

People in the story

Tom: a boy with a birthday

Mum: Tom's mother

Annie: Tom's sister

Dad: Tom's father

Neil: Tom's friend

BEFORE YOU READ



1 Look at the pictures in Chapter 1. What do you think?

Answer the questions.

1 How old is Tom?

(sample) Twelve.....

2 Has Tom got a big sister?

(sample) Yes.....

3 Does Tom's mother work?

(sample) Yes.....

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 4.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Tom (x3) Mum Dad Annie (x2) Neil (x2)

- 1 Mum leaves the house and goes to work.
- 2 Annie is Tom's sister.
- 3 It's Tom 's birthday.
- 4 Tom is twelve today.
- 5 Annie is going shopping.
- 6 Dad works at home.
- 7 Neil is Tom's friend.
- 8 Neil is at the park.
- 9 Tom isn't happy.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Mum is thinking about her work / Tom's birthday.
- 2 Annie has / hasn't got a present for Tom.
- 3 Tom's father / mother has got a computer.
- 4 Tom has got some / hasn't got any birthday money.
- 5 Tom's father can / can't go shopping.
- 6 Dad is listening to Tom / reading his email.
- 7 Tom speaks to Neil / Neil's mother.
- 8 Neil knows / doesn't know it's Tom's birthday.

- 4 Who do the underlined words refer to in these lines from the text?

Annie (x2)	Tom	Dad
Mum	Tom and Dad	Neil

- 1 'See you tonight.' (page 5) *Tom*.....
- 2 He doesn't want her to go. (page 6) Mum.....
- 3 She goes to the door. (page 7) Annie.....
- 4 Tom finds him at his desk. (page 7) Dad.....
- 5 'Can we go shopping?' (page 8) Tom and Dad.....
- 6 'She's shopping with her friends.' (page 8) Annie.....
- 7 'He's playing football in Winston Park.' (page 9) Neil.....

- 5 Match the questions with the answers.

- 1 Why is today a special day for Tom? b
- 2 What has Tom got for his birthday? d
- 3 What does Tom's dad do at home? a
- 4 Who does Tom talk to on the phone? c
- 5 Who is playing football? e

- a He works.
- ~~b~~ It's his birthday.
- c Neil's mother.
- d He's got money.
- e Neil.

LOOKING FORWARD

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- 6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in Chapter 2.

- 1 Tom goes to the park.
- 2 Tom stays at home.

LOOKING BACK



- 1 Check your answer to *Looking forward* on page 11.

ACTIVITIES



- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Tom wants / *doesn't want* to be with friends.
- 2 Tom *plays football with* / talks to Neil.
- 3 Neil *is* / isn't good at football.
- 4 Tom has something to *eat* / drink in the park.
- 5 Tom / Neil finds a camera.
- 6 Tom uses / *doesn't use* the camera.
- 7 Tom wants to take the camera to the police / *home*.
- 8 Tom deletes all / *some of* his photos.

- 3 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Tom finds a camera. [5]
- 2 Tom speaks to Neil. [2]
- 3 Tom sits down. [4]
- 4 Tom goes to the park. [1]
- 5 Tom deletes the photo. [7]
- 6 Tom watches the game. [3]
- 7 Tom takes a photo of the bag. [6]
- 8 The bag is gone. [8]

4 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Tom runs to the park.
- 2 The weather is good.
- 3 Tom doesn't watch all the game.
- 4 Tom finds a blue bag under his seat.
- 5 There's nothing in the bag.
- 6 The camera has got three buttons.
- 7 Tom takes a photo of his bag.
- 8 Tom doesn't like his photo of the squirrel.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Does Tom like football?
No.
- 2 Where does Tom find the bag?
Under a seat.
- 3 What does he look for in the bag?
A name.
- 4 Is the picture of the squirrel good? Why / Why not?
No. Squirrels run fast.

LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next two chapters.

