

READY, STEADY, GO!

Listen and write the numbers. 1

1

Boy: What are you doing?

Girl: I'm on the internet. There's a really interesting website. It's called 'Amazing numbers'. Look! Here's one about the Amazon River. The Amazon River is 6,992 kilometres long.

Boy: Sorry, how long?

Girl: 6,992 kilometres.

2

Boy: Look at this! It says a year on Earth is 365 days long, but a year on Mars is 687 days.

Girl: 687 days! That's a long time between birthdays...

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Girl: Did you know there are 86,400 seconds in a day?

Boy: Pardon? 86,000 and what?

Girl: 86,400 seconds.

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Boy: Here's an interesting fact about the Sun. It says the temperature of the Sun's surface is about 5,600 degrees Celsius.

Girl: 5,600 degrees Celsius... I'm not going to the Sun for my holidays!

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Girl: Here's one about history. It says the Great Wall of China is about 2,300 years old.

Boy: 2,300... Hmm, interesting.

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Boy: Hello! ¡Hola! Bonjour! There are about 6,500 languages in the world.

Girl: 6,500! How many languages do you speak?

Boy: Me? Only two! English and a little Spanish.

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Boy: Look! The next fact is about Greenland. It's a big island in the Atlantic Ocean. It says about 56,000 people live there.

Girl: 56,000! That's a small population.

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Girl: An African elephant weighs about 5,400 kilos!

Boy: 5,400 kilos! That's heavier than a car!

UNIT 1

Listen and choose the correct sentence. 2

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What's this? It's got a small touch screen. You can talk to people with it.

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What are these? You put them on your feet and kick the ball with them.

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What's this? It's made of plastic and has got lots of coloured squares. It's a toy.

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What's this? It's made of wood and it's got four strings. You can play music with it.

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What are these? You wear them when it's very sunny.

Listen, choose and write. 3

Interviewer: Hi, Nora, can I ask you some questions about your day? I'm investigating student lifestyles in different countries.

Nora: Yes, of course.

Interviewer: What time do you have to be at school?

Nora: I have to be there at a quarter to nine.

Interviewer: OK, and do you have to wear a school uniform?

Nora: Yes, there is a uniform. I have to wear a yellow shirt and blue trousers.

Interviewer: I see, and what about homework? How often do you have to do homework?

Nora: Um, let me think. I don't have to do homework every day. I have to do homework on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Interviewer: Oh! No homework on Wednesday?

Nora: No, that's my day for sports.

Interviewer: And when's your summer holiday? Do you have to go to school in July?

Nora: I'm from New Zealand, and our summer holiday is in December and January, so yes, I have to go to school in July.

Interviewer: OK, and do you help your parents? What jobs do you have to do at home?

Nora: I have to walk the dog.

Interviewer: Do you have to wash your clothes?

Nora: No, my parents do the washing. But I have to go shopping sometimes.

Interviewer: Do you have to water the plants?

Nora: No, I don't. My brother likes watering the plants.

Interviewer: What time do you have to go to bed?

Nora: I have to go to bed at a quarter past ten. I watch the news with my family and then I go to bed.

Interviewer: OK, thanks, Nora. Bye!

Nora: Goodbye!

UNIT 2

Listen and number. 4

1

Girl: Can you guess the bag? There are some onions in it.

Boy: Some onions, OK. Is there any butter?

Girl: Yes, there is.

Boy: Is there any honey?

Girl: No, there isn't.

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Boy: My turn. Which bag is this? There's some olive oil in it.

Girl: Olive oil, right. And are there any bananas?

Boy: Yes, there are.

Girl: Olive oil and bananas. Is there any cheese?

Boy: Yes, there is.

3

Girl: Which bag am I looking at? There are some apples.

Boy: Is there any olive oil?

Girl: Olive oil? No, there isn't.

Boy: Apples and no olive oil... Is there any butter?

Girl: Yes, there is.

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Boy: It's my turn again. Ask me a question!

Girl: Is there any flour?

Boy: Yes, there is.

Girl: Are there any apples?

