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THE SCHOOL OF HOPE

Apart from a few well-known cases, the great achievements of people and artists with disabilities have often been ignored. However, many successful celebrities live with some form of disability. They have all managed to live life to the full and be successful, despite having to deal with a series of difficulties including mistreatment, job discrimination, poor health care systems, and inaccessible places. Let's learn about some of these amazing people!

THAT'S
NOT
FAIR!

Check you know the meaning of the following terms:

- mistreatment
- job discrimination
- poor health care
- inaccessible places

Think of real-life examples for each one.

GLOSSARY

- **achievements:** successes
- **cosmology:** scientific study of the universe
- **deal with:** (here) solve
- **depression:** medical condition of sadness
- **interpreting:** translating
- **rare:** very unusual
- **self-portraits:** paintings of herself
- **simulated:** reproduced in an artificial way
- **was diagnosed with:** was told (he) had a disease



Stephen Hawking

(1942-2018) was a famous scientist in the world of physics, mathematics, and cosmology. He lost his speech when he was twenty-one, due to a rare form of ALS, also known as motor-neuron disease. Hawking continued working as a professor and researcher, although he was forced to communicate using a computer that simulated his voice by interpreting the movements of his head and eyes. He also became a popular figure after appearing in an episode of *The Simpsons*.



Michael J. Fox

(1961 -), the boy in the movie *Back To The Future*, was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease when he was only twenty-nine years old. After a period of depression, he found the strength to appear in public again and continue working, giving his fans a message of hope and determination. He also created the Michael J. Fox Foundation For Parkinson's Research.



Frida Kahlo

(1907-54) was a child, she suffered, among other diseases, from polio. She then had an accident as a teenager which caused her terrible physical problems for the rest of her life. However, this did not stop her from becoming one of the most famous artists of the twentieth century. She is most known for her self-portraits, but her art also played a key role in Mexican society.

OVER TO YOU!

Find out more about one of these amazing people. Share your findings in class.

What Katy Did

CECY HALL

KATY

CLOVER

ELSIE

DORRY

JOANNA /
JOHN

PHIL



THE CARR CHILDREN



PAPA / DR CARR



COUSIN HELEN



MAMMA



AUNT IZZIE

BEFORE READING

1 Match the different words from the story with the correct definitions.

- a** ☐ invalid **b** ☐ aunt
c ☐ doctor **d** ☐ cousin

- 1** person who can make ill people better
2 person who is ill for a long time
3 your uncle or aunt's child
4 your mother or father's sister

2  **Look at this picture of the Carr children and their friend Cecy. Work with a friend. Ask and answer these questions about family.**

- a** Have you got a big or small family?
b Have you got brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, cousins?
c Is anyone in your family very different from the others?
d Describe your home.





-  **3 Listen and match the descriptions to the characters. Number the pictures 1 to 6.**



-  **4 Listen again and complete the sentences with the correct name from Exercise 3.**

- a** lives in Burnet, a small town in the USA. Her hair is always untidy and her dresses are always torn.
- b** Katy's died. The Carr children don't have a mother anymore.
- c**, Katy's father, is a kind and busy doctor, who is often away from home, taking care of sick people.
- d** lives in the house next door, and is a good friend of the Carr children.
- e**, Papa's sister, takes care of the Carr children. She looks old, and is very neat.
- f**, Papa's niece, is an invalid and lives in a very pretty room. Papa visits her twice a year.

1 The little Carrs



Katy Carr lived in a small town called Burnet in Texas, America. Katy's house was a large square house on the edge of town. The house was white, with blue shutters, and it had a porch in front, with roses on it. Four tall trees were beside the path to the front gate. On one side of the house was a fruit orchard, on the other side was a barn. Behind the house was a kitchen garden. Behind that was a field with trees, and four cows – two red ones, a yellow one, and a little white one named Daisy.

There were six Carr children – four girls and two boys. Katy, the oldest, was twelve years old; little Phil, the youngest, was four, and the others were in between.

Dr Carr, their Papa, was a kind and busy doctor, who was away from home all day, and sometimes all night, too, taking care of sick people. The Carr children did not have a mamma. She died when Phil was a baby, four years before the story begins.

