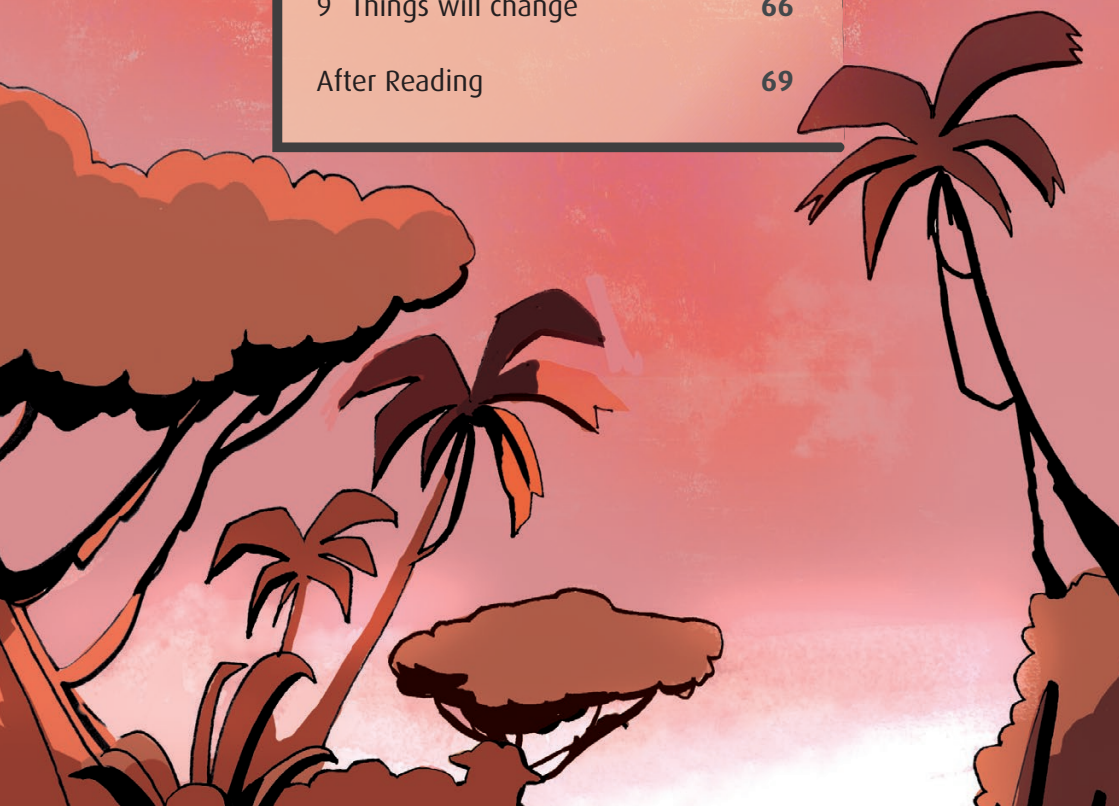


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BEFORE READING



- 1 *Red Water* takes place in England and the Ivory Coast. Listen to the information about the Ivory Coast and answer the questions.



IVORY COAST

- 1 The Ivory Coast is in Africa.
 - a East
 - b West
 - c North
- 2 Which of the following countries doesn't border with the Ivory Coast?
 - a Libya
 - b Guinea
 - c Ghana
- 3 The Ivory Coast is km².
 - a 1,752
 - b 322,460
 - c 722,758
- 4 The climate is hot and wet from
 - a November to March
 - b March to May
 - c June to October
- 5 What height is Mont Nimba?
 - a 17,520 metres
 - b 1,752 metres
 - c 10,052 metres
- 6 What is the official language of the Ivory Coast?
 - a English
 - b French
 - c Spanish
- 7 Yamoussoukro is the of the Ivory Coast.
 - a largest city
 - b capital city
 - c former capital city
- 8 The Ivory Coast is one of the largest exporters of
 - a diamonds
 - b cocoa beans
 - c rubber

- 2  With a partner, write a quiz about your country. Then give the quiz to another pair to do.