Boy: Yes, there are.

Girl: Is there any honey?

Boy: No, there isn't.

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Girl: Which bag is this? There are some bananas in it.

Boy: Is there any olive oil?

Girl: No, there isn't.

Boy: Are there any apples?

Girl: Yes, there are.

Listen and tick the food you hear. 5

This is William. In his box there are some oranges. There aren't any potatoes. There isn't any broccoli, but there's some olive oil.

This is Stephanie. In her box there aren't any strawberries. There are some biscuits. There isn't any olive oil, but there's some milk.

And this is Dylan. In his box there's some honey. There aren't any blueberries. There are some onions, but there aren't any strawberries.

UNIT 3

Listen and check. 6

Presenter: Hello and welcome to World Records! With me today is Julian. Are you ready to play World Records?

Julian: Yes, I am!

Presenter: Question 1, what's the biggest city in the world?

Julian: Is it New York?

Presenter: No, it isn't. Tokyo, in Japan, is the biggest city in the world. Question 2, what's the highest mountain in the world?

Julian: I think it's Everest.

Presenter: That's correct! Mount Everest is 8,848 metres high. Question 3, what's the most popular tourist attraction in the world?

Julian: Is it the Eiffel Tower?

Presenter: No, that's wrong. The most popular tourist attraction is the Grand Bazaar, in Istanbul. It has 92 million visitors a year. Question 4, what's the rainiest city in the world?

Julian: I think it's Bergen, in Norway.

Presenter: You're right! In Bergen, it rains 240 days a year. Question 5, what's the biggest animal in the world?

Julian: It's the elephant.

Presenter: No, I'm sorry, Julian. The biggest animal in the world is the blue whale. Question 6, what's the windiest continent in the world?

Julian: I think it's Antarctica.

Presenter: That's right! Excellent, Julian, here's your prize... a holiday in... Bergen!

Julian: In Bergen?! Oh, but... it's the rainiest city in the world!

Presenter: Yes, Julian, take your umbrella! That's the end of the show, see you all next week!

Listen and complete. 7

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Dan: Are these your holiday photos, Granny?

Granny: Yes, they are. Oh, look! This was from my holiday last year. I was in Japan.

Dan: Oh, wow! It's a huge volcano.

Granny: Yes, that's Mount Fuji, the highest mountain in Japan. Did you know it's 3,776 metres high?

Dan: How high?

Granny: 3,776 metres.

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Dan: Oh, is that one of those supersonic maglev trains? How fast can it go?

Granny: It can travel up to 443 kilometres per hour.

Dan: 443!

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Granny: Oh, that was from my holiday to London three years ago. That's the river Thames from the plane!

Dan: Wow, is that the longest river in the UK?

Granny: No, but it's 346 kilometres long.

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Dan: Is that Big Ben?

Granny: Ah, Big Ben is the name of the bell inside the clock tower.

Dan: Oh, I didn't know that. How old is the tower?

Granny: It's 158 years old.

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Dan: Oh, that's the Statue of Liberty. When did you go to the USA?

Granny: Oh, a long time ago.

Dan: Oh. Did you go to the top of the statue?

Granny: Yes, I did.

Dan: How tall is it?

Granny: It's 93 metres tall.

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Dan: Why did you take a photo of this?

Granny: Ah, that's Route 20, the longest road in the USA.

Dan: Ah, how long is Route 20?

Granny: Look, I wrote it down underneath the photo.

Dan: 5,415 kilometres. Wow!

UNIT 4

Listen and tick or cross. 8

Interviewer: Hello, everyone! This is Radio Manchester. Today I'm on the street talking to young people about festivals. First, I'm talking to Lisa. She's 13 and she's a big fan of festivals. Hi, Lisa!

Lisa: Hello!

Interviewer: Lisa, did you go to any festivals last summer?

Lisa: Yes, I did. I went to a music festival with my dad, it was fantastic.

Interviewer: Excellent, did you take photos or make a video?

Lisa: No, I didn't.

Interviewer: Ah, that's a pity! Did you buy any souvenirs? A cap or a T-shirt?

