

3 PORTAL TO ENGLISH



workbook



4 Think it through

A Read the short story, and choose the best title **a**, **b** or **c**.

It was a cold December afternoon and the *Delphinium* was sailing through the waters of the Mediterranean. Eric had happily agreed to go on a weekend cruise with his grandpa. However, his grandpa was now sleeping, and Eric was bored, so he turned on the TV. 'Let's see what's on,' he said to himself. An animated film he had seen a thousand times, a boring game show, the news. All of a sudden, Eric saw a ship he recognised on the screen. The *Delphinium* was on the news! 'I hope it's not sinking,' thought Eric jokingly. 'The famous writer Frank Carson is presenting his new book on the *Delphinium* tonight. Why the *Delphinium*? Because all the mystery stories in the book take place on the cruise ship, so...' the reporter was saying. 'I can't believe it!' said Eric, who had read all of Frank Carson's mystery books. Eric couldn't wait to read the new book and meet one of his favourite writers. His weekend had suddenly become much more interesting!

- a. Mystery on the *Delphinium*
- b. A pleasant surprise
- c. What's on, Grandpa?



B Read the professor's advice. Then read the texts **a** and **b** below, and choose the one which is a good summary of the story in activity **A**.

How to write a good summary of a text:

- Read the text carefully.
- Find the main ideas and key information. Asking *Who? What? When? Where?* and *Why?* can help you.
- Use your own words, and don't copy sentences from the text.
- Keep your summary as short as possible.

a Eric was on a cruise with his grandpa. He turned on the TV because he was bored, and he found out some exciting news. One of his favourite writers was going to present his new book on the cruise ship that night.

b Eric was on a cruise with his grandpa. It was cold and his grandpa was sleeping, so Eric turned on the TV. Eric didn't like the game show that was on, so he watched the news, which was much more interesting.

C Below is another short story. Read it, find a title for it, and write a summary (40-50 words). You can use the questions underneath to help you. Then work in pairs and compare your work.

Zoe and Stella were really enjoying their summer holiday. One afternoon, as they were leaving the youth club, Stella invited her friend over to watch a film together. 'My parents aren't at home, and my brother has gone shopping for his secret project,' Zoe agreed, and the girls were soon looking at Stella's impressive collection of DVDs. After the girls had made some popcorn, they made themselves comfortable on the big sofa. Suddenly, they heard a strange noise. 'You haven't got a pet, have you?' asked Zoe. 'No, but it sounds like an animal!' said Stella. Then they heard the noise again. It was coming from upstairs, so the girls decided to go and check. While they were climbing up the stairs, the noise was getting louder. When they reached the top of the stairs, the girls couldn't believe their eyes. Stella's brother was holding a saxophone. 'I just bought it!' he said with a smile. 'I've been saving up money for a year!' 'Well, I hope you have some lessons soon!' said Stella, and they all laughed.

- Who are the main characters?
- Where were they?
- What were they doing?
- What happened?
- What did they do?
- What did they discover in the end?

A Circle the correct options.

- It was raining **heavily** / **seriously** last weekend, so we didn't go to the beach.
- What time did you **react** / **return** home from school yesterday?
- The **lifeguard** / **cyclist** said we can't go swimming today because the waves are dangerous.
- Be careful. The floor is wet and **slippery** / **freezing**.
- While we were on safari in Africa, a tiger **rescued** / **attacked** our car.
- The fire brigade **found** / **put** out the fire.
- Did you see how fast that car was **speeding** / **hiking** down the road?
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I wasn't paying attention and I **pulled / bumped** my head on the door. It hurt!

B Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There is one extra word that you do not need to use.

attention apologise brakes cleaner scene expert chase



1. My favourite

_____ in the film was when they got lost in the cave.

- My dad says sharks aren't dangerous. I believe him because he's a(n) _____ on sea animals.
- The window _____ fell from the second floor but he's going to be OK.
- I had an accident with my bike because my _____ weren't working.
- The police officer had to _____ the man for ten minutes before he finally caught him.
- The woman moved her arms in the air and tried to get the police officer's _____.



C Complete the dialogues with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Progressive** of the verbs in brackets.

