

NUMBER 7 • BONUS STORY

It-tifel bit-trumbetta

Saturday morning, the day of the festa. On the way to the village square, you and Ella stop at the old toy and gift shop, and Mrs Rozi tells you about a boy of ten, his first trumpet and his first festa, eighteen years ago.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

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

L2) TRUE OR FALSE?: 1a, 2b, 3a, 4b, 5a

L3) PUT THE STORY IN ORDER: 1: 45312

L4) ANSWER THE QUESTIONS: 1b, 2b, 3b

Translation

Saturday morning, the day of the festa. The sun is out. On the way to the village square, you and Ella pass the old toy and gift shop. Mrs Rozi is standing in the doorway.

■ Good morning! Off to the festa?

○ Good morning, Mrs Rozi! Yes. Tonight Ġorġ is playing first!

■ Little Ġorġ? Tonight? Come in, come in!

Inside, the shop smells of wood and old paper. Mrs Roži sits down behind her counter and takes off her glasses.

- I've known Ġorġ since he was little. Back then he was ten.
- Ella, have you seen his photo? With the trumpet, by the window?
- I have! And with a terrible haircut!
- ▲ He lived at number 7 back then, didn't he?
- Yes. With his parents, on the second floor. In your flat.
- ▲ I know. Ġorġ told me.
- His parents worked a lot. All day, every day.
- And after school Ġorġ was on his own. On his own with a trumpet.
- With a trumpet? Where did he find a trumpet?
- The trumpet was Marija's. A small, old one. Marija gave it to him.
- Grandma's? And where did Grandma find a trumpet?
- I don't know. Marija knows everything, and I don't.
- Every day he sat on the steps under my window and played.
- At first he played very badly. Very loud and very bad!
- ▲ And you listened to him? Every day?

- I listened. What was I going to do? I worked here.
- After a while he played better. And then came the festa.
- And he played at the festa?
- He did. On the stage, with the band. For the first time.
- At first it was very bad. He was very frightened. There were lots of people.
- The band played one song, and Ġorġ played another!
- Then it rained. It poured! And lots of people went home.
- Ġorġ was wet and very sad. He wanted to go home too.
- And Grandma? Where was Grandma?
- Marija was sitting on the bench in front of the stage. With an umbrella.
- She said: 'Ġorġ, you're not going home! Play!'
- ▲ And he played?
- He did. In the rain. The same song as the band. And very beautifully.
- In the end the sun came out, and the people came back.
- We all listened. And then everybody sang.
- And did you sing, Mrs Rożi?

■ Of course! I sang, Marija sang, we all sang.

▲ And his parents? Were they there?

■ They came after work, late. But they heard the last song.

■ His parents were very happy. Afterwards they bought a new, big trumpet for him.

○ And the little trumpet?

■ The little one stayed with Marija. Maybe it's still there. Who knows?

○ Grandma knows. Grandma knows everything!

Mrs Roži puts her glasses back on and looks out at the sunny street.

■ And today he'll play at the festa again. Like eighteen years ago.

▲ Will you come, Mrs Roži?

■ I'll come. I'll sit next to Marija. And if it rains, I've got an umbrella!

○ And we'll all sing!