Lisa: Yes, I did. I bought a T-shirt.

Interviewer: I see, and did you have anything to eat at the festival?

Lisa: Yes, I was really hungry, and my dad was too. We had pizza, salad and ice cream.

Interviewer: OK, and did you see the fireworks at the end of the day?

Lisa: Yes, I did. They were beautiful!

Interviewer: OK, thanks for talking to us, Lisa.

Interviewer: Now, I'm talking to Noel. He's 12 and he went to a festival for the first time last weekend. Tell our listeners about the festival you went to. Was it a music festival?

Noel: No, it wasn't. It was an international food festival.

Interviewer: Oh, really? I love food festivals. Did you make a video or take photos?

Noel: I didn't make a video, but I took some photos.

Interviewer: OK, and did you buy anything at the festival?

Noel: Yes, I bought some delicious biscuits from Germany and I bought a T-shirt too.

Interviewer: Tell us about the food.

Noel: Well, I had some couscous from Morocco. It was delicious. Then I had some sushi from Japan and some cheese from France.

Interviewer: Wow! That sounds fantastic. Did you go home after that?

Noel: No, we stayed at the festival. We saw some fireworks and I went home after that.

Interviewer: OK, thanks for talking to us. Bye, Noel!

Noel: Bye!

Listen and complete the calendar. 9

Today's 20th March. Five days ago, my class visited a castle. It was really interesting.

I went to the cinema with my friends last week. That was two days after the art competition.

My friend Alan had his birthday this week. He's twelve now. He had a party yesterday. It was brilliant.

I had a really difficult Maths exam... about two weeks ago? Yes, it was the day after the pop concert.

I played in a football match this week. That was three days ago. It was a good match and the score was 5-5, a draw!

I went to a fantastic music festival with my family. When was it...? Oh, yes, two weeks ago, two days after the Maths exam.

UNIT 5

Listen and choose. 10

Harry: Hey, Tina, do you want to see some photos? I've got some photos of my holiday on the computer.

Tina: Yes, let's see!

Tina: I like this photo of you, but this isn't the UK. Where did you go?

Harry: I went to Italy for a week.

Tina: Wow! Lucky you! Where's this? Is this Rome?

Harry: No, it isn't. It's called Pompeii. And these are the ruins of the Roman city. You can visit it.

Tina: Oh, yes, Pompeii. A volcano erupted and destroyed the city. When did you go to Italy?

Harry: I went at Christmas.

Tina: Christmas in Italy, how cool! What did you see?

Harry: I saw a mosaic of a dog. It was amazing.

Tina: Ah, I love mosaics. Was there an aqueduct in Pompeii?

Harry: No, there wasn't an aqueduct, but there was an amphitheatre. Look! I took a photo of it.

Tina: Oh, it's amazing! What was the weather like in Italy?

Harry: It was sunny.

Tina: Great! Was it hot too?

Harry: No, it wasn't. It was cold.

Tina: Who did you go with? Did you go with your parents?

Harry: No, I didn't. I went with my uncle, my aunt and my cousin. My uncle speaks Italian.

Tina: I see. What about food? What did you eat?

Harry: I ate sausages for breakfast every day. The Italian sausages were delicious!

Tina: Did you have pasta or pizza too?

Harry: No, I didn't. I had salads and I had cheese. The cheese was excellent.

Tina: Fantastic! Right, it's seven o'clock. It's time for me to go home and have dinner. Ciao, Harry!

Harry: Bye, Tina! Ciao!

Listen and complete. 11

Teacher: Shh! Quiet, please, everybody. Celia went to Spain last year and visited a fantastic city called Mérida. Mérida has many Roman ruins. Let's ask Celia about her holiday. Who's got a question? Yes, Mark.

Mark: Hi, Celia, when did you go to Merida?

Celia: I went last year. It was in August.

Mark: I see, and who did you go with?

Celia: I went with my family: my mum, my dad and my brother. My mum and my dad speak Spanish.

Teacher: Thanks, Celia. Any more questions? Yes, Arya.

Arya: What was the weather like? Was it hot?

