

SCENE 41 • NUMBER 7

Vor dem Konzert

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

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1c, 2d

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

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

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Herr Kühn tanzt? Wirklich?, Ja. Ich habe sie behalten. Achtzehn Jahre lang.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 53241

Words: Vor dem Konzert

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) USE THE WORDS IN CONTEXT: 1: Bühne, 1: Mundstück, 1: Gäste, 1: auf, 1: behalten

W3) PANCAKES FOR THE GUESTS: 1: Teller, 2: Gäste, 3: auf, 4: Pfannkuchen, 5: isst

W4) CONNECT THE MEANINGS: 1a, 2b, 3f, 4d, 5c, 6e

Grammar: Ich habe ihn gesehen

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORMS: 1) habe, gesucht, 2) hast, getrunken, 3) haben, gesehen

G2) CHOOSE THE HELPER VERB: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4c, 5b, 6b

G3) CHOOSE THE COMPLETED ACTIVITY: 1b, 2a, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6c, 7a, 8b

G4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: habe, 2: hast, 1: hat, 2: haben, 1: habt, 2: Haben, 1: gemacht, 2: gespielt, 1: gesucht, 2: gearbeitet, 1: gesehen, 2: getrunken, 1: gegessen, 2: gefunden

G5) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER: Ich habe ihn gestern nicht gesehen., Hast du den Schlüssel gefunden?, Wir haben am Stand gearbeitet.

G6) RESPOND TO THE SITUATION: 1b**Translation**

- Coffee two euros, pancakes three. You take the money, I bake.
- All right. But where is Mikesch? I have not seen him yet. I have to keep an eye on him.

- Under the table. He is sleeping until the concert.

Early evening at the festival. Hilde comes past the café stand with her handbag and looks up at the sky.

- ▲ Good evening. Well? What is the weather like?

- Like on Mr Kühn's list: sun, rain, sun again.

- ▲ Wind later. Perhaps even snow.

- Please, no snow!

- ▲ It starts at eight. Jonas plays first.

- ▲ I sit in front of the stage. With the children. Lotte sings and Thomas dances.

- Mr Kühn dances? Really?

- ▲ He does not know yet. But he will dance.

Jonas runs up to the stand with his trumpet, pale, and points at the empty end.

- Help! My mouthpiece is missing!
- Your mouthpiece? What is that?
- The little part here at the front. I cannot play without a mouthpiece.
- Where did you put it?
- Here on the stall. Next to the coffee. Ten minutes ago.

Under the table the blanket is empty, with a few grey hairs in the dent, and a coffee cup lies on its side. The cat is gone.

- Next to our coffee? Wait. Where is Mikesch now?
- Ten minutes until the concert! What do I do now?

Hilde takes a small old trumpet out of her handbag and holds it out. Jonas stares at it.

- ▲ Wait here.
- My first trumpet! The one in the photograph!
- ▲ Yes. I kept it. For eighteen years.
- Thank you, Hilde. Today I play for you.

- And I will look for Mikesch.

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

song, all the lights go out.