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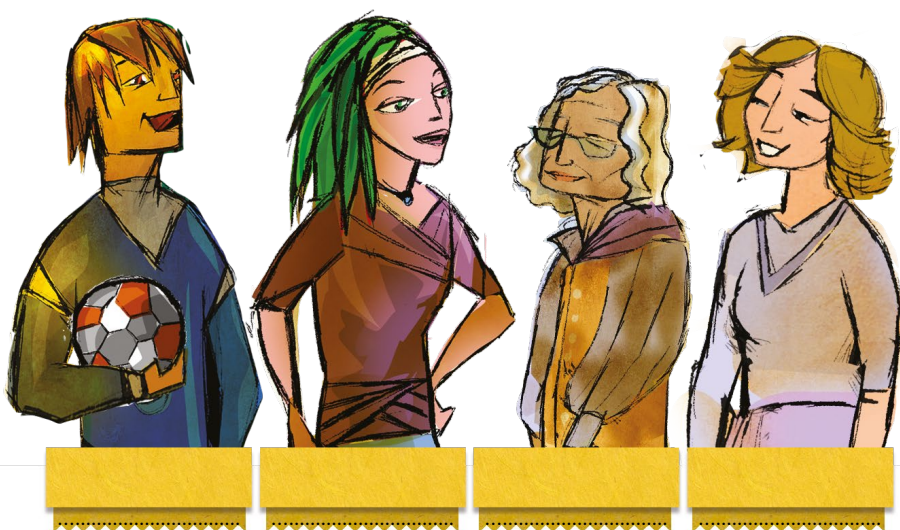


BEFORE READING



1 Read the sentences and write the correct name under each picture.

- a Anne Banks is Gus and Ellie's mother. Her husband Harry is dead.
- b Gus is fifteen. His favourite team is Manchester United.
- c Rose Stanway is the Banks's neighbour. She is almost ninety.
- d Ellie is Gus's sister. She is seventeen and sings in a local band.



2  Who is it? Read the sentences and ask and answer questions with a partner. Then think of an extra question you would like to ask the character.

- a She likes music and her hair is green.
- b She wears glasses and lives next door to Anne, Gus and Ellie.
- c He is Ellie's younger brother and he likes football.
- d She has light brown hair and lives next door to Rose.

BEFORE READING



- 1 Read and listen to Anne talking about her life. Then listen again and circle the correct word.

We lived in the **country** / **town**, but then my husband Harry lost his job at the **car** / **jam** factory, so we moved to a small **house** / **flat** in a village. But then we had a huge shock—Harry **died** / **left**. Things were never the same again. Now, I have a **full-time** / **part-time** job at the local **primary school** / **cinema**. I don't have much money, but I have two children, Gus and Ellie, and a lot of bills to pay. But I buy **lottery tickets** / **expensive shoes**. I dream of **winning** / **watching** the lottery one day, even though the chances are fourteen million to one!

- 2 Anne and her family live in a village now, but they lived in a town before that. Write lists of things you find in a town and in the country. Choose from the words in the box. Add two words of your own to each list.

cottage **discount shops** **farmers' market**
~~**green fields**~~ ~~**supermarket**~~ **traffic lights**

Town

supermarket

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Country

green fields

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- 3  Work in a small group. Discuss which is best, town or country? Is it cheaper or more expensive to live in the town or in the country?

1 Gus



Rose Stanway walked slowly and carefully to the door and opened it. She smiled as she looked up at her favourite neighbour, young Gus Banks.

‘Gus! Come in, love, and have a cup of tea—I’ve just made some.’

‘I can’t stop, Rose, but thanks anyway,’ the boy said apologetically*. ‘My mum wants to know if you need anything from the shops—we’re going to town this afternoon in the car.’

‘No thanks, Gus, but wait a minute,’ said Rose with a wink*. ‘I’ve got something for your mother.’

Rose went to the kitchen and came back with a jar* of dark red jam.

‘I made this with the raspberries* you picked* for me last week,’ Rose explained. ‘It tastes lovely with some nice, fresh bread. Ask your mother to buy some when you’re in town. This is one of my best jams.’

‘You always say that, Rose,’ Gus smiled. ‘And your jam is always brilliant. I’ll tell Mum, but I’ll have a taste* first. Thanks.’

Rose smiled and watched Gus run back into his house, his brown hair falling down his neck and his legs too long for his trousers again. He was a nice boy—just like his father, bless his soul*. Just like his poor father.

Neighbours

Do you have a favourite neighbour?



Tell a partner.

- **apologetically:** showing he was sorry
- **bless his soul:** kind exclamation remembering a dead person
- **have a taste:** eat a little
- **jar:** glass container
- **picked:** took from plant
- **raspberries:** red summer fruit
- **wink:** closing one eye

AFTER READING

VOCABULARY

1 Match the expressions from the story to their meanings.

- a ☐ farmers' market
- b ☐ discount shops
- c ☐ lottery
- d ☐ charity
- e ☐ pension
- f ☐ wage
- g ☐ widow

- 1 money paid to old or retired people who no longer work
- 2 place where local farmers, bakers and butchers sell what they produce
- 3 places where people who are short of money go to find bargains
- 4 organization that helps people in need
- 5 when people buy tickets in the hope of winning a big money prize
- 6 money which is paid to you in return for doing a job
- 7 woman whose husband has died

2 Complete the sentences with the words above.

- a Rose says she has enough money; she has her
- b Sheila pays Anne a good for making jam in her kitchen.
- c One Saturday, Anne and Gus visit the in the next village.
- d When Rose dies, her cottage is sold for
- e Anne dreams of winning the and buys lots of tickets.
- f Anne often goes to, as she is short of money.
- g Like Anne, her neighbour, Polly, is a

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 Rose will show Gus how to make jam, so he can make it
A himself B self C own D more
- 2 It was very nice her to say so.
A to B from C of D by
- 3 Anne was surprised to notice some jam on Gus's chin, and said that it wasn't him to miss a bit.
A for B on C like D by
- 4 Harry was the only one who worked in the family. He said that he earned enough for all and, besides, the kids needed their mother at home.
A everyone B they C them D their
- 5 Harry's death was a huge shock to everybody. Nobody it coming.
A saw B got C had D thought
- 6 Bills money for water, for electricity or something else came almost every day.
A collecting B requiring C demanding D questioning
- 7 Rose always sat on an old oak kitchen chair and used a wooden table to her bread and jam-making.
A prepare B do C make D produce
- 8 From his room, Gus heard his mother and sister their voices.
A arise B rise C arose D raise
- 9 Cottages like Rose's a lot of money.
A are worth B are priced C are valued D worth