Celia: Yes, it was hot, and it was sunny.

Arya: Did you see the Roman ruins?

Celia: Yes, there were lots of ruins. We saw a Roman theatre. It was incredible! And we saw a Roman bridge. The bridge is 790 metres long. It's incredible because it's 2,000 years old.

Arya: 2,000 years old, wow!

Teacher: Are there any more questions? Yes, Robbie, what's your question?

Robbie: Was there a museum in Mérida?

Celia: Yes, there's a museum of Roman art there. At the museum, I saw lots of Roman coins and statues. I didn't like looking at the coins, it was boring, but I liked the statues. There were mosaics too. I liked the mosaics.

Robbie: What was your favourite ruin?

Celia: My favourite was the aqueduct. It's amazing.

Teacher: Well, thank you, Celia. That's very interesting. OK, everybody, it's time for lunch.

UNIT 6

Listen and tick or cross. 12

Eddie: Hi, Hannah,

Hannah: Oh, hello, Eddie. It's the summer holidays at last!

Eddie: I know, it's fantastic.

Hannah: Hey, what's this?

Eddie: It's my tent. I'm going to take it on holiday.

My brother and I are going to sleep in it. Are you going to take a tent with you, Hannah?

Hannah: No, I'm not. I'm not going to go camping.

I imagine you're going to take a map.

Eddie: No, I'm not. I don't need a map. Why do you ask? Are you going to take a map?

Hannah: Yes, I am. It's important for me to have a map, because I don't have a smartphone! It's important to have a waterproof too. I'm going to take my new waterproof with me.

Eddie: Oh, yeah? I'm not going to take a waterproof. It's summer and I'm going to a hot, sunny place.

Hannah: Good for you! But remember to protect your skin. Are you going to take sun cream?

Eddie: Yes, I am. I've got some factor 50 sun cream. What about you? Are you going to take sun cream too?

Hannah: Yes, I am. I've got some factor 30. Are you going to do any sport on holiday or are you going to sit in the sun all day?

Eddie: No, I don't do that... Well, I'm not going to play football or tennis, but I'm going to go swimming every day.

Hannah: Lucky you! I'm not going to go swimming, but I'm going to do lots of exercise.

Eddie: Really? Are you going to do sports, go running or ride a bike?

Hannah: No, but I'm going to go hiking every day. Hiking is a type of adventure sport. Yesterday, I bought some new hiking boots.

Eddie: I like hiking, but I'm not going to go hiking on holiday. I'm going to sit by the water and relax!

Hannah: Well, have a good time, send me a photo!

Eddie: Bye, Hannah, have a good holiday too!

Listen and choose. 13

Narrator: Hello, Mason!

Mason: Hi!

Narrator: Are you going to a new school next year?

Mason: Yes, I am. It's going to be really different from this school.

Narrator: Really?

Mason: Yes, it's a long journey to school, so I'm going to get up at half past six every day.

Narrator: Oh, that's early!

Mason: Yes.

Narrator: How are you going to travel to school?

Mason: Well, it's on the other side of the city, so I'm going to get two different buses.

Narrator: What else is different from your old school?

Mason: Well, I'm going to wear a school uniform.

Narrator: Oh, really? What's the uniform like?

Mason: Oh, it's not bad. I have to wear a blue jacket and a red tie.

Narrator: Are you going to study the same subjects?

Mason: Some of them are going to be the same. But I'm going to learn a new language.

Narrator: Oh, is it French?

Mason: No, it's German!

Narrator: Oh. Do you know how to say 'thank you' in German?

Mason: Yes, it's *danke*!

Narrator: Oh! *Danke*, Mason!