- A: 1 _____ you _____ (watch) the news last night?

B: No. I 2 _____ (talk) to Marie on the phone all night, and I 3 _____ (not turn on) the TV at all. Why? What happened?

A: A house in my neighbourhood was on fire!

B: Oh no!

A: Yeah. As we 4 _____ (have) dinner, we 5 _____ (notice) smoke outside the kitchen window. When we 6 _____ (go) outside, we 7 _____ (see) the fire and 8 _____ (call) the fire brigade immediately.

B: 9 _____ anyone _____ (get) hurt?

A: No. Luckily, the family who lives there 10 _____ (visit) some friends when the fire 11 _____ (start).



2.

- A: It's a shame you 12 _____ (not come) to school today. You 13 _____ (miss) our trip to the aquarium.

B: I know. But I 14 _____ (not feel) well all weekend, so I 15 _____ (decide) to stay at home. How was it?

A: Brilliant! The sharks 16 _____ (be) amazing. There was one shark that 17 _____ (look) at me the whole time. It 18 _____ (swim) very slowly next to me as I 19 _____ (walk) along the exhibition hall. It 20 _____ (seem) very calm, but I think it 21 _____ (want) to eat me or something!

B: Wow. Sounds scary!

D Write questions using the prompts given and the **Past Simple** or the **Past Progressive**. Then look at the pictures and answer the questions.



2. What / Joanne / do / as soon as / she / get home?



4. What / Lisa / do / while / she / walk to school?

1. What / Kevin and Paul / do / five o'clock / last Saturday?



3. What / Jake / see / on holiday / last summer?



E Complete the dialogue with the words/phrases a-e. There is one extra word/phrase that you do not need to use.

- unfortunately
- luckily
- suddenly
- I couldn't believe my eyes
- I didn't think twice

- A: What's wrong? I heard you screaming!
- B: I was doing the washing-up when I _____, I saw a spider. It was huge. Fred! 2 _____!
- A: Yuck, I hate spiders. Where did it go?
- B: It disappeared at first, but when I saw it on the table a few minutes later, 3 _____, I grabbed a magazine so I could hit it, but when I turned around, I couldn't see it!
- A: So, it's just walking around somewhere now?
- B: 4 _____, I think so.

F Use the prompts and the words given to write sentences.

- Jim / drive / start / raining _____ **when**
- Billy / watch / action film / Lauren / play / video games _____ **while**
- Thomas / run / through / forest / slip / on a rock _____ **as**
- I / see / car accident / I / call for / ambulance _____ **as soon as**
- Gloria / look for / keys / her phone / ring _____ **when**

A Choose a, b or c.

1. The school is _____ a talent show at the end of the school year.
a. replying
b. holding
c. shaking
2. Where did the ball _____ ?
Can you see it?
a. catch
b. shoot
c. land
3. The _____ on the street sign says that we must turn left.
a. bow
b. arrow
c. target



4. A large _____ was waiting to get the famous tennis player's autograph.
a. crowd
b. field
c. law
5. Did the police _____ the man who stole your car?
a. succeed
b. arrest
c. pass
6. Hundreds of people had _____ in the centre of the town and were waiting for the festival to begin.
a. stood out
b. gathered
c. cheered



B Write questions using the prompts given and the **Past Perfect Simple**. Then look at the pictures and answer the questions with short answers.

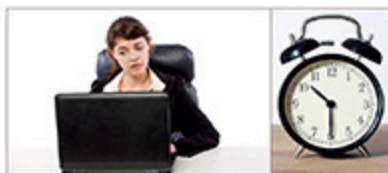


1. Ryan / finish / read / book / by Monday

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2. Melissa / reply / email / by 10 p.m.

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3. My family and I / eat / lunch / by 12.30 p.m.

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4. Tony / go / bed / by midnight

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C Complete the story with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Perfect Simple** of the verbs in brackets.



In the icy forests of North America, there 1 _____ (live) a female wolf and her baby, a grey wolf cub. Every morning, the female wolf used to bring food to her cub in the cave. One day, the wolf cub 2 _____ (not / want) to wait for his food. His mum 3 _____ (already / go) hunting, but he 4 _____ (decide) to go hunting too.

