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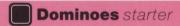
STORY

'Bring me something new and exciting. Bring me a BIG story!' says Rosie's editor at The Record newspaper.

And, when she leaves the office, Rosie does find a story. A story that is bigger than she expects. A story that takes her across Europe, into a dangerous world of art and art thieves.

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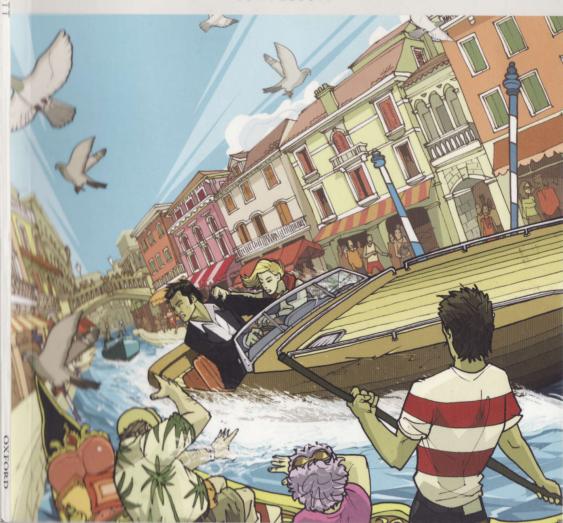
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BEFORE READING

This is Rosie Doyle. She's a journalist and she lives in London. One day she goes to her office. What happens? Tick the boxes.



a At the office Rosie meets . . .







b She must find . . .







c She hears two Americans. One is . . .







d They talk about . . .

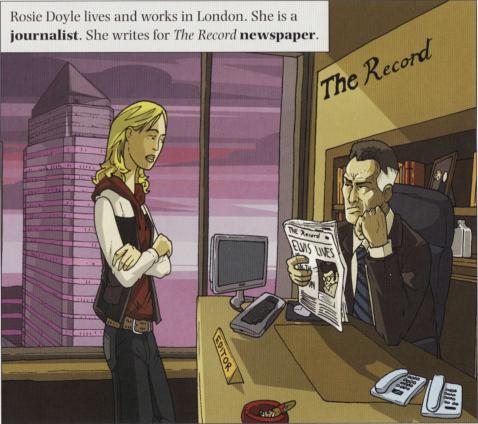






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journalist a person who writes stories for a newspaper

newspaper people read about things that happen in this

'I can't use this story, Rosie,' says the editor. 'It's old news. Bring me something new and exciting. Bring me a BIG story!' He looks at her. 'You're tired, Rosie. Take the afternoon off. Go and see a film, or something.'







editor the person who says which stories go in a newspaper

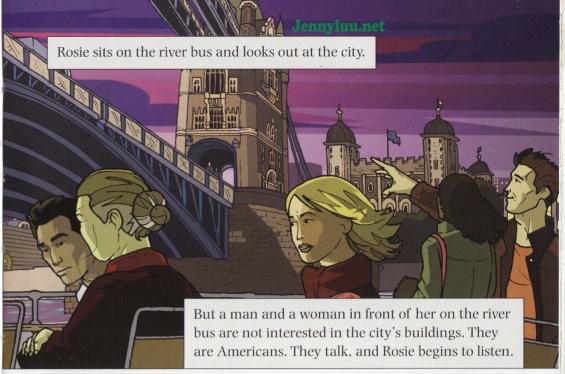
news when someone tells you something new

film moving pictures that tell a story **river bus** people go from one place

idea something that you think

river water that moves in a long line

to another on a river in this



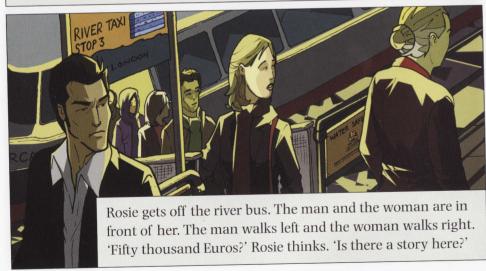


worth how expensive something is

Rosie forgets about the film. It isn't important now. She listens carefully to the man and woman. 'Pierre Valmy's **chateau** is in the mountains,' Lezardo says. 'The job isn't easy. And it's **dangerous**.'







chateau /ʃæˈtɔʊ/ a big old house in France or Switzerland where a rich person lives

dangerous that can kill you

bridge people go across a river on this

Rosie goes after the woman. 'Where's she going?' Rosie thinks. 'And who is she?'