MY WORDLIST

UNIT 1

My wordlist. Listen and repeat. 14

classroom, computer room, corridor, dining room, hall, library, music room, playground, staffroom, toilets
comfortable, competition, fashionable, tie, tracksuit, waistcoat

igloo, route, skating rink, snowstorm, stone, traveller

UNIT 2

My wordlist. Listen and repeat. 15

asparagus, blueberries, butter, chillies, flour, honey, nuts, olive oil, onions, sugar

avocado, bone, calcium, iron, muscle, sardine, skin, sunlight
citrus, cookery class, promise, sauce, smoothie, tattoo

UNIT 3

My wordlist. Listen and repeat. 16

bridge, building, cable car, lake, mountain, river, road, roller coaster, skyscraper, train

balcony, charge, noise, pavement, pollution, produce
be careful, canyon, geyser, kayaking, the bottom, the top

UNIT 4

My wordlist. Listen and repeat. 17

buy/bought a T-shirt, drink/drank water, go/went to a festival, have/had a snack, make/made a video, meet/met friends, see/saw fireworks, sing/sang a song, take/took photos, wear/wore a cap

audience, ordinary, prefer, rent, sound, while
bracelet, brush, feather, hummingbird, knife, spoon, tool

UNIT 5

My wordlist. Listen and repeat. 18

amphitheatre, aqueduct, brooch, chariot, coin, mosaic, sandals, statue, toga, wall

burn, fire, floor, heating, soap
cabbage, emperor, empire, grapes, palace, ruins

UNIT 6

My wordlist. Listen and repeat. 19

compass, map, rucksack, sleeping bag, sun cream, tent, torch, towel, water bottle, waterproof

coconut, float, forget, hard, hook, parachute, soft
cave, glowworm, life jacket, swimsuit, tyre

20 A working dog

Today is a big day. It's Hannah's first day at a new school. She's very nervous. Hannah's mum walks to the bus stop with her. She is going to school on her own for the first time, so Mum's nervous too. Hannah was very unhappy in her last school. She was shy and didn't have any friends. Today is also Jeff's first day at school. Hannah is blind and Jeff is her new guide dog.

Having a guide dog is a big responsibility. You have to train with your dog for six months. Guide dogs are very intelligent. When Jeff is wearing his special harness he's at work and he has to be well behaved. Hannah has to look after Jeff too. She has to make sure he's got enough to eat and drink during the day and she has to take him to the toilet.

In the summer, Hannah visited the school with Jeff. They both learnt where all the different places in the school were. Now Jeff knows where to take Hannah for her classes.

The bus arrives and Hannah says goodbye. 'Don't forget your violin,' says Mum. Hannah wants to play in the school orchestra. She sits down and Jeff lies on the floor under the seat. A boy gets on the bus but he trips over Hannah's violin. 'Whose case is this?' he asks. 'Oh, sorry!' says Hannah. 'That's my violin.' Hannah is very happy with Jeff because he doesn't bark or jump up. 'Good boy!' she says.

After lunch, Hannah's got orchestra practice in the school hall. 'Excuse me,' says the boy from the bus. He's carrying a trumpet case. 'Are you in the orchestra too? My name's Will. I'm new and I don't know where the hall is.' Jeff barks and wags his tail. 'Let's follow Jeff,' says Hannah. 'How does he know where to go?' asks the boy. 'He's very intelligent!' she laughs.

Hannah has a very good day. Jeff is popular with the students and the teachers, and everyone wants to be Hannah's friend.

21 The international food fair

Narrator: The international food fair

Dan is originally from London, but his family moved to Brussels recently. His parents work there and Dan goes to an international school.

Granny: Hi, Dan!

Dan: Hi, Granny!

Granny: How is school? Have you got lots of new friends?

Dan: Yes! Here's a photo of me with friends from class. My best friend is Cyril. He's from Paris.

And guess what! Tomorrow there's an International food fair at school with food from all over the world.

Granny: But you only like eating pizza.

Dan: Yes, well, I have to go. It's dinner time.

Granny: Are you having salad?

Dan: Urgh, horrible! Bye!

Narrator: It's the day of the international food fair. All the parents are there.

Cyril is making French pancakes. They're called crêpes. There's some flour, milk, eggs and butter in the mixture. You can have lots of different fillings. They can be sweet or savoury. Cyril's favourite is asparagus. He doesn't like sweet things.

Dan is serving a British dish called shepherd's pie. It's got meat, carrots and onions and there's some potato and cheese on top. Cyril thinks it's delicious!