He was chasing a fox when he 5 _____ (slip) on some ice and 6 _____ (fall) down a hill. Luckily, he wasn't injured, but by the time the wolf cub 7 _____ (climb) back up, the fox 8 _____ (disappear). The cub 9 _____ (be) exhausted from the chase, so he 10 _____ (go) to the river to drink some water. That's when he 11 _____ (hear) a strange noise, and then he 12 _____ (see) some strange creatures with only two legs. He 13 _____ (never / see) anything like them before! One of them 14 _____ (approach) the cub and 15 _____ (pick him up). The cub 16 _____ (attack) the man's hand, and the man almost 17 _____ (drop) him. 'Sharp teeth on this little guy,' he 18 _____ (say) to the other men. 'I think I'll call him White Fang.'

D Join the sentences. Use the words given and the **Past Perfect Simple**.

1. The hairdresser cut Alice's hair. Then she dyed it. **before**
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2. The performance started. Then we arrived. **when**
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3. Dad took out the rubbish. Then he got in the car. **after**
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4. It got dark. Then we reached the hotel. **by the time**
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E Listen to a dialogue between two people who work at a zoo. Answer the questions and choose a, b or c.

1. What was the zookeeper doing when she saw the child?
a. She was feeding the monkeys.
b. She was eating her lunch.
c. She was cleaning out the monkeys' cage.
2. How did the monkeys react to the child?
a. They injured him.
b. They were interested in him.
c. They were annoyed.
3. How did the boy's mum feel in the end?
a. She was happy.
b. She was very angry.
c. She was frightened.



F Complete the summary of the dialogue in activity E. Write a word or a short phrase in each gap.

A zookeeper had just 1 _____ the monkeys' cage, and she was 2 _____ the monkeys. Suddenly, she saw a boy in the 3 _____ and realised that she had probably left the 4 _____ open. The zookeeper was 5 _____ that the monkeys might hurt the boy, but the monkeys wanted to 6 _____ with him. The zookeeper helped the boy look for 7 _____. When they found her, they told her what had happened, but luckily she wasn't 8 _____ with the boy.

A Complete the sentences with the words given.

exhausted - exhausting

1. Alex rode his bike for four hours this morning, and now he's
The bike ride was

disappointed - disappointing

2. I was by the book. The plot was very

frightened - frightening

3. Jack showed me a photo of a large, bear. He felt very
when he saw the bear, but he took the photo anyway.

embarrassed - embarrassing

4. I was very when my mum called me 'baby' in front of my new
friends. In fact, it was one of the most moments of my life.

shocked - shocking

5. The news about the fire was We were all
because lots of people got injured.

B Complete with the words in the box. There is one extra word that you do not need to use.

pyjamas tunnel lie scary surprising scare truth

- This is the second time I've watched this horror film. It didn't seem as
this time.
- Julian and Barry both say they reached the river first. No one else saw them, so I guess we'll never
find out the
- I hid in the wardrobe and jumped out when my sister came into the room because I wanted to
..... her.
- I have my with me because, after school, I'm going to go to
Morgan's house for a sleepover.
- If you don't feel well, then you should down.
- You have to go through the and then turn right to get to my house.

C Complete the dialogues with **question tags**.

1.

A: James and Patrick were acting strangely
this morning. ?

B: Yeah. Do you know why?

A: I think I do. They like playing practical jokes
on us. ?

B: Well, sure. You don't think they're planning
something. ?

A: I think they are.

B: Well, now that we know, they can't trick us!

A: I guess not!

2.

A: Are you going to take part in the marathon?

B: I don't know. It's next week. ?

A: No, it's going to take place next month.

B: Hmm... You're going to take part,
..... ?

A: Of course! It'll be fun!

B: I guess so.

A: Come on then!

B: If you insist... But we need to practise.

A: Well, let's go for a run then. ?

D Complete the dialogue with the phrases a-e. There is one extra phrase that you do not need to use.

- a. I hope you're pulling my leg. d. What on earth happened?
b. I'm all ears. e. You know what?
c. What's wrong?

