

SCENE 41 • NUMBER 7

Le festival commence

Saturday evening on the market square: stalls, lights, pancakes. Sun, then rain, then sun again, and you are in Madeleine's old raincoat. You are at the café stand, and you are the cat's minder. The concert will start at eight. Then Julien runs up: his mouthpiece is gone. And where is the cat?

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1c, 2c

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b, 2a

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1a, 2a

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Au secours ! Mon embouchure !
Elle a disparu !, Et moi, je vais trouver Félix.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 35214

Words: Le festival commence

VOCABULARY & WRITING

W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?: 1b, 2a, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6b

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: café, 1: Et, 1: Sous, 1:
Bonsoir, 1: soleil

W3) HERE'S A PLATE OF PANCAKES. THEY'RE FOR THE GUESTS!:
1: assiette, 2: garder, 3: crêpe, 4: Sous

W4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: café, 1: Et, 1: Sous, 1:
Bonsoir, 1: soleil

Grammar: Le passé composé

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN: 1) a commencé, 2) a joué, 3)
n'ai pas trouvé, 4) a crié

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8c

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES: 1: n'ai pas trouvé, 1: a crié, 1: est
tombé, 1: avez entendu, 1: suis allée, 1: suis venue

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE: Le concert a commencé à huit heures.,
Julien a joué dans le noir., Je n'ai pas trouvé Félix., Il a crié dans le
noir., Quelque chose est tombé., Vous avez entendu la trompette ?

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?: 1b, 2a, 3a, 4a

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS: 1c, 2a, 3d, 4b, 5e, 6h,
7g, 8f

Translation

■ Coffee is two euros, pancakes three. You'll take the money, and I'll do the cooking.

○ All right. And where's Félix? I have to look after him.

■ Under the table. He'll sleep until the concert.

Madeleine comes past the stall with her handbag.

▲ Good evening! Well, how's the weather?

○ Just as Thomas said: sun in the morning, then rain.

▲ Later there'll be a strong wind. And maybe snow.

○ No, no! There won't be any snow today.

▲ The concert will start at eight. Julien will play first.

▲ I'll sit on the bench in front of the stage.

▲ Zoé will sing with the children. And Thomas will dance.

○ Thomas will dance? Really?

▲ He says he won't dance. But he will.

Ten to eight. Julien runs up with his trumpet, white as a sheet.

● Help! My mouthpiece! It's gone!

- Mouthpiece? What's that?
- A little thing, right here. I can't play without it.
- Where did you put it?

You look under the table. No cat.

- On your stall, by the coffee. Ten minutes ago.
- By our coffee? And where's Félix?
- The concert starts in ten minutes. What am I going to do?

Madeleine opens her handbag and takes out a small old trumpet.

▲ Wait.

- My first trumpet! From the photo!

▲ I kept it. For eighteen years.

- Thank you, Mrs Martin. Tonight I'll play for you.

○ And I'll find Félix.

Madeleine opens her handbag and takes out a small old trumpet: the one from the photo. "I kept it." At eight Julien plays it and the whole square listens. At 20:14, in the middle of the first song, all the lights go out.