

NUMBER 7 · BONUS STORY

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The day after Meera's birthday party, Kamala takes you and Meera along her photo wall: Kamala at twenty-two, her husband, the old house, forty years of school, and Asha as a little girl.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

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

L2) WHAT HAPPENED FIRST?: 1: 132

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

Translation

It is the day after the party. Kamala, Meera and you are drinking tea.

■ Where is Arjun's photo?

☐ It is on the table now. It is not facing the wall.

■ Who is this young woman?

☐ Me. I was twenty-two here.

▲ You were very beautiful.

☐ I was. I still am.

■ Who is the tall man?

☐ My husband. Your grandfather. He was a very good person.

▲ Where were you?

☐ By the river. It was August. We were young and happy.

In the next photo there is an old house.

☐ Number seven. It was empty then.

▲ Like my flat! On the first day.

☐ It was my husband's parents' house. Now it has been mine for fifty years.

■ And so many children?

○ My school. I was a teacher for forty years.

■ All your children?

○ The school's children. But they were all mine. Half the town.

■ Mum too?

○ Yes. She was a good child. She talked a lot. Here she is seven.

■ Very little!

○ This is for you. Grandpa and me by the river.

■ Thank you, Grandma!

○ And a photo of number seven for you. Where were you when you were ten?

▲ In Hamburg. My parents are still there.

■ Where is Moti's photo? He is family too.

○ All right. Draw a picture.

■ In my new sketchbook!

In the evening there is a yellow page on the wall. Now Moti is there too.