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Suddenly, the woman stops and looks
back. She looks at Rosie for a second or
two, then goes into a house.



Rosie goes to the house. "Julia Yardley",' she reads. 'She's an **art dealer**. Art dealers **buy** and **sell** pictures. Perhaps the man on the river bus is going to buy a picture. But why is that dangerous?'



art dealer a person who has a shop with expensive pictures in it

buy to give money for something

sell to take money for something

steal to take something without asking

'Perhaps he's going to **steal** a picture!' Rosie thinks, suddenly. 'But what can I do?'

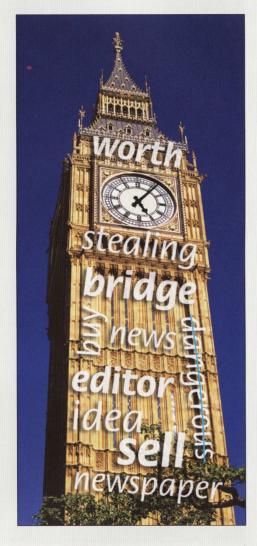


READING CHECK

Choose the right words to complete the sentences.

| a | Rosie Doyle is a journalist |
|---|-----------------------------|
| | She must find |

- **1** fifty thousand Euros.
- 2 🗹 a big story.
- **3** Julia Yardley.
- **b** She wants to . . .
- 1 see a film.
- 2 visit a chateau.
- **3** visit New York.
- c She goes there by . . .
- 1 acar.
- 2 plane.
- 3 viver bus.
- **d** She listens to . . .
- 1 👿 Julia Yardley and Lezardo.
- 2 Pierre Valmy and Lezardo.
- **3** Julia Yardley and Pierre Valmy.
- e They talk about . . .
- 1 🔽 a big story and London.
- **2** pictures and Paris.
- **3** money and Venice.
- f Rosie goes after . . .
- 1 Lezardo.
- 2 Julia Yardley.
- **3** Pierre Valmy.



WORD WORK

Use the words in Big Ben to complete the sentences on page 7.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Read the sentences and write Yes or No.



a We learn more about Rosie.



b We learn more about Lezardo's work.



c We learn more about Julia Yardley's work.



d We see Pierre Valmy's home......



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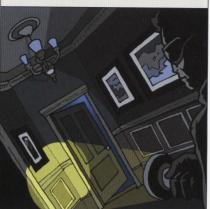
ski to go over snow fast on long flat pieces of wood

snow something soft, cold and white **lock** this makes a door stay closed

break to make one think into two things when you hit it

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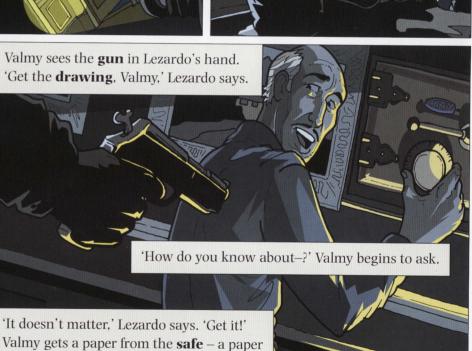
Very quietly, he goes upstairs. He sees a door in front of him. 'That's Valmy's bedroom.' Lezardo thinks.



He goes into the room. Valmy is in bed, asleep.

'Get up, old man!' Lezardo says.

'Who - who are you?' Valmy asks.



upstairs to the upper part of a house

with a drawing on it.

asleep sleeping

gun a person can fight with this

drawing a picture made with a pencil

safe a box with a lock where you put important or expensive things

In a different room, a man gets out of bed. He is Hans, Pierre Valmy's **servant**. 'What's that noise?' he says. 'Who's talking? Is it **Monsieur** Valmy?'





He looks at the drawing and laughs. 'A million Euros for this little drawing?' he says. 'You **art collectors** are **crazy**.'

Lezardo leaves the chateau with the drawing in his bag.

