

Jack and Mia

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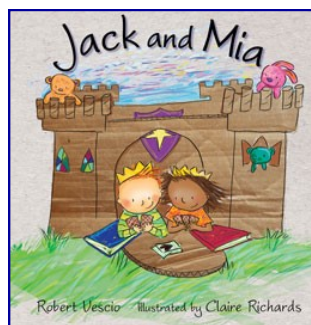
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Jack and Mia are best friends. They stick together like paper and glue.

Then the unthinkable happens ... Mia's family has to move away. How can they prove that distance is no barrier to friendship?

A heart warming story about loneliness, acceptance and the separation of close friends.



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Themes:

- Friendship
- Feelings of Separation and Loneliness
- Family
- Geography
- Communication
- Imagination

Questions and Reflections:

- Do Jack and Mia have a strong friendship? Why?
- What are some of the things Jack and Mia like to do together?
- What does 'Two side of the one coin' mean?
- Do Jack and Mia like to share things? How?
- Why does Mia have to move?
- How do Jack and Mia feel about the move?
- How did Jack come to have Mia's book?
- Why is Jack happy to find Mia's book?
- How did Mia and her mum appear on the computer screen?
- How do Jack and Mia communicate with each other?

Activities:

- Discuss some ways of communicating with friends. Allow students to write a letter or draw a picture to their friend.
- Ask students if they have travelled outside of Australia? Show them where Australia is on a map or on a globe. Have them draw and write about a foreign country, perhaps somewhere they would like to go.
- Talk about idioms and how they are used in everyday life.
- Ask students to finish the following common expressions:
 1. As fit as a _____
 2. As cool as a _____
 3. Keen as _____
 4. A penny for your _____
 5. At the drop of a _____
 6. Can't judge a book by its _____
 7. Your guess is as good as _____
 8. Taste of your own _____
 9. Don't put all your eggs in one _____
 10. Back to the drawing _____