BEFORE READING

1 Read these quotes from the story and answer the questions.

- a ... he just smashed his way into the apartment. He didn't say his name, but his purpose was clear. What he wanted was silence. And that was what he got. He bought silence with fear.
- b 'That is extremely serious,' agreed the inspector. 'We've got every available police officer looking for your sister. But I'm afraid it's a question of whether we can find her in time.'

1 What kind of story is it?

- ☐ thriller ☐ adventure ☐ horror ☐ romance

2 What do you think takes place in the story? Tick two items.

- ☐ a murder ☐ a hijack ☐ a kidnapping ☐ a robbery



2 Listen and number the pictures. Then write the names of the characters.



a



b



c



3 Listen again and answer the questions.

- a Where in England does the story take place?
- b What is Tricia's brother called?
- c What job does Daniel's mum do?

4 What do the characters look like? Write a short description for each one.

1 Two events



On Thursday, 12 May, two apparently unrelated things happened within the same two minutes in two very different parts of the world.

‘What’s extraordinary...’ says Tricia, thinking back to that moment. She stops.

‘Yes?’ asks her mother.

‘What’s so incredible,’ Tricia continues, ‘is that they happened on the same day, at the same time. Don’t you think?’

‘I *don’t* think,’ says her mother. ‘I try not to think. I just try to move on.’

‘I keep thinking, what if?’ says Tricia. ‘What if one of those things hadn’t happened? What if I... ? I know, Mum,’ she says. ‘You can’t go through life saying, “what if?”—but just imagine... *what if?*’

The first event took place on a dusty red earth road that led to a small village in the heart of equatorial Africa. It was an event witnessed[•] only by the two men who did it, and two parrots that rose screaming from the forest canopy[•] in a blur[•] of red and yellow feathers. There was the sound of guns firing. Three times. And then the thud[•] of a man’s body being thrown into a clump[•] of bushes. To the men with the guns he wasn’t a man; he was a job, a task. They never thought of him as a man. Nor did the men who had sent them. That was their mistake.

- **blur:** unclear vision
- **canopy:** thick covering
- **clump:** group

- **thud:** dull, heavy sound
- **witnessed:** seen

Every human has a name; every human has a story. This man, the man who had died, was called Winston. Winston worked for a large multinational company that had just sacked* him; and Winston was scared. That was why he'd left the city and was trying to escape to his village at the other end of the dusty red road. He'd been born in that village, but had moved to the capital city to study. Then, after he had got his degree*, he had stayed there. In the city, he had a wife and two children, and they were worried about him. His wife knew that something bad was going on, but for the sake of* the children she said nothing.

Winston's wife was a kind woman who loved her husband and her children. When a stranger came to her home, she knew something bad was going to happen. The stranger didn't say very much. He was a man of few words. He was called the Sweeper*, and he was one of the two men who, on that Thursday morning, were carrying guns and climbing back into a Land Rover, on a dusty red earth road in Africa. The Sweeper didn't knock on the door of Winston's home—he just smashed his way into the apartment. He didn't say his name, but his purpose* was clear. What he wanted was silence. And that was what he got. He bought silence with fear.

The Sweeper was a man who traded in* fear. He was a man who swept up problems. Winston was a problem, and the Sweeper got rid of* him. And now he was in Winston's home, and his message to Winston's wife was clear; he knew where she and the children lived.

- **degree:** university qualification
- **for the sake of:** for the good of
- **got rid of:** (here) killed
- **purpose:** objective; what he wanted
- **sacked:** stopped his work contract
- **Sweeper:** someone who cleans with a brush
- **traded in:** used for his work

Winston's wife understood. She bought her children's lives with silence, but she knew she couldn't buy her husband's life. It was already too late. That was why Winston's wife had wept[•] even before the news of Winston's death reached her. Winston was dead before he left the city, before he walked down the dusty red earth road.

Winston's wife loved her husband, but she did not speak out[•]. Not then, or ever. She had to think about her children. The Sweeper relied[•] on this. He, and the men who paid him, the company men.