Instead of Mamma, the children had Aunt Izzie, Papa's sister, who lived in their house and took care of them. Aunt Izzie was a small, thin woman. She looked old, and was very neat. As a child, Aunt Izzie loved sitting quietly and sewing in the parlor. Katy liked running around, and hated sewing.

GLOSSARY

- **barn:** large building for animals and food
- **edge:** (here) outside
- **neat:** clean and tidy
- **orchard:** group of fruit trees
- **parlor:** front room of a house
- **porch:** small area at the front of a house
- **sewing:** making things with a needle and thread
- **shutters:** covers for a window
- **taking care of:** looking after

“Clover, go upstairs and wash your hands!” “Dorry, pick your hat off the floor and hang it up!” Aunt Izzie was saying things like this all day.

Clover was next in age to Katy. She had pigtails• of light brown hair, and blue eyes. Everybody loved Clover, and she loved everybody, especially Katy.

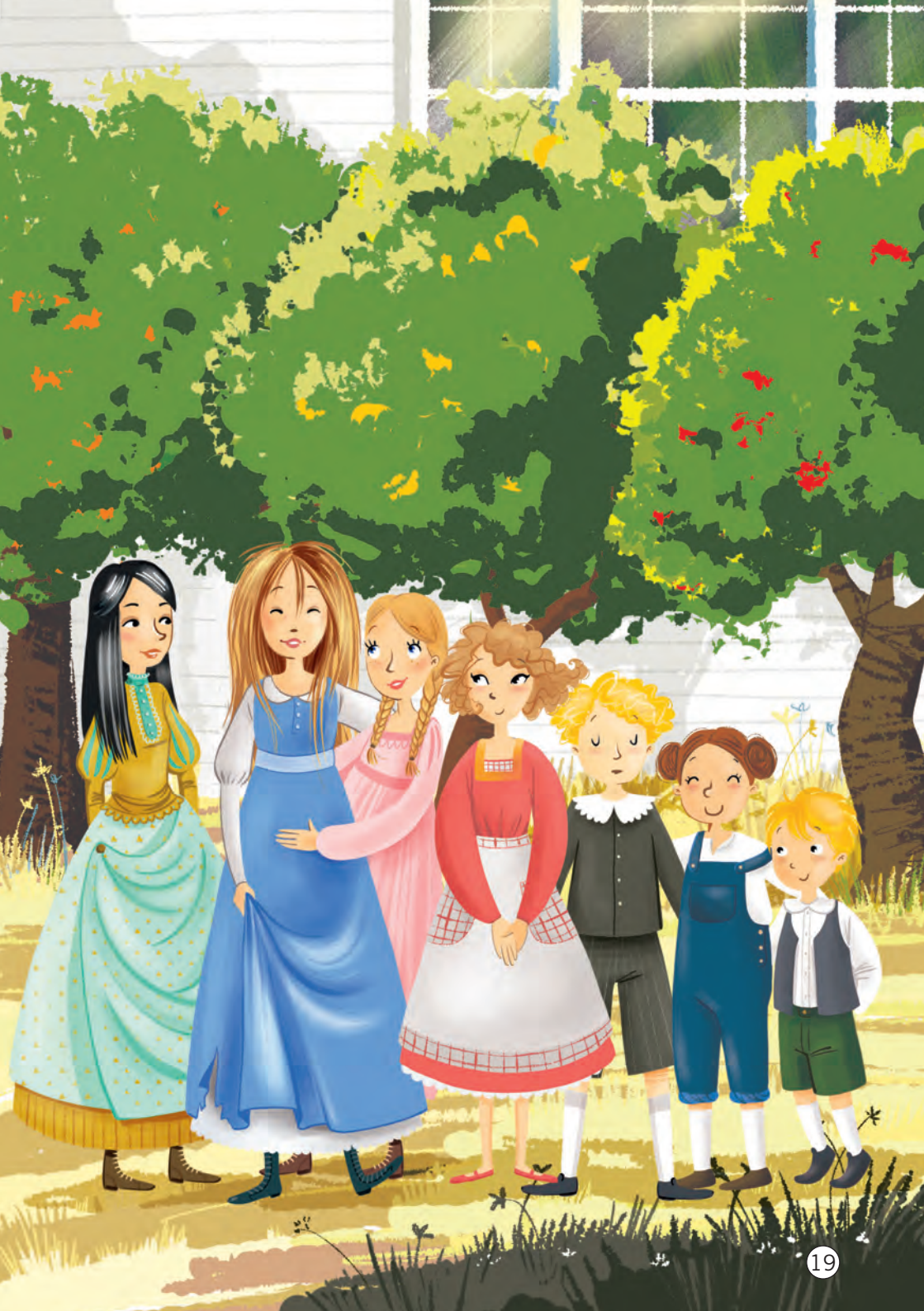
Then came Elsie, a thin, brown child of eight, with beautiful dark eyes and short curls. Poor little Elsie was the “odd• one” among the Carrs. She wanted to go around with Katy and Clover and their friend Cecy Hall. She wanted to know their secrets. But they didn’t want Elsie, and often told her to “run away and play with the children.” Elsie hated that.

