

Colegio María Auxiliadora

Reading comprehension – 3rd year

Students' names: _____

READING: THE BOY WITH THE RED BALLOON

A. Say True or False.

At the beginning of the story...

1. Lizzie is in secondary school.
2. She has long dark hair.
3. She takes the bus from school to her house.
4. She likes an older boy.
5. She doesn't like the beach.
6. Lizzie wants to go to the "Lights Festival" in summer holidays.



B. Choose from the words in the box to complete Lizzie's description.

died – forest – angry – in love – shops – had to – frustrated – woman - son

Lizzie felt _____ because she wanted to spend her holidays with her friends, but she _____ go to Yorkshire and stay with her mother's friend Hanna, a _____ she didn't know. In Yorkshire, there wasn't a TV, _____ or internet connection. She felt _____. One day, she met Jack in the _____ and they became very good friends. Lizzie fell _____ with the boy and now she was happy. The last day in Yorkshire, Hanna _____ in her bed and Lizzie realized that Jack was Hanna's _____ and he was dead.

C. Choose the right option

1. At the beginning of the story Lizzie is
 - a. Sad
 - b. happy
 - c. angry
2. Lizzie wants to spend the summer
 - a. With her friends
 - b. with her parents
 - c. in Yorkshire
3. Lizzie travels from Blackpool to Yorkshire
 - a. By car
 - b. by bus
 - c. by train
4. On the first morning at Hanna's house, Lizzie discovers that
 - a. She left her phone at home
 - b. her phone doesn't work
 - c. Hanna has her phone
5. When Lizzie meets Jack for the first time
 - a. He's sitting on a tree
 - b. he's lying on the grass
 - c. he's standing on a hill
6. Jack tells Lizzie that his birthday is in
 - a. August
 - b. September
 - c. November
7. Lizzie wakes up during the night because
 - a. She hears Hanna crying
 - b. she's thirsty
 - c. there is a storm
8. Jack gets angry with Lizzie because
 - a. She wants to swim in the lake
 - b. she doesn't like his stories
 - c. she doesn't like Hanna
9. When Lizzie sees the red balloon in the lake
 - a. She laughs
 - b. she climbs the tree
 - c. she jumps into the lake
10. At the end of the story Lizzie
 - a. Is angry with her parents
 - b. will miss Jack and Hanna
 - c. hates the countryside.

D. What happened first? Put the events in order.

Lizzie goes to Yorkshire

Lizzie's house gets flooded

Hanna is happy again

Hanna dies in her bed

Lizzie meets Jack for the first time

Lizzie hears Hanna crying

Lizzie goes into the lake

Lizzie tells Hanna about her new friend Jack

Jack dies in the lake