

I'm sorry that I didn't write any new blog posts last month. Let me tell you why!

My parents enjoy strange holidays, in weird places. Last week, we went on a very strange holiday – in a forest! Yes, that's right, a little house, in the middle of a forest. And, the house was at the top of a tree!

My parents told me about the idea three months ago. I didn't really want to go. I wanted to go to the beach, and have fun near the sea.

We travelled a long way by car. Then, we walked for ages through the forest (with our bags!) to the tree house. It looked very small. We went up the stairs, and I looked for somewhere to charge my phone. But there wasn't any electricity! Also, there wasn't any water! There was a small bathroom, but it used rainwater.

READING

My father was very happy. 'No Internet, no emails!' he said.

'Thanks, Dad,' I thought. 'This is really annoying.'

But, I was wrong. After one week, the little tree house was like my home. I liked being near the trees and listening to the sound of birds every day. I loved looking at the stars. It was amazing. I don't see stars in the city.

We arrived back home two days ago. It felt really strange. I didn't like all the cars, and noise. Now, I'm really interested in nature and animals. I told my friends about my holiday. Now they all really want to go to a tree house!

Read Laura's holiday blog. Tick 7 things that she writes about.

- 1 the type of holidays her parents like
- 2 the place she wanted to go to
- 3 her first holiday
- 4 how she went to the tree house

- 5 the size of the tree house
- 6 the kitchen and the bedrooms
- 7 her father's feelings

- 8 what she did at night
- 9 the food she ate
- 10 what she liked about the tree house

READING

Read Laura's blog again. Mark these sentences T (true) or F (false).

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- 0 Laura's last blog post was one month ago.
 - 1 Her parents often go to special, or different places.
 - 2 Laura was excited about the holiday.
 - 3 It was easy to get to the tree house.
 - 4 There wasn't a lot of space inside.
 - 5 She found somewhere to charge her phone.
 - 6 Laura's father was very cheerful.
 - 7 Laura didn't feel at home in the forest.
 - 8 Her friends are quite jealous.

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LISTENING



 Listen to a conversation about how two people met. Put the events in the order they happened.

John started selling magazines.

1

John lost his home.

2

John asked Annie to buy his magazine.

3

John did something very generous.

4

Annie and John decided something about their future.

5

Annie met a man with no home.

6

Annie and John became good friends.


7

Annie felt very bad, because she wanted to be helpful.

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LISTENING

 Listen again. Choose the correct answer for each question (A, B or C).

- 1 John lived on the streets because
 - A he had no home.
 - B he had a bad home.
 - C he wanted to make money.
- 2 He sold magazines to
 - A people with no homes.
 - B make enough money to sleep in a hotel.
 - C buy a bed.
- 3 Annie stopped walking because
 - A John said something to her.
 - B she wanted to look at John.
 - C she didn't have any money.
- 4 She cried because she
 - A didn't want to buy John's magazine.
 - B was so happy to meet John.
 - C wanted to buy John's magazine.
- 5 Annie didn't have any money because she
 - A didn't want to live in a cold, dark flat.
 - B didn't have a job.
 - C gave it all to John.
- 6 John didn't want Annie to be sad, so he gave her
 - A a job.
 - B a magazine.
 - C all his money.
- 7 Annie and John met each other again
 - A after one year.
 - B many times.
 - C at a wedding.
- 8 One month ago, they decided to
 - A start a friendship.
 - B be together all their lives.
 - C meet again.

WRITING

Write a short blog post (60 words) about someone you met for the first time. Use the questions below to help you.

- Who was the person? (Was it your best friend, or another friend?)
- When and where did you meet?
- What did you do together?
- How was the other person? (happy, confident, intelligent, generous?)

