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EXCITING  
ADVENTURE

## STORY 5

# MASKI & THE RECIPE READER

Thando was a young boy from KwaZulu-Natal who loved sports, especially soccer. He was so passionate about it that he even slept with his soccer ball beside him at night!



However, when it came to school, Thando had a tough time, especially with English. The differences between verbs and nouns confused him, and spelling was a challenge with all the silent letters, double letters, and words with multiple meanings.

Frustrated with his struggles, Thando's luck changed one day when he came across a QR code that led him to **MASKI**, a friendly little robot eager to become his study buddy.

Initially, Thando thought **MASKI** could only help him with maths, but soon he realised that **MASKI** was just as capable of helping him improve his English.

**MASKI** was cute and approachable, and Thando knew he needed help, so Thando asked **MASKI** to be his study buddy to help him learn English.



With **MASKI** by his side, learning English became an exciting adventure. They tackled various English challenges together, and as the days turned into weeks, Thando and **MASKI** became best friends.

**MASKI** was thrilled and excited to help Thando.

**MASKI** introduced Thando to fun videos, catchy songs, and interactive stories to help him remember verbs, pronouns, and other language concepts.

Thando even practiced tongue-twisters to improve his pronunciation. English homework and assignments were turned into a world of fun and adventures.



One of the most important assignments that **MASKI** kept reminding Thando to do is to read aloud every day.

**“Reading helps you recognise words and makes spelling easier.”**

So Thando committed to reading his library books out loud every day. **MASKI** also gave Thando some stories to read. The more he read, the better he became.

An illustration of a young boy with short, dark, curly hair, wearing a yellow t-shirt and white shorts, sitting on a bed with a blue blanket. He is holding an open book and looking down at it. A black and white soccer ball is on the bed next to him. The background shows a window with blue and white patterned curtains and a glimpse of green foliage outside.

She sells sea shells by the sea shore.

At first, the stories were short and simple, but as time went on, they became longer and more complex.

Thando’s confidence grew, and soon, his classmates were asking for his help. **‘Thando, you’re the only one who knows where to put the apostrophe!’** they said.

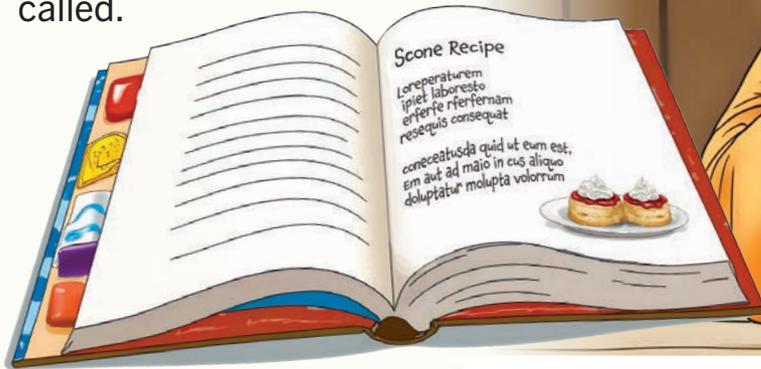
Thando realised that **MASKI** was right—**‘practice makes progress.’**

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One afternoon, while reading aloud in his room, Thando heard a loud banging from the kitchen. His Granny was clanging pots and pans together in a panic.

**'THANDO, HELP! I've lost my glasses and can't read the recipe for scones!'** she called.



Please help Thando!



Thando loved scones, so he hurried to help. **'Don't worry, Gran, I'll read it to you!'** he said.

And so, Thando read the recipe aloud, and the scones turned out to be absolutely perfect—soft, fluffy, and delicious with jam and cream.



Thando couldn't wait to share the good news with **MASKI**.

'Thanks to you, my reading helped Granny, and now I'm helping her bake!' he said with excitement.

From then on, Thando read all sorts of recipes to his Granny, even after she found her glasses. They had so much fun baking together.

Thando also started reading new recipes he found on the Internet to his mother when they cooked.

His favorite recipe was for condensed milk biscuits, and he almost knew it by heart!

The rest of the family began calling him 'RR' short for 'Recipe Reader,' because he was so good at reading recipes aloud.

No longer did tough words like 'Spaghetti Bolognese' or 'Chocolate Mousse' trip him up.

Thando realised that reading every day had made him much better at understanding and reading English.



Most importantly, Thando now knew exactly what he wanted to do after leaving school.

He dreamed of becoming a famous chef, with the nickname '**RR**' proudly stitched on his chef's hat.

And he couldn't have done it without his study buddy **MASKI**.