Hans finds Monsieur Valmy.
'Go after him!' Valmy shouts.
'Take the **snowmobile**!'
'Yes, monsieur,' says Hans.
'And you call the **police**,
monsieur.'



servant a person who works for someone rich

Monsieur /məs'jə/ Mr, in French

tie to stop someone moving with a rope

art drawings and pictures

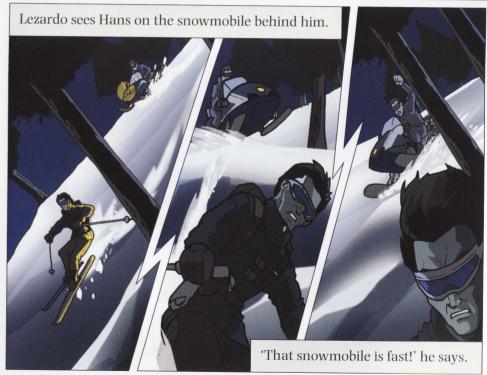
collector a person who like to buy and have lots of things of one kind

crazy not thinking well

snowmobile a car that can go

police they find people who do something bad





READING CHECK

| Ar | e these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes. | True | False |
|----|---|------|-------|
| a | Lezardo visits Pierre Valmy's house. | | |
| b | Pierre Valmy is a young man. | | |
| C | Pierre Valmy lives in Paris. | | |
| d | Lezardo takes a drawing from Valmy. | | |
| е | The drawing is worth a million Euros. | | |
| f | Hans works for Lezardo. | | |
| g | Lezardo puts Valmy's drawing in his bag and goes. | | |
| h | Valmy goes after Lezardo. | | |
| | | | |

WORD WORK

1 Find sixteen words from Chapter 2 in the snow.



| Us | e the words from Activity 1 to complete these sentences. |
|----|--|
| a | I can open this door easily. Thelock isn't working. |
| b | That bottle is very old. Be careful with it and don't it. |
| C | He's got lots of beautiful pictures in his house because he's an art |
| d | I like it when it's cold and there's on all the trees and houses. |
| е | She can down hills very fast. |
| f | Watch that man. He's got a in his hand and he can kill you with it. |
| g | 'Oh, no! That woman has got my bag with all my money in it.' |
| | 'Quick! Call the!' |
| h | Everest is a very high |
| i | The children are in bed so don't make a lot of noise. |
| j | Her room isn't down here. It's |
| k | I don't want to take all this money with me. Let's put it in the hotel |
| | before we go out. |
| 1 | This is by Leonardo da Vinci and it's worth a lot of money. |
| m | She wears flowers in her hair and she doesn't wear shoes. She's |
| n | They don't do any work in the house. Their do it for them. |
| 0 | She can't run away because he's her to a tree. |
| p | I like studying because I like looking at beautiful pictures. |
| G | UESS WHAT |
| w | hat happens in the next chapter? Choose the correct words to complete |
| th | ne sentences. |
| a | Hans gets Lezardo. Lezardo gets away. |
| b | Rosie sees Valmy Lezardo on TV. |

c Valmy's drawing is by Leonardo da Vinci. Pablo Picasso.

d Rosie goes to the police. Venice.

Rosie is eating breakfast in her London home. She is watching the news on TV.





'Valmy? I know that name!' Rosie thinks. 'But where . . .? Yes! From the man on the river bus!'



'The owner of the chateau is Pierre Valmy.' the news reader says. 'The Picasso drawing is worth half a million Euros, perhaps more.'



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Lezardo sees some trees

'Wait!' he thinks. 'I can

in front of him.

get through there!'

follow go after

crash to hit something and stop suddenly

THREE

escape to get away

The snowmobile is getting nearer and nearer.

'What can I do?' Lezardo thinks.



Pierre Valmy is talking on the TV now.

'The thief has the Picasso drawing,' he says. 'But what can he do with it?'



'I know,' Rosie says excitedly. 'He can give it to Julia Yardley in Venice tomorrow at two o'clock. And get fifty thousand Euros! The thief is the man on the river bus!'

thief (plural thieves) a person who takes something without asking

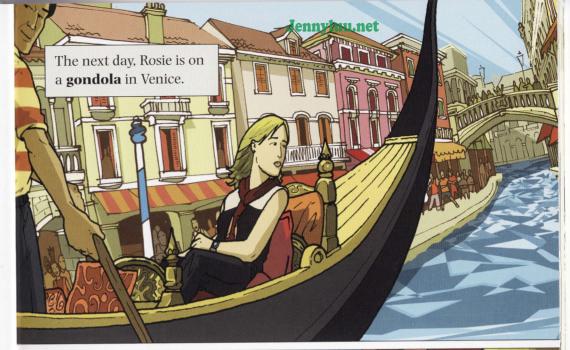
'Do I go to the police?'
Rosie thinks.

