

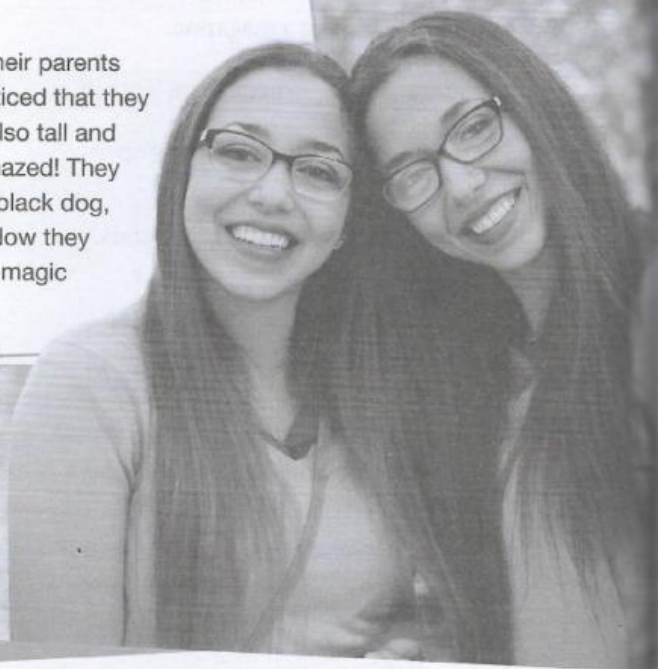
READING

1 Read this strange story quickly. How did the two girls meet?

Strange stories

Many years ago, when she was nearly ten years old, Laura Buxton was playing in the garden with a balloon. Her family were having a party. She wrote a message on the balloon: 'Please return to Laura Buxton' and her address. It was a windy day and suddenly the balloon flew out of her hand and into the sky. This balloon travelled more than 200 km until it came down near the garden of another little girl. A man found the balloon, read the message and took it to her house. This girl was very surprised to see the message because her name was Laura Buxton too! And she was just ten years old.

The second Laura wrote a letter to the first Laura and then their parents telephoned so they could meet. When they met, the girls noticed that they were both wearing pink jumpers and jeans, both girls were also tall and thin and had long brown hair and brown eyes. They were amazed! They talked and found they had the same pets – a three-year-old black dog, a grey rabbit and a guinea pig. They became good friends. Now they are older and they are still friends. They are waiting for more magic to happen!



2 Read the story again and number the events in the order they happened.

- a The girls noticed they were wearing the same clothes.
- b Laura One was playing with a balloon.
- c A man gave Laura Two the balloon.
- d The wind blew the balloon away.
- e The girls are friends now.
- f Laura Two wrote to Laura One.
- g A man found the balloon.
- h The girls went to meet each other.

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