

NUMBER 7 · BONUS STORY

मीरा और छोटा कुत्ता

A rainy Saturday in spring. Meera wanted to ride her bike to the park with a friend, and her mother Asha is working again. So Meera spends the day at her grandmother's, talking about summers at the sea, a puppy, and what she wants to be.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAID IT?: 1a, 2c, 3b

L2) WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?: 1: 132

L3) UNDERSTAND THE STORY: 1a, 2a, 3a

Translation

It is Saturday. It is raining. Meera is in Grandma's kitchen.

■ Mum is calling! Mum, work on Saturday too?

○ Yes. I need to help people. Are you making pancakes?

■ Yes. Come this evening. There are lots of pancakes.

Meera draws the sea, the sun and sand.

■ Every summer the whole family goes to the sea. Mum does not work. She is with us all day.

■ We swim in the morning. The sea is colder than the lake. I am not afraid.

▲ And your brother?

■ He is little. He cannot swim. He just eats sand.

■ After lunch we build a sand house. Bigger every year.

▲ It is windy in the evening. You need warm clothes.

■ I never feel cold.

▲ Last year you were as blue as the sea!

■ Just a little.

Meera draws a little brown dog.

■ Grandma, I want a puppy. My friend has one.

▲ And Moti? He does not like dogs.

■ Moti lives here. The dog will live in our flat.

▲ Who will look after it? Your parents work. You go to school.

■ I look after Moti.

▲ No. Moti looks after you.

■ Mum says a dog needs time. I will draw pictures. I will work at home. With a dog.

▲ You will not be a teacher? Like me?

■ No. Teachers always say later.

▲ I say now!

The rain stops. It is sunny.

■ May I ride my bicycle now?

▲ Yes. With a hat and scarf.

In the evening Mum comes in.

■ Mum, the dog is my friend. I want a puppy at the sea in summer.

○ Perhaps, Meera. Perhaps.

Moti looks at the picture. He does not like the dog.