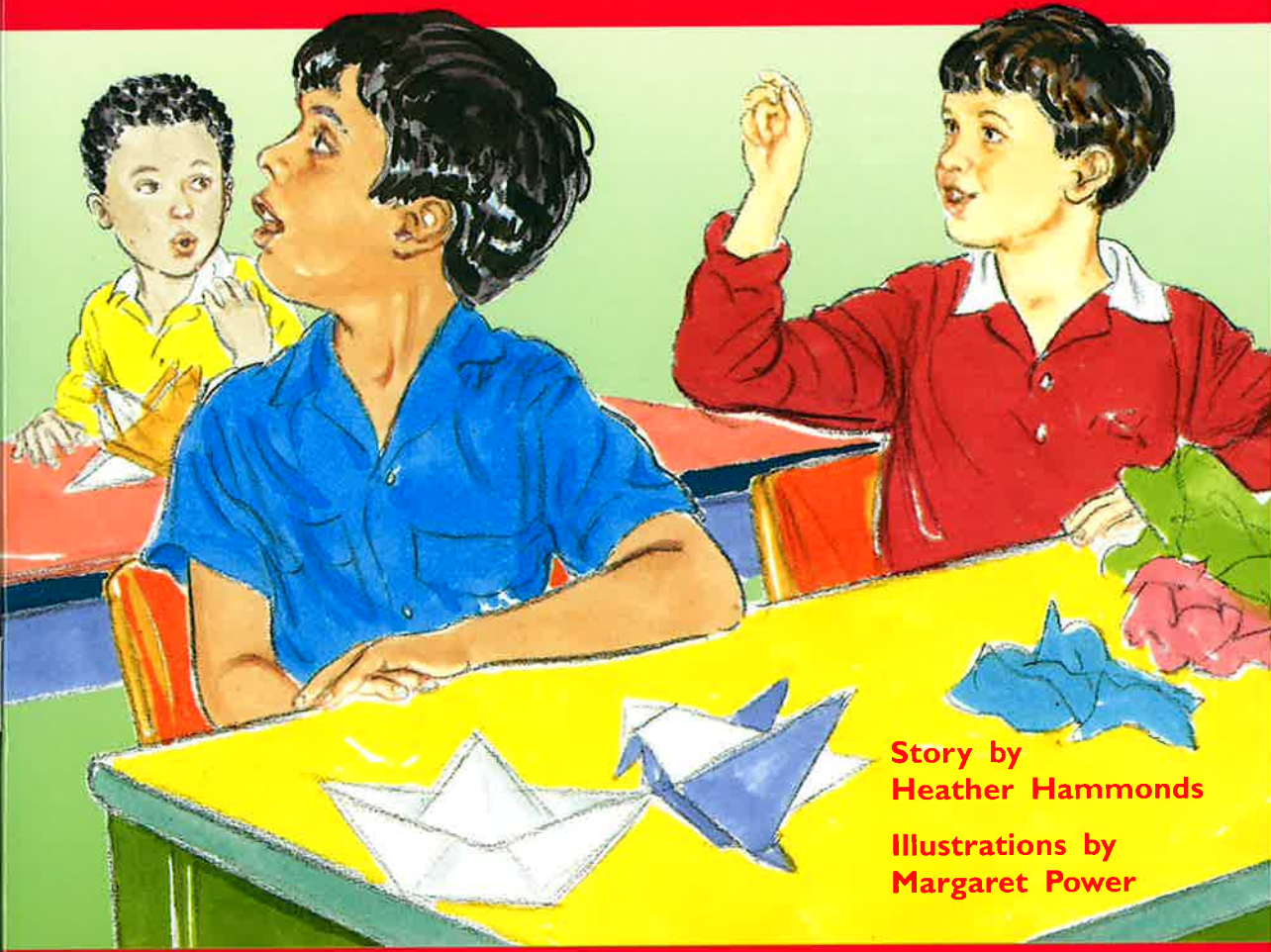
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Perfect Paper Planes



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"Today we have a visitor,"
said Mr Thomson to his class.
"This is Miss Miki from Japan.
She is going to show us
how to do origami,
which is the Japanese art of paper folding."

"I hope origami isn't hard,"
whispered Josh to his friend Brad.
"I'm not very good at making things."

Miss Miki smiled as she handed out
some pieces of coloured paper.
"We'll start with something easy,"
she said.
"I'll show you how to make a boat."



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Miss Miki held up a piece of paper,
and carefully folded the edges together.
Everyone copied her.
She folded the paper several times,
and soon she had made a boat.
Most of the class
had been able to make one, too.

Josh looked over at Brad.
Brad had finished making his boat,
and it was exactly like the one
that Miss Miki had made.

But Josh had folded his piece of paper
in all directions.
He held it up and started to laugh.
"I knew I wouldn't be any good at this,"
he said.



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Brad grinned at him and said,
"I think you've gone wrong somewhere."

Josh tried again,
but he still couldn't make a boat.



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Miss Miki took another square of paper,
and started to fold it.
"We're going to make a bird now,"
she said cheerfully.

Josh did the first part easily,
but just when he thought
that he would be able to manage
the rest of it,
something went wrong, again.

"Your bird doesn't have any wings,"
said Brad.
"Do you want me to fix it for you?"

Josh felt annoyed
when he looked at his bird.
He handed it to Brad.