Dan and Cyril look at the food from other countries. There's sushi from Japan. Dan tries it, but he doesn't like raw fish. Cyril says that in France, when children don't like something, they don't have to eat it all, but they have to taste it seven times.... then they always like it!

The Mexican food is interesting. Dan tries the tacos. There's some chilli in them and they're spicy. Insects are also a popular food in Mexico. There are some locusts. Dan thinks they're horrible, but Cyril tries one.

Granny: Hi, Dan! How was the food fair?

Dan: It was amazing! I was on the British stand and we cooked shepherd's pie. Granny, we used your recipe and everyone loved it!

Granny: Oh, that's good! Did you try any new food?

Dan: Yes, I did! I tried eating insects! They're popular in Mexico. Here's a photo of the fried locust dish.

Granny: Urgh, that's horrible!

Dan: I'm joking. I didn't really eat it!

22 The exchange student

Narrator: The exchange student

Cooper is from Sydney, Australia. He's an exchange student staying with Bethan in Caernarfon, Wales, in the UK. It's summer in Australia at the moment, but it's winter in the UK. Cooper doesn't like the cold weather. He's making a video diary to remember his trip.

Cooper: Today we're at Caernarfon Castle. Bethan, can you tell us about the castle? How old is it?

Bethan: Well, it's nearly eight hundred years old. It's the most popular castle in Wales and I think it's the most beautiful too. What's the most popular place in Sydney?

Cooper: The Opera House, I think. It's also one of the most unusual buildings in the world. Oh, no! It's starting to rain. Is it always this cold here?

Bethan: No, it's lovely here in the summer, but January is the coldest month. Come on, let's go inside the castle.

Cooper: Today we're sailing on the Menai Strait. Bethan is an expert sailor.

Bethan's dad: Ha ha!

Cooper: That bridge is amazing!

Bethan: Yes, it's the Menai Bridge! It connects the mainland to Anglesey. Did you know that's the biggest island in Wales?

Cooper: Really? How long is the bridge?

Bethan: Oh, I don't know.

Bethan's dad: It's 417 metres long and 30 metres high. Now come and help me with the boat.

Cooper: I didn't know this, but more than half a million people speak Welsh. It's one of the oldest languages in Europe. And I think it's the most difficult to pronounce.

Bethan: And today we're at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlllantysiliogogogoch. It's the longest place name in the UK.

Cooper: We're on top of the highest mountain in Wales. It's called Mount Snowdon, but that's not because it's covered in snow, ha ha! How high is Snowdon, Bethan?

Bethan's mum: Bethan, look at the camera!

Bethan: Uh... it's 1,084 metres high.

Cooper: This is also the coldest place in Wales. Can we go to the café now?

Bethan's mum: Ha ha. Yes, let's go! I'm cold too.

Cooper: Today is my last day in Wales. We're here in Caernarfon eating fish and chips. Bethan, is this the most popular food in the UK?

Bethan: Yes! And it's definitely the most popular food for seagulls!

23 Step up!

The Liverpool Mersey River Festival started yesterday, but today was the day of the dance competition. Amber was very nervous. Her dance group, Step Up!, were on stage next, but Amber just wanted to run away and hide. It all started a year ago...

The Mersey River Festival takes place every summer. Amber went with her family last year and had a fantastic time. She met her friends Lauren and Katie there. They saw Step Up! in the dance competition. The girls thought they were amazing. Two days after the festival, Amber, Lauren and Katie joined the group.

Amber didn't want to join the group at first, she felt too shy, but Lauren and Katie persuaded her. Learning to dance is hard work. They had to practise every week at the community centre. But Amber made lots of friends in the group and she enjoyed the dancing.

Six months ago, Josie, the dance teacher, said that Step Up! were in the competition again this year. Everyone was happy, but Amber just felt really nervous.

Then, four weeks ago, a reporter from the local TV station interviewed members of the group for a programme about people taking part in the festival. A week after the interview, Amber was on TV and everyone in her class saw the programme. They wanted to come and see her dancing at the festival. This made Amber feel even more nervous!