Silence

Winston's wife decides not to speak out against the Sweeper. Can you think of a time when you chose not to speak? Or when it would have been better to say nothing?

The company knew that people would notice Winston's disappearance; they knew people would ask questions. Winston was popular; he had many friends. But the Sweeper made a mistake. He thought that no one would find Winston's body. He thought the ants[•] would arrive first, or the rains. He thought Winston's wife would be silent and no one would know. He thought the job was done. But the Sweeper didn't know Winston's wife.

- **ants:** small insects
- **relied:** depended

- **speak out:** protest
- **wept:** cried

Winston's wife was intelligent and she loved her children, but she cared about her husband, too. So, while she did not talk about the Sweeper, she did act. The day after the men visited her apartment, she went to the market as she always did, but this time, she spoke quietly to a man selling fish. He was a man who was married to a woman whose sister was married to a man from Winston's village. That was how the information was passed back. Quietly. Invisibly. Within a day, the people of that village left their homes and walked along the dusty red road, where they found Winston's body.

The company told a different story. They said that Winston was depressed*. Then they issued a statement* saying he was sacked because there were figures that did not add up*. They implied* that Winston was a thief, though no one actually accused him of this. The company said that Winston had "disappeared". The company thought it was rather inconvenient that his body was found so soon. Bad luck. The villagers said the goats were feeding near the bushes. A boy who was with the goats found the body. It was the goats. It was bad luck. The company did not think that Winston's wife could have asked someone to send goats along the path. She and her children were safe. The company thought it was bad luck. The Sweeper thought it was bad luck. He thought Winston's wife was too afraid to speak. He didn't think she had the courage to do anything. It was the goats, it was bad luck.

- **depressed:** sad; low in spirits
- **implied:** made people believe something without saying it
- **issued a statement:** made an official report
- **there were figures that did not add up:** the accounts of the company were not correct



So, the company changed its story. The new story was that Winston had killed himself. That was the story. But it was a strange story. A man walked along a dusty red road and then shot himself and jumped into a bush. And there was no gun. The villagers mentioned* these details very quietly, because they had children. They understood men with guns; they knew about the Sweeper and men like him.

Let's go back to Thursday, 12 May. The Sweeper is in the forest on the dusty red road. He gets back inside his Land Rover and makes a telephone call. He speaks to a man in an office, who simply says, 'Good,' and puts down the phone. Then the man in the office makes a call. He calls a number in England, and another man listens and says: 'Good. This did *not* happen. Make sure no one ever discovers the true story. Do you understand?'

'I understand,' says the man in the office in Africa, the man in a city called Abidjan in a small country called the Ivory Coast.

'If the real story gets out, it could destroy the company,' says the man in England.

'No one will ever know the real story,' says the man in Abidjan, looking out across the plateau*, over the fringe* of high-rise* buildings towards the lagoon*. 'I've made sure of that.'

The real story



In pairs, say exactly what happened.

- **bonus:** (here) extra money
- **fringe:** something that is along the edge
- **high-rise:** high; with lots of floors
- **lagoon:** lake
- **mentioned:** said casually
- **plateau:** flat plain in the mountains

‘Good,’ says the man in England again. ‘There’ll be a bonus* at the end of the year, I imagine.’ And he puts down the phone. He is not a man to use unnecessary words or continue to talk after he’s said what he wants to say. He is a man who uses few words. But when he speaks, other men act.

Secrets

Have you ever had a secret?

Has anyone ever told you a secret?

When is it good to keep something secret?

When is it bad?



And what about the second thing that happened on Thursday, 12 May? That took place in a school in Cambridge, in England. It was the last class before lunch, and Tricia Johnson was presenting a project to her geography class:

‘First, here are some facts:

- 1 Nearly 50% of the food we eat in the UK comes from other countries.
- 2 Food is the most common import* transported by road freight*.
- 3 Here in the UK, road transport is the largest source* of greenhouse gas emissions.

