

Lesson 1 An Accident

Reading • Heavy rain

a Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

1. Where is the girl?
2. What is she looking at? How does she feel?
3. What do you think has happened?

b Read and check your answers.

Megan went to Buchanan Middle School in Chicago. One day she stayed late at school. Her school project was due in the next day and she still had some things to finish. While she was studying, a huge storm started outside. As she was leaving her classroom to make her way to the library, she felt a trickle of water drop onto her head. She looked up and saw that it was coming from the roof. The rain was coming in through a pretty big crack. She made a mental note to let somebody know the next day. Then she quickly made her way to the library.

Megan stayed in the library for a couple of hours and finished her project. She felt relieved she had finished it on time. When she left school, the rain was getting heavier. She got soaked on her way home.

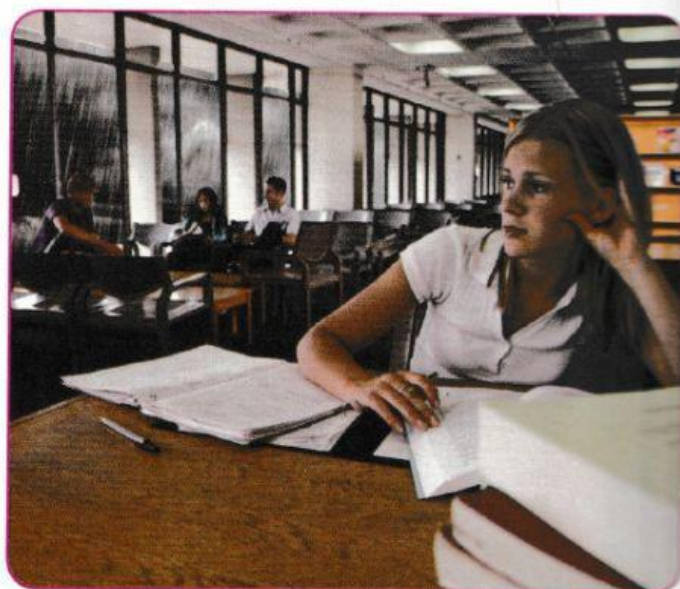
The next day, Megan went to school as usual. When she got there, she heard some rumors about some serious damage to the school roof. Everyone was waiting for the principal to make an announcement. Just then, the principal's voice came over the loudspeaker...

PRINCIPAL: Sometime yesterday evening, a large part of the school roof collapsed. We think it was due to the heavy rain. Nobody was hurt but it has caused some major damage to the school. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the clean-up, it would be much appreciated. Please see Mrs. Gray for details.

Megan turned to her friend Louise and spoke in a low voice.

MEGAN: Oh no! I saw a huge crack in the roof yesterday, but I didn't tell anyone and now the whole thing has collapsed. I am definitely going to volunteer to help clean up. Maybe I could raise money to help the school with a new roof?

LOUISE: That's a great idea Megan, let's go now! and get started.



Comprehension Check

Read the text again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1. Megan stayed late at school to finish some work for the following day. ____
2. Megan felt some water fall onto her arm. ____
3. Megan had an umbrella so didn't get too wet on the way home. ____
4. The principal announced that there was some serious damage to the school. ____
5. Volunteers should see Mrs. Gray for details. ____
6. Megan didn't want to help clean up the mess. ____