



## READING

5  Read the text. Choose the correct word to complete the sentence.

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Read the email. Decide which book (1–4) best matches each reader (a–d).

- a** Leah enjoys reading stories where people change their lives for the better.
- b** Frank likes books with exciting stories and lots of action.
- c** René loves stories about families and their lives.
- d** Seth reads stories about the lives of teenagers.

**Read the email again. Choose the correct option (a or b) to complete the sentences.**

- 1** Alyssa has a problem because she
  - a** picked up the wrong thing.
  - b** has lost a lot of money.
- 2** Theo has to choose between
  - a** helping his parents and helping his friends.
  - b** moving away from the farm or staying at the farm.
- 3** Maribel decides to make a big change because
  - a** she needs to find a job.
  - b** she has no friends or partner.
- 4** At his party, Levi Stone
  - a** finds out more about his family.
  - b** meets people he never met before.

**Complete the sentences with one or two words from the text in each gap.**

- 1** Alyssa is staying in a ..... but that's now not safe. She thinks she can get help from someone she met at a .....
- 2** Theo feels ..... so he's excited when he sees lights in the ..... and he finds a message.
- 3** Maribel starts ..... a lot more after she moves to a little .....
- 4** Levi Stone and his family must stay together because of a ..... Everyone finds out each other's .....



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### **1 The money bag**

All Alyssa wanted was a holiday where she could relax and forget about her boring job. But after one mistake at the airport, she now has a suitcase full of money that isn't hers and several people are watching her. A message in her hotel room tells her not to take the money to the police. Now her room isn't safe and she needs to run and hide. Can the man she met at a restaurant help her? Can she get the money back to the owner and stay alive?

### **2 Searching for the light**

Life for 17-year-old Theo isn't easy. He lives on a farm in the middle of nowhere. His parents only want him there because he works hard. His school friends only want to know him because he helps them with their homework. He's lonely. When he sees an unusual light in the sky one morning, he follows it into the forest. There, he finds a message. He replies. The lights appear in the sky several more times and so do the messages. Theo has to decide whether to continue his plan to leave the farm or stay and find out about the strange lights.

### **3 Starting again**

Maribel decides it's time do something about her life. Alone, in a job she doesn't enjoy and living in an expensive city flat, she decides to move away to a house in a small village by the sea, where she doesn't know anyone. It's the perfect place for starting again and spending more time with her favourite hobby of painting. She soon realises that she made a great decision.

### **4 Discovering the past**

It's Levi Stone's 30th birthday party and the Stone family are all together for the first time in ten years – his parents, his brothers and sisters and his cousins. When a snow storm comes, the family has to stay in the same house for a week. The family can no longer hide from each other's questions. Each person has secrets that no one else knows about – secrets that will change their lives forever.