Dorry was six years old. He was a pale boy, with a serious face. Joanna, the children called her “John,” was a year younger than Dorry. John had big eyes and a wide pink mouth. She always looked as if she was about to laugh. Dorry and John were great friends, though Dorry was like a girl in boy’s clothes, and John was like a boy in girl’s clothes. Then there was little Phil. He was only four.

Cecy Hall lived next door. She was a good friend of the Carr children. She was neat, and had black hair. She was very different from Katy! Katy’s hair was always untidy; her dresses were always torn•. She was very tall – taller than Aunt Izzie.

GLOSSARY

- **odd:** different; strange
- **pigtails:** hair in long twists
- **torn:** with holes in



Katy made lots of good resolutions every week, but she never kept them. She wanted to set the children a good example, but she usually forgot. Katy's brains got her into trouble. She always had lots of plans and ideas, and was always dreaming about being grown-up or famous. But while she was thinking about these things she often forgot to do her homework, or to lace her boots, and then she got a bad mark, or a telling off from Aunt Izzie. But she always planned to be beautiful, like an angel.

RESOLUTIONS

Do you ever make resolutions?
How often? And what about?
Can you keep them or do you
forget like Katy?



GLOSSARY

- **example:** model; way of behaving
- **into trouble:** into a bad or dangerous situation
- **lace:** tie, so they don't come off
- **resolutions:** decisions to do something good
- **telling off:** things people say to you when you are in trouble

AFTER READING VOCABULARY

1 Use five of the words in the box to complete the sentences.

cloth edge full moody
sweep tactful thimble wide

- a After the accident, Aunt Izzie put a cold wet on Katy's forehead.
- b Katy's house was a large square house on the of town.
- c Katy was miserable. She often lay awake at night, thinking.
- d At Christmas, Katy asked Aunt Izzie to buy a for old Mary.
- e Katy became very polite and with the children.

2 Make three sentences with the words left out in Exercise 1.

3 Complete the word formation table below.

ADVERB	ADJECTIVE
.....	EASY
ESPECIALLY
.....	BUSY
SUDDENLY
.....	FAST
PROBABLY
.....	TIGHT
DEFINITELY
.....	FAINT
MISERABLY
.....	HAPPY

K A2 Key English Test Reading and Writing Part 4**1 Read the sentences and choose the best word (A, B, or C) for each space.**

- 1 On side of the house was a fruit orchard, on the other side was a barn.
- 2 Clover and Elsie were downstairs, when they heard Katy's bell. They ran.
- 3 Helen was to get married. But before the wedding she had an accident.
- 4 Joanna always looked if she was about to laugh.
- 5 Katy and her friends were walking home together afternoon in July.
- 6 Katy made lots of good resolutions every week, but she never them.
- 7 Papa visited Cousin Helen a year.
- 8 "By the, where is the little white vase I gave you?" Helen asked Katy.
- 9 "It won't be easy," she said. "Some days your head ache, and you will feel grumpy."
- 10 The story about the robber was exciting, a bit frightening, too.

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| 1 A this | B a | C one |
| 2 A both | B together | C suddenly |
| 3 A going | B ready | C sure |
| 4 A down | B as | C around |
| 5 A an | B one | C next |
| 6 A held | B did | C kept |
| 7 A twice | B only | C after |
| 8 A time | B way | C window |
| 9 A will | B can | C won't |
| 10 A also | B even | C but |