Three days before the competition, Amber felt totally terrified. She phoned Lauren and Katie and told them she didn't want to take part. They came to her house the day after she phoned to talk to her. They were really good friends and they persuaded her to do it.

That was the day before yesterday. But today something absolutely amazing happened. When Amber walked on stage she didn't feel nervous. She just felt really excited and she enjoyed every minute of the show. Step Up! didn't win the competition, but they came second. All her friends thought they were better than the winners. Maybe next year!

24 A day in ancient Rome

Last Easter holiday, Mum took Leo to Rome. She needed to go for work. She had an important meeting, but then they had three days for a holiday. Mum was excited, but Leo wasn't happy.

First, he wanted to go camping with his friend Eliot and his dad.

Second, they had to leave a day early and the History teacher said Leo had to do extra homework.

And third, Mum said it was a 'screen-free' holiday: no computers, no tablets, no phones and no TV or films for either of them!

Mum wanted Leo to do his homework first. He had to find out about the life of people in ancient Rome. They needed to go to a museum to find the information.

Mum asked a man for directions. 'What did he say?' asked Leo. 'Erm...' he said, 'Turn left at the temple, then go straight on along Via Pomodoro. Go past the fountain, turn right, then turn left at the statue. Then, cross the street and go straight on. It's on the right... I think that's what he said.'

They were lost! Leo looked at the map. 'Let's turn right here,' he said. But when they turned the corner, suddenly there were lots of people in costumes and cameras. It was a film set! A man pointed at Leo. 'He looks perfect for the part! We're making a TV programme about ancient Rome. Do you want to be an actor for a day?'

Leo wanted to do it and Mum said it was OK, even though it was meant to be a screen-free holiday. He had a fantastic day. He learnt a lot about acting and history! He had to wear a tunic and sandals and he had to do everything he was told by the director.

Six weeks later, the film company sent Leo a copy of the programme. They watched it in class. The teacher said there were lots of mistakes. People didn't wear togas to go to the market and the soldiers' uniforms were wrong. But they all said Leo was a brilliant actor!

25 Bear necessities!

Taylor lives in Jasper, Canada. Her dad is an architect and her mum, Audrey, is a park ranger. Taylor's fifteen and she's going to study Zoology at university. Last summer, she had a part-time job helping Mum to monitor wildlife in the park.

One day, Taylor and her mum saw some tourists. One of them was outside the car photographing an elk. There was loud music too. 'Get back in the car now,' Mum called. 'Elk can be dangerous. You should turn the music off too. The noise frightens them.'

There were lots of dangerous animals in the park, but the most dangerous animals in the park were humans.

Mum got really angry when people didn't respect nature. 'They should read the park rules and they shouldn't go near the animals.'

Later that day, Mum and Taylor were at Lake Edith. Taylor had to check the numbers of Canada geese around the lake. Mum had an urgent call. 'We have to leave now,' she said. 'There are some tourists trapped by a bear at the campsite near Pyramid Mountain.'

When they arrived at the campsite, the gate was open. There was a black bear next to an open rubbish bin. 'People should close gates and rubbish bins,' said Mum. 'The rubbish attracts the bears.' They could see the tourists' things. They were the same people Mum shouted at that morning.

They were trapped inside the toilet. 'Oh, no,' said Taylor. 'What's that noise? I think there's a baby bear in the rubbish bin. It can't get out!'

'Taylor, listen to me,' said Mum. 'We're going to get the baby bear out of the bin.' Mum explained the plan. 'You're going to stay in the back of the car. When I drive backwards up to the bin, you're going to put the ladder carefully into the bin. Then the bear can climb out.'

The plan worked! The noise of the car frightened the mother bear and she moved away when Taylor put the ladder into the bin. But there was a surprise. There wasn't just one baby bear in the bin, there were three! They went back into the forest.

Mum told the tourists to leave the park immediately. But one of them filmed the rescue and put the video on the internet the day after that. It was very popular. Everyone thought that Taylor was very brave.