‘I thought we could produce a leaflet,’ she continued. ‘It’ll tell people about the number of miles that their food travels to get to the supermarkets. We could give them these facts, and facts about the air miles that their food uses.’

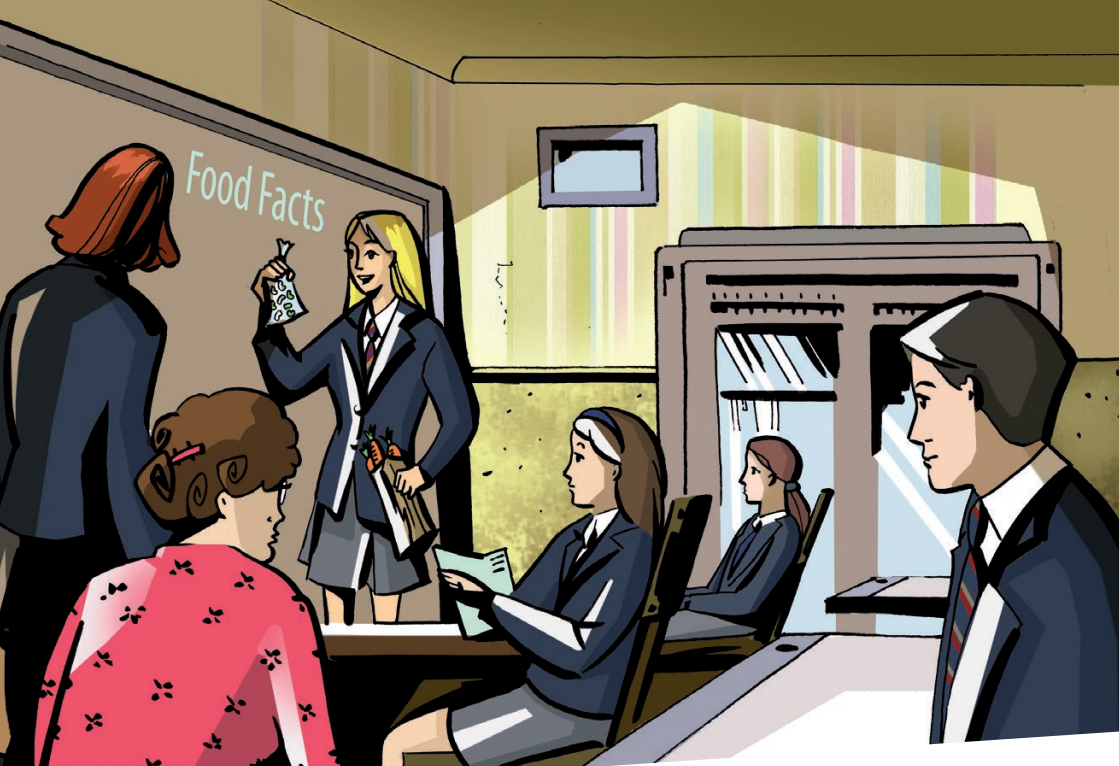
‘Does that mean that cabbages get free flights to Spain?’ asked Pete, the class joker*.

No one answered him, though his gang of friends laughed.

‘Let’s compare two vegetables,’ said Tricia. ‘The first is in the supermarket down the road, and it’s a packet of beans. It comes from Kenya and it has travelled 4,333 miles to get here. The beans were picked five days ago and were sprayed* with chemicals to stop them from going brown on the journey. They’ve been packed in plastic and have travelled by road, then air, then road again.’

‘They need a holiday in Spain,’ said Pete.

- **freight:** (here) transport
- **import:** item bought or brought from another country
- **joker:** person who makes jokes
- **source:** (here) cause
- **sprayed:** covered with small drops



‘The second vegetable is in the farmers’ market which is on Midsummer Common* on Sundays. Here you have a paper bag with organic carrots in it that have travelled six miles from the farm where they were picked the day before the market. They have been cleaned by being washed in the field, and they have never been sprayed with any chemicals.’