- 1 Tom plays football.
- 2 Tom takes more photos with the camera.
- 3 Tom goes shopping.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answer to *Looking forward* on page 23.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Tom *tells* / *doesn't tell* his friend about the camera.
- 2 Tom wants to *eat something* / *play football* with Neil.
- 3 Tom takes a photo of the *ball* / *boy*.
- 4 The boys continue playing with *a new* / *the old* ball.
- 5 Tom *takes* / *doesn't take* a photo of the new ball.
- 6 Tom's dad is *working* / *making a drink* when Tom gets home.
- 7 When Tom gets home, he goes to his *bedroom* / *dad's office*.
- 8 Tom's dad's computer is important because it has a lot of *work* / *photos* on it.
- 9 Tom *is* / *isn't* enjoying his birthday.

- 3 Answer the questions.

In Chapters 3 and 4, who ...

- 1 is afraid? Tom
- 2 asks Tom about the ball? Neil
- 3 finds another ball in his bag? the boy in the blue T-shirt
- 4 makes a drink? Dad
- 5 loses his computer? Dad
- 6 can't do any work? Dad
- 7 wants to go shopping? Tom
- 8 isn't happy? Tom

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Tom runs across the park because e
 - 2 Tom doesn't take a photo of the new ball because e
 - 3 Tom's dad isn't in his office because a
 - 4 Tom wants the computer to go away because d
 - 5 Tom can't enjoy his birthday because b
- a he's making a coffee.
b no one has any time for him.
c he wants to tell Neil about the camera.
d he wants to go shopping with his dad.
e the boys run away.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why does Tom put the camera down at the start of Chapter 3?
Because he feels afraid.....
- 2 What does Tom want to do with his birthday money?
Go to the shops and get a pizza.....
- 3 How many photos does Tom take in Chapters 3 and 4?
Three.....

LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next chapter.

- 1 Tom goes to see his mum at work.
- 2 He takes the camera to the police.
- 3 He buys a new camera.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answer to *Looking forward* on page 37.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Tom and his mum go into the kitchen. [2]
- 2 Annie takes the camera from Tom. [7]
- 3 Tom takes a photo of the cups and plates. [3]
- 4 Annie takes a photo of Tom. [8]
- 5 Tom goes to his mum's work. [1]
- 6 Tom tells his mum about the camera. [5]
- 7 Annie arrives at the café. [6]
- 8 The cups and plates go away. [4]

- 3 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Tom goes to the café because [d]
 - 2 Tom takes a photo of the cups and plates because [e]
 - 3 Tom's mum wants the cups and plates because [c]
 - 4 Tom's mum is angry because [a]
 - 5 Annie presses DELETE because [b]
- a the cups and plates are gone.
 - b it isn't a good photo of Tom.
 - c there are lots of people in the café.
 - ~~d~~ he wants to go out with his mum.
 - e he doesn't want to wash them.

4 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 It's the weekend.
- 2 Tom's mum has a lot of work at the café.
- 3 She's happy because Tom wants to help her.
- 4 Tom doesn't want to wash the cups and plates.
- 5 Tom tells his mum about the camera.
- 6 Tom's mum can't close the café.
- 7 Tom tells Annie about the camera.
- 8 Annie takes a photo of Tom with her camera.

5 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 There are a lot of / There aren't any people in Kathy's Coffee Shop.
- 2 Tom / Tom's mum is tired.
- 3 The cups and plates are on the tables / in the kitchen.
- 4 Tom / Tom's mum tells Annie about the cups and plates.
- 5 Annie listens / doesn't listen to Tom.

6 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Tom's mum surprised to see him in the café?
Because it's his birthday.
- 2 What is Tom's plan?
Have an afternoon with his mum.
- 3 What happens when Annie takes a photo of Tom?
He is 'gone'.
- 4 List the things that are 'gone' in the story.
The ball, squirrel, flowers, computer, the dishes and Tom.