

SCENE 49 • NUMBER 7

Il-kamra tal-bejt

Your suitcase is in the room on the roof, where Marija put it. You take the old key from the raincoat ("Keep it," she said; now you know why) and climb the ladder from the top landing, past Ġorġ's door; Ella follows. This is the X on her map, and there is a small round window, just big enough for a cat. Under the roof: buttons, a spare key, the computer mouse from the office, Tonio's pen, the candle "10", the toy thermometer, the mouthpiece. Whose is what, and when did it go? "Your flat was empty for a long time," says Ella. "It was his flat. And his things."

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1b

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1a

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Hu jieħu biss l-affarijiet li jħobb.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 23154

Words: Il-kamra tal-bejt

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) UP ON THE ROOF: 1: bejt, 1: salib, 1: tonda, 1: termometru, 1: jħobb

W3) WHERE IS IT?: 1: sparixxiet, 2: Ċikku, 3: affarijiet, 4: ħamsa

W4) THE ROOM ON THE ROOF: 1e, 2f, 3d, 4h, 5c, 6g, 7b, 8a

Grammar: Xahrejn ilu, il-ġimgħa d-dieħla

GRAMMAR

G1) FIND THE WORDS: 1) xhur, ilu, 2) xahrejn, ilu, 3) l-oħra, 4) id-dieħel, 5) ġimagħtejn, ilu, 6) d-dieħla

G2) AGO OR FOR?: 1a, 2b, 3a, 4b, 5b, 6b

G3) LAST OR NEXT?: 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b

G4) IN THE ROOM ON THE ROOF: 1: ilu, 1: xahrejn, 1: l-oħra, 1: id-dieħel, 1: ġimagħtejn, 1: kont, 2: marida, 1: d-dieħla, 1: Illum, 2: għada

G5) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Ġejt Malta tliet xhur ilu., Għamilt il-mappa xahrejn ilu., Il-pinna sparixxiet il-ġimgħa l-oħra., Is-sena d-dieħla Ella se jkollha ħdax-il sena., Is-Sibt id-dieħel nagħmel imqarrun il-forn., Ix-xahar l-ieħor Lina għamlet kejk kbir., Ċempilt lil Anna jumejn ilu., Il-ġurdien sparixxa ġimagħtejn ilu., Sentejn ilu Ella kellha tmien snin.

G6) THE RIGHT WORDS: 1a, 2b, 3a, 4b, 5b**Translation**

Friday afternoon. Lucía wants your answer today. Your suitcase is up in the room on the roof: Maltese houses have flat roofs, and old things go up there.

- Marija put my suitcase in the room on the roof three months ago. And the key... the key's in the raincoat pocket!

Ella is suddenly on the stairs, as if from nowhere.

- To the room on the roof? I'm coming with you!
- Ella! What are you doing here?
- I'm always here. Grandma says you're leaving soon, next month. Is it true?
- I don't know yet. I have to answer today.

You climb the ladder from the top landing, past Ġorġ's door. The old key turns in the lock.

- This is the cross on my map! The red cross! And I made the map two months ago!
- And a little round window. Just big enough for a cat.
- Look! Here's your key. From the first day!

- My key! It went missing twice, the first time on the very first night.
- And here: Tonio's pen. It went missing last week! And the mouse from the office!
- And the number 10 candle, from your birthday cake!
- And my thermometer! It went missing two months ago, when you were ill.
- And here's Ġorġ's mouthpiece! He's been looking for it since the festa.
- Why are all these things here?
- Your flat was empty for a long time. It was Ċikku's flat, and his things.
- His flat... And now it's my flat.
- Your flat, says Ċikku. But his things.

In the middle of the room lies your suitcase, open. Ċikku is asleep inside.

- Ċikku! That's my suitcase!
- Look what he's sleeping on.
- My photo, from the festa! And he's sleeping on it.
- He only takes the things he loves.

In the middle lies your suitcase, open, with Ċikku asleep inside. On top is the photo of you from the festival. "He only takes things he loves," says Ella, and she takes the mouthpiece downstairs to Ġorġ. You sit by the suitcase for a long time. Then you call the interviewer.