A: Dorothy! Why is the bathroom so messy? There's water everywhere! 1

B: Um, sorry. I can explain.

A: 2

B: Well, Charlie and I tried to give Whiskers a bath.

A: Why? You know cats don't like baths, don't you?

B: We were trying to make biscuits, and Whiskers got some
butter on him... See, the kitchen's a bit messy too.

A: I don't believe this. 3

B: I'm afraid not. Sorry, Mum. We wanted to surprise you.

A: Where's Whiskers?

B: We can't find him. He ran out of the house.

A: 4 We can clean up later. Right now, we need to find the cat.



E Read the situations below and write a sentence with a **question tag** for each of them,
as in the example.



You're with a classmate at school, and you see your chemistry
teacher wearing a blue shirt. You think that she was wearing a
yellow shirt in the morning. What do you say to your classmate?

1. *She was wearing a yellow shirt this morning, wasn't she?*
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Your friend brings over a film to watch, but you think you have
both watched it before. What do you say to her?

2.



When you meet your friend, she looks angry and she's pointing
at her watch. You think you're late. What do you say?

3.



You went to a photography exhibition with your brother, and you
thought it was very interesting. What do you say to your brother?

4.



A Look at the pictures and complete the crossword.



B Complete the sentences with **so** or **such**.

- I was _____ excited about our camping trip that I couldn't sleep last night.
- I caught _____ a big fish yesterday that I couldn't eat the whole thing by myself.
- The hike up the mountain was _____ difficult that we didn't return to our campsite until after dark.

C Join the sentences using the words given.

- We're bad at fishing. We didn't catch any fish. **so**
- My sleeping bag is warm. I can even sleep in the snow. **so**
- We made a big fire. It kept us warm all night. **such**
- I saw a beautiful tree. I'll never forget it. **such**
- He is a good teacher. Everybody likes him. **such**
- I was scared when I saw the snake. I couldn't move. **so**

- He brought _____ a big tent with him that all five of us could sleep inside it.
- It was _____ an expensive sleeping bag that I didn't buy it.



D Match the sentences below and then rewrite them using **so/such... that**, as in the example.

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|---|---|---|
| 1. We had a great time on the trip to London. | a | a. We wanted to go there again. |
| 2. It was a cloudy day. | b | b. We needed help carrying our stuff. |
| 3. Our fishing gear was heavy. | c | c. We took over twenty pictures of it. |
| 4. The lake was beautiful. | d | d. We didn't go on a picnic in the end. |

1. *We had such a great time on the trip to London that we wanted to go there again.*

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

E Read the texts and write **S** for Stephanie, **J** for Jared or **N** for Neither.

Jared

I injured my arm in an accident last week, but I love camping so much that I went to Willow Lake with my friends last weekend anyway. I had heard it was a beautiful area, and I couldn't wait to check it out. When we first arrived at the lake, we made sure there weren't any snakes around, and then we put up our tents. My friends couldn't wait to jump in the lake, but my arm was hurting, so I took a walk around the lake. In the evening, we cooked over the campfire, and we were sitting around the fire telling stories when it started to rain. That was a little disappointing, but I had a great time in general.

Stephanie

My family and I used to stay in a wooden house near Smith Lake when I was a kid, and it was great, but when my friends organised a camping trip there, I wasn't so sure about it. I like trying new things, but camping wasn't one of them. I was looking forward to swimming though, so finally I agreed. As we were getting ready to go swimming, I suddenly saw something in the water. Well, I thought it was a snake, until I realised it was just a piece of wood. But I wasn't interested in swimming after that. Also, the insects were annoying and it was so cold at night that I couldn't sleep. Now I know why camping isn't my thing. The only nice thing about it was sitting around the fire while my friends were cooking dinner.

- I'd never been camping before.
- This was my first time visiting this lake.
- I went swimming in the lake.
- I saw a snake.
- I enjoyed the fire.
- I helped prepare our meal.
- I got injured during our camping trip.

A Circle the correct options.