Tricia sat down after she’d finished her presentation. She knew it was good and she’d worked very hard to get all the information. Mrs Ashley, the geography teacher, was pleased. The class were impressed, too, and they agreed to raise the money to produce a leaflet, which they would distribute* outside the supermarket.

- **Common:** piece of land that belongs to everyone in a town or village
- **distribute:** (here) give to people

Then it happened. Just before lunch, after the bell. Tricia was putting all her books into her bag when Daniel Marsh came up to her. Daniel Marsh walked across the room to speak to Tricia Johnson. Daniel Marsh, who was widely acknowledged* to be the coolest boy in the school. Daniel Marsh, who was tall and had deep green eyes, and who played the guitar like Jimi Hendrix. The same Daniel Marsh who never talked to any of the girls in the class, although many of them wished he would.

This was an unprecedented* moment. Tricia Johnson is not one of the prettiest girls in the class. She's not as unattractive* as she thinks she is, but her hair is ordinary and she doesn't like her nose. But Daniel Marsh, who was eighteen, and six months older than her, was talking to her. Daniel Marsh was talking about her project.

'That was so cool, Tricia,' he said. 'It's really important that we put pressure on the supermarkets.'

Tricia smiled and nodded. She couldn't say anything.

'There's something else I'd like to talk to you about,' he said.

'Yeah?' said Tricia.

'Are you free to come over to my place* later?'

Tricia nodded. Unless she was physically restrained* or in hospital, she was going to be free to go over to Daniel Marsh's place. No one in her class had ever been invited back to Daniel's. Not since they'd all been children. Daniel Marsh had asked Tricia. This was an event. And it was the second event of May 12—and the event that started it all.

- **place:** (here) house
- **restrained:** forcibly stopped
- **unattractive:** not pretty or nice to look at
- **unprecedented:** that had not happened before
- **widely acknowledged:** that everyone agreed

AFTER READING

VOCABULARY

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

broadcast distribute outfit shown
send statement thud ward

- a The news of Tricia's abduction was immediately.
- b Nick's long confirmed what Daniel's mother had already told the police.
- c Tricia's classmates agreed to produce a leaflet to outside the supermarket.
- d She bought a new, as she wanted to look her best for the occasion.
- e No one heard the of a man's body being thrown into the bushes.

2 In pairs, write three sentences with the words left out in Exercise 1.

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box. There is one additional phrasal verb that is not needed.

blow up call for cover up dig up get through warn off

- a Although the police were trying to keep people out, Tricia managed to the barrier and reach Daniel.
- b He was after making some enquiries into their illegal activities.
- c The Kyoto Protocol 180 countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.
- d Tricia and Daniel managed to information about Tricia's father's company while they were doing research online.
- e Just as Daniel was coming back from buying some bread, his house

AFTER READING

CAMBRIDGE ENGLISH EXAMS

P B1 Preliminary English Test Reading Part 5

1 Complete the sentences by choosing the correct answer (A, B, C or D).

- 1** There had always been a rule not to go into Tricia's father's study while he was working.
A common B universal C wide D general
- 2** The Sweeper smashed his way Winston's apartment.
A into B through C of D in
- 3** 'We there just in time. One minute later and she would have been dead.'
A was B came C got D get
- 4** 'You can't life saying "What if?".'
A get to B get in C go through D go to
- 5** They decided to get of the witness.
A rid B advantage C round D most
- 6** Daniel leaned back, tipping his chair. At home, Tricia's mother always complained when Tricia or her brother did that, Daniel's mother didn't seem to mind.
A even if B but C just D only
- 7** Daniel told Tricia about the death of his father on the way to his house. 'Just you don't ask about him,' he said.
A because B if C so D when
- 8** Nick thought someone be at home because the alarm wasn't on.
A should B can C would D must
- 9** Tricia found out details about how the water was reprocessed in the tailings dam. 'A sink of dirty red water worth millions' was one report described it.
A what B why C how D when
- 10** 'What are you on about?' asked Tricia's brother. 'Dad's not that!'
A just B like C about D for