

Reader: "Pebbles on the beach"

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Abby is from Dallas. It's the **summer vacation**. She's in her room with her friend Sadie.

Sadie says, 'Let's go to a **concert** next week.'

'I can't,' Abby says. 'Dad's working in Dubai for DeepOil for three weeks, and Mom's going with him.'
'What about you?' Sadie asks.
'I'm staying with my **Aunt** May in California,' Abby says. 'I don't want to go, but nobody listens to me!'

summer the hot time of the year

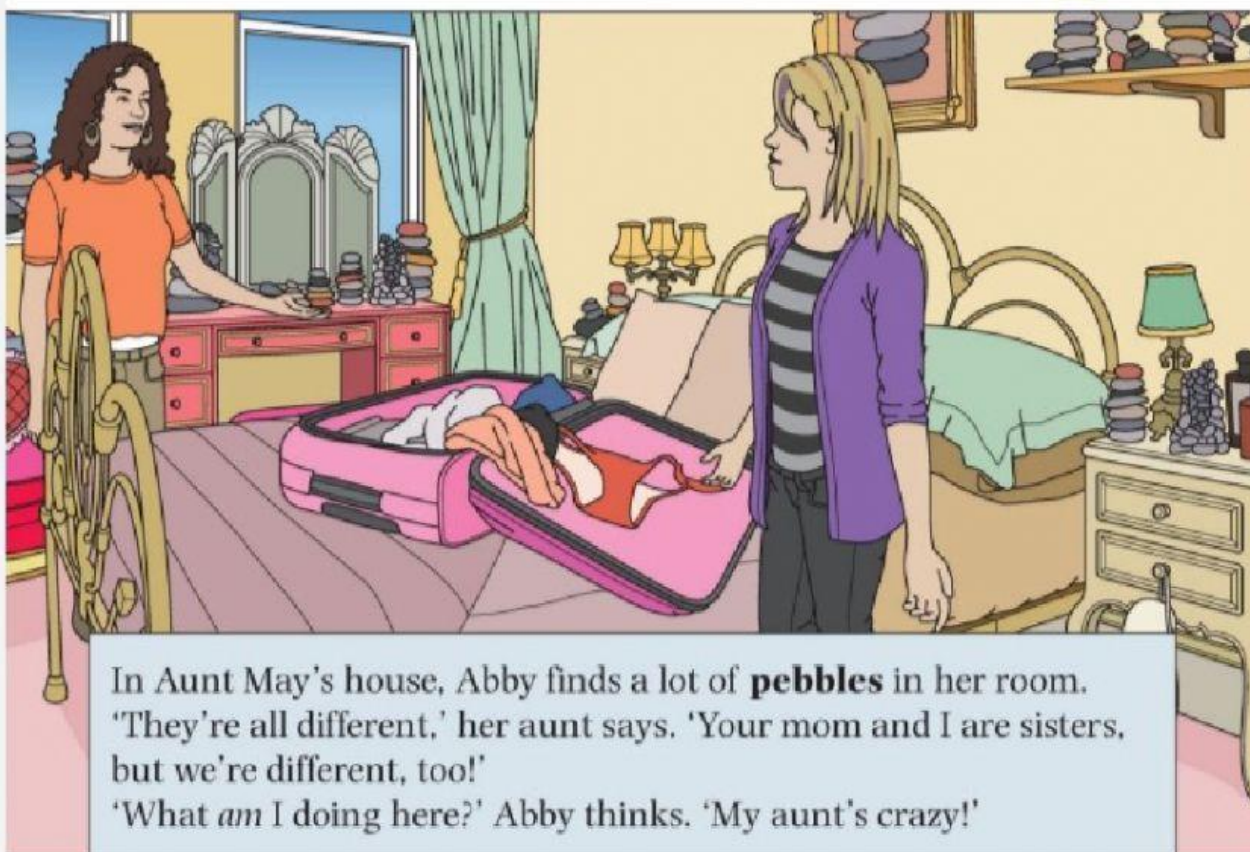
vacation days when you do not go to school or work

concert people play music at a concert

aunt your mother's (or father's) sister



Next week, Aunt May drives Abby home from the airport in her **crazy** old car.



In Aunt May's house, Abby finds a lot of **pebbles** in her room. 'They're all different,' her aunt says. 'Your mom and I are sisters, but we're different, too!' 'What *am* I doing here?' Abby thinks. 'My aunt's crazy!'

crazy not looking usual, not thinking well

pebble a little round stone

ACTIVITIES

READING CHECK

Match the parts of the sentences.

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| a Abby's dad is ... | 1 meets Abby at the airport. |
| b Abby's friend Sadie wants ... | 2 to stay in California. |
| c Abby doesn't want ... | 3 is Aunt May's sister. |
| d Abby's mom ... | 4 Abby thinks. |
| e Aunt May ... | 5 in Dubai for three weeks. |
| f In California, Abby finds ... | 6 to go to a concert. |
| g Aunt May is crazy, ... | 7 a lot of pebbles in her room. |

GUESS WHAT

What do you think happens in the next chapter? Read the sentences and write **Yes** or **No**.



- a Abby phones her dad and says, 'I want to come home.'



- b Abby sees some interesting animals.



- c Aunt May and Abby have a nice day out.



- d Abby meets a nice boy.