- The **treasure chest / fire alarm** has gone off! Let's get out of the building!
- I have lots of pets, but my parrot is my favourite. When I'm at home, he always sits on my **shoulder / branch** because he likes to be near me.
- When I saw the woman **fallt / stare**, I called for an ambulance.
- I used to take lots of photos but I don't **for this reason / any longer**.
- Let's **tie / dive** into the deep end of the pool.
- We were so **sleepy / relieved** when the bear turned around and walked away into the forest.

B Complete the dialogues with the phrases a-i.

- It was my fault.
- Forget about it.
- He didn't mean to, of course.
- But I have some bad news to tell you.
- I'm afraid so.

1.

A: Hey, how was your weekend? Did you have fun rock climbing?

B: We did. 1 _____

A: What is it?

B: When we reached the top of the mountain, I took off the helmet you'd lent me and, without thinking, I put it on the ground. Then Craig kicked it off the side of the mountain. 2 _____ It was an accident. It was wrong of me to leave it there in the first place.

A: Did it break?

B: 3 _____ It fell forty metres and broke into two pieces. I'm so sorry. 4 _____

A: Things like this happen. 5 _____ After all, you didn't mean to break it.

f. You what?

g. I just hope this doesn't happen again if I lend you something.

h. It was wrong of me.

i. I've been meaning to tell you.

2.

A: Could you give me back my MP4 player? I need it.

B: Oh, yeah... 6 _____

A: What happened?

B: Well, I've had it in my bag these past few days, but this morning, when I wanted to use it, I couldn't find it. I think I've lost it.

A: 7 _____ Are you sure?

B: I'm really sorry. 8 _____ I wasn't careful.

A: Look, it doesn't matter. 9 _____

B: I promise it won't!



C Circle the correct options.

Last summer, I went on holiday with my family. One day, while my parents were sleeping and my brother was riding his bike, I decided to go windsurfing. 1 **In the beginning / All of a sudden**, everything was fine. I'd already taken windsurfing lessons, and I was pretty good at it. However, 2 **as a result / suddenly**, the wind changed and started pushing me out towards the open sea. I tried to return to the beach, 3 **until / but** I just kept getting further away from it. When I realised I was in danger, I 4 **until / immediately** let the sail drop into the water and took my phone out of my pocket. 5 **Luckily / Unfortunately**, I had remembered to put it inside a plastic bag, so it hadn't got wet. I called my brother and told him what had happened. He promised to get help and told me to stay calm.

6 **To my surprise / By the time**, I soon saw my whole family in a neighbour's boat. They threw me a rope and pulled me back to the beach. I was 7 **so / such** relieved to be back on land that I couldn't stop thanking the neighbour who had helped rescue me!

4 Round-up

A Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

pull	embarrassed	entrance	plan
sunscreen	exhausting	stand out	embarrassing

- The lift wasn't working, so we had to go up ten floors on foot. It was so _____!
- There was food stuck between my two front teeth all morning. How _____!
- Louise and Margaret _____ because they're both very tall and have red hair.
- I was pushing the door with all my strength, and then I realised I just needed to _____ it instead.
- I don't want to go into the restaurant alone, so I'll wait for you at the _____, OK?
- You should always put on _____ when you go to the beach.
- Let's _____ a camping trip for next weekend.
- Dennis fell down in front of all his classmates and felt very _____.

B Choose a, b or c.



1. Camping is _____ in many national parks and forests.

- common
- shocking
- unfair

2. Be careful! The _____ of the rocks is very slippery!

- target
- surface
- truth



3. There was a _____ of people on the beach because some dolphins had appeared, and everyone wanted to take a picture of them.

- crowd
- lifeguard
- safety

4. We didn't _____ the baby bear because we were afraid that its mum might be nearby.

- sense
- react
- approach



5. I don't wear this jacket very often, but if I _____ it black, I might wear it more often.

- return
- pass
- die

6. We saw smoke coming from the neighbours' house, so we called the fire _____.

- expert
- brigade
- co-worker

7. Everyone in the stadium _____ when the player scored.

- noticed
- cheered
- succeeded

8. You look _____! Did something scare you?

- shocked
- exhausted
- frightened



4 Round-up

C Complete the text with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Progressive** of the verbs in brackets.

