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

READING

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. *1*

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. ___

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5 Choose the correct words.

1 He was climbing the *mountain* / *water* for hours; it took a long time to get to the top.
2 They were sailing on the *field* / *lake* when it started to rain.
3 Is it difficult to swim across the *river* / *snow*?
4 It was very cold. The *snow* / *lake* was very deep and difficult to walk through.
5 She looked over the *cliff* / *island*, down to the *water* / *mountain* below.
6 The farmer was working in the *field* / *cliff* all day.
7 The *mountain* / *island* is 2 km from the mainland. There is a ferry every hour.

6 Match the sentence halves 1–9 to A–I.

1 It was cloudy at the top of the ___B___
2 Moscow is very snowy ------
3 When Loch Ness is foggy, ------
4 The lake is very deep and ------
5 England is very rainy; ------
6 It was very sunny and ------
7 It was so windy on the island, ------
8 The river is very long, ------
9 The cliff is really high: ------

A my hat blew away and I lost it.
B mountain, we couldn't see very far.
C wide; it's dangerous to swim there.
D hot; we were at the beach all day.
E and icy in winter.
F you need to carry an umbrella all the time
G you can't see anything.
H the water is about 100 m below.
I over 9,000 km.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

5 Correct the underlined mistakes in the sentences.

1 Last night I am watching TV until late. ..... *was* .....

2 We was studying for an exam all day yesterday. .....

3 Last Sunday my family was climb in the mountains. .....

4 Are you working last summer or were you on holiday? .....

5 Juan and Rosa were help their friends learn to ski. .....

6 My mother isn't thinking so she forgot to meet me at the cinema. .....

6 Complete Hannah's email with the verbs in brackets in the correct form.



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PRONUNCIATION | Rising and falling intonation

07 **7** Listen and repeat.

1 Sara was walking in the mountains.
2 My dad was carrying an umbrella in case it rained.
3 Was it foggy when you were leaving?
4 Was he watching the film with his brother?
5 My friends were visiting an island in Scotland.
6 What were you doing at one o'clock yesterday?

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