

NUMBER 7 • BONUS STORY

The boy with the trumpet

Saturday morning, the day of the festival. On the way to the market square, you and Nicky stop at the old toy and gift shop, and Mrs Stella tells you about a boy of ten, his first trumpet and his first festival, eighteen years ago.

4 Exercises · Duration: 10 min.

The festival

English

Read & listen online ↗



Stella = ■ Nicky = ○ Lena (Lukas) = ▲

The morning before the festival. Nicky and the neighbour come to the shop.

- Hello. Are you two going to the festival?
- Yes! Jack plays tonight.
- Little Jack? Come in, both of you. I have a story.
- I have known him a long time. He was ten then.

- Have you two seen the photo? The window and trumpet?
- Yes! Funny hair!
- ▲ Did he live at number seven?
- Yes. With his parents. In your flat.
- ▲ I know. Jack's story.
- His parents worked a lot. Jack was alone.
- Where did the trumpet come from?
- Anne gave it to him. It was small and old.
- Grandma's trumpet?
- Yes. Why did she have it? I don't know.
- He played under my window every day.
- At first he could not play well. It was very loud!
- ▲ Did you listen every day?
- Yes. I worked here. Later he played well.
- Did he play at the festival too?
- Yes. For the first time. In the square with the band.
- Lots of people. He was afraid. He played a different song from the band!

■ Then it rained. People went home.

○ Jack too?

■ He wanted to. He was wet.

○ Where was Grandma?

■ In front of the stage. With an umbrella.

■ Jack played the same song again. Very well.

▲ What about the rain?

■ It stopped. People came back. They listened. Then they sang.

○ You too?

■ Of course. Anne too.

▲ Did his parents come too?

■ Late. They heard the last song. Then they bought a big trumpet for Jack.

○ What about the little one?

■ At Anne's home. Is it still there? Who knows?

○ Grandma knows. She knows everything!

▲ Will you come tonight?

■ Yes. I'll sit beside her. With an umbrella!

☐ We'll sing too!

New words

stage	the place where musicians perform
audience	people watching a performance
mouthpiece	the part of a trumpet you blow into

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAID IT?

Who says it?

1 Hello. Are you two going to the festival?

- ☐ A Nicky
- ☐ B Stella
- ☐ C Lena

Meaning: Hello. Are you two going to the festival?

2 Yes! Jack plays tonight.

- ☐ A Lena
- ☐ B Stella
- ☐ C Nicky

Meaning: Yes! Jack plays tonight.

3 Did he live at number seven?

- ☐ A Nicky
- ☐ B Stella
- ☐ C Lena

Meaning: Did he live at number seven?

L2) RIGHT OR WRONG?

True or false?

1 Jack was ten years old.

- ☐ True ☐ False

Meaning: Jack was ten years old.

2 Anne gave him the trumpet.

☐ True ☐ False

Meaning: Anne gave him the trumpet.

3 Jack always played quietly.

☐ True ☐ False

Meaning: Jack always played quietly.

4 It rained at the festival.

☐ True ☐ False

Meaning: It rained at the festival.

5 His parents did not hear any song.

☐ True ☐ False

Meaning: His parents did not hear any song.

L3) WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?

Put what happens in order.

- ☐ The rain begins.
- ☐ His parents buy a big trumpet.
- ☐ Jack goes on stage.
- ☐ Anne gives Jack a trumpet.
- ☐ Jack plays under the window.

L4) UNDERSTAND THE STORY

Answer the questions.

1 Who tells the story?

- ☐ A Stella.
- ☐ B Tom.

Meaning: Who tells the story?

2 Where was Anne?

- ☐ A In front of the stage, with an umbrella.
- ☐ B At home in the kitchen.

Meaning: Where was Anne?

3 What did his parents buy?

- ☐ A A big trumpet.
- ☐ B A new sofa.

Meaning: What did his parents buy?