Last weekend, my friend and I 1 _____ (go) camping and
 2 _____ (have) a little adventure! On our first night, we
 3 _____ (decide) to make a fire. While we 4 _____
 (collect) some wood in the forest, we 5 _____ (hear) a noise. We
 6 _____ (not know) what it was, but we'd read that there were bears
 in the area, so we immediately 7 _____ (start) running. Jake
 8 _____ (run) in front of me when he suddenly 9 _____
 (fall) down and 10 _____ (disappear)! I 11 _____
 (turn) on my torch and 12 _____ (discover) a large hole – Jake had
 fallen into it! Luckily, I 13 _____ (carry) some rope in my backpack, so
 I 14 _____ (tie) one end around a tree and then
 15 _____ (throw) the other end to him. Fortunately, he quickly
 16 _____ (climb) up. As we 17 _____ (walk)
 back to our tent, we didn't speak, but I know we 18 _____ (think) the
 same thing: maybe camping by ourselves wasn't such a good idea.

D Complete the dialogues with **question tags**.

1. A: The children haven't returned yet.
 _____ ?
 B: No, they haven't. They're at the park.
 _____ ?
 A: Yes, they're skateboarding.
 B: They love skateboarding.
 _____ ?
2. A: You were telling me about rock climbing a few days ago.
 _____ ?
 B: Yeah, I've heard that it's a lot of fun.
 A: But you haven't done it before.
 _____ ?
 B: No, but I want to. Let's try it.
 _____ ?
3. A: Bring me my jacket.
 _____ ?
 It's freezing out here.
 B: Sure. It's in the car.
 _____ ?
 A: Yeah, I think so.

E Complete the sentences with the **Past Simple** or the **Past Perfect Simple** of the verbs in brackets.

1. Dad was upset because we _____ (not make) a fire by the time he (return) to the campsite.
2. When we _____ (reach) the hotel, we _____ (realise) that we _____ (forget) one of our suitcases!
3. Amanda _____ (not come) to the aquarium with us because Neil _____ (not invite) her.
4. Clyde _____ (catch) six fish by the time we finally _____ (find) the lake. We _____ (get) lost in the woods, you see.
5. We _____ (put) out the fire by the time the fire brigade _____ (arrive).
6. Jack _____ (be) really tired because he _____ (not sleep) well the night before.
7. We _____ (do) all of our homework by five o'clock, so we _____ (watch) TV until dinner time.

F Make one sentence using **so** and one using **such**.

1. That old house is scary. No one goes near it.
 That old house _____

 It is _____
2. These pyjamas are comfortable. I don't want to take them off.
 These pyjamas are _____

 These are _____

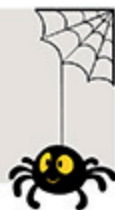
3. Our dinner table is big. Twelve people can sit around it.
 Our dinner table is _____

 We've got _____
4. The film was boring. I fell asleep.
 The film was _____

 It was _____

G Choose **a, b** or **c**.

1.
 A: I'm so angry at Ashley that I never want to speak to her again!
 B: _____
 a. You know what?
 b. I'm afraid so.
 c. What on earth did she do?
2.
 A: What did you do when you saw the spider?
 B: _____
 a. I held my breath.
 b. I pulled its leg.
 c. I'm terribly sorry.



3.
 A: Oh no! Who broke my sunglasses?
 B: _____
 a. I couldn't believe my eyes!
 b. I'm all ears.
 c. I didn't mean to. It was an accident.
4.
 A: I'm sorry I lost your book.
 B: _____
 a. Forget about it.
 b. If you insist.
 c. It won't happen again.



H You will listen to three people talking about their unusual homes. Match their names with the pictures. There is one extra picture that you do not need to use.



Cody
 Fiona
 Elsa

I Listen again and write **T** for True or **F** for False.

- Cody**
1. Cody built his house without any help.
 2. Cody enjoys living in nature.
- Fiona**
3. You can't live in a yurt if you live in a big city.
 4. Fiona doesn't want to live in a different kind of house.
- Elsa**
5. Elsa's family started living by the sea when she was fifteen.
 6. Elsa thinks living in a flat is boring.