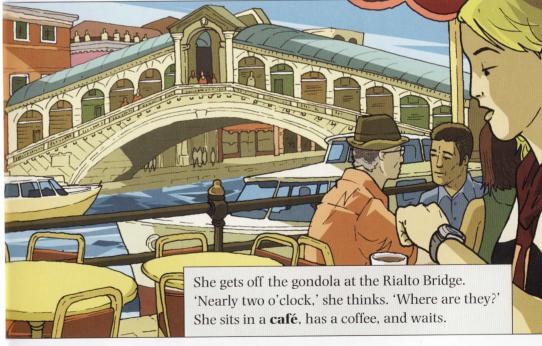


'No. You go to the police *after* you get your big story, Rosie Doyle,' she says. 'Perhaps you're wrong. Perhaps it's a different man. Go to Venice and see!'









gondola you can go across the water in this in Venice

café you go here to have a drink and something to eat

e[s]

READING CHECK

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

- a Lezardo skis between two trees houses
- **b** The snowmobile can can't go after him.
- c Lezardo gets doesn't get away.
- **d** Rosie is eating breakfast and watching **the news** a film on TV
- e She remembers the name Valmy Lezardo from the river bus.
- f Valmy Rosie knows about Julia Yardley, Venice and the fifty thousand Euros.
- g Lezardo Julia Yardley is an art thief, Rosie thinks.
- h Rosie wants to go to the police before after she gets her big story.
- i Rosie goes to Venice that day the next day

WORD WORK

Use the words in the TVs to complete the sentences.

a Can you take a photo of us in this good ola? We want to remember everything about this week in Venice when we go home.



b You go first and I can _ _ _ _ you.



c How can we _ _ _ _ from this building? There is a killer with a gun at the front door and I can't open the back door.



d Careful! You're driving very fast. Don't ____ into the car in front of us.



e That boy is a _ _ _ . He takes money from people's school bags when they aren't looking.



f Are you hungry and thirsty? Let's have a sandwich and a coffee in that _ _ _ _

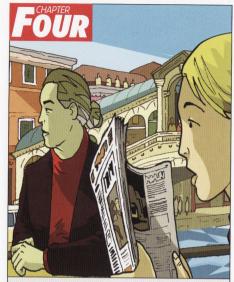


GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick three sentences.

- **a** Lezardo meets Julia Yardley at the Rialto bridge.
- **b** Julia gives fifty thousand Euros to Lezardo.
- **c** Lezardo gives the Picasso drawing to Julia.
- **d** Rosie gets the drawing.
- **e** Rosie speaks to the police.
- f Lezardo and Julia speak to Rosie.





Some minutes later, Julia Yardley arrives at the Rialto Bridge. 'There she is!' Rosie thinks. 'But where's the man?'



Lezardo isn't far away. He's watching Rosie.
'Why is that woman watching Julia Yardley?' he thinks. 'Does she know something?'

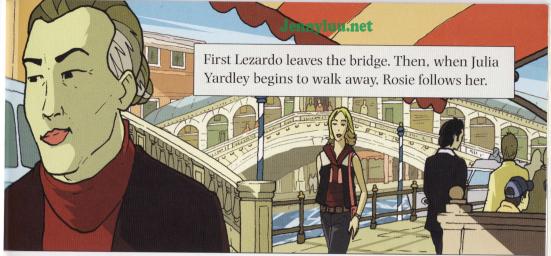


Rosie suddenly sees the man from the river bus. He's meeting Julia Yardley on the bridge.



Lezardo gives Julia Yardley a **package**. 'Is that the Picasso drawing?' Rosie thinks.









But Lezardo is behind Rosie now and he **grabs** her phone. 'No, you don't!' he says. 'What—?' Rosie begins.



From the hotel, Julia Yardley sees Roger Lezardo with Rosie in the street. Lezardo has Rosie's arm in his hand and she can't escape. 'What's happening?' she thinks. 'Wait! I know that young woman's face?'

She goes out of the hotel again.



Now Julia is with Lezardo and Rosie. Lezardo pushes Rosie into a dark **alley** opposite the hotel. Julia follows them.

follows them.
'Do I know you?' Julia asks
Rosie, and she looks into
Rosie's face. 'Ah, yes. Now I
remember! Outside my
London office, on Monday!
Who are you?'
'Aaagh! My arm! You're
hurting me!' Rosie cries.
'OK, OK! My name's Rosie
Doyle. I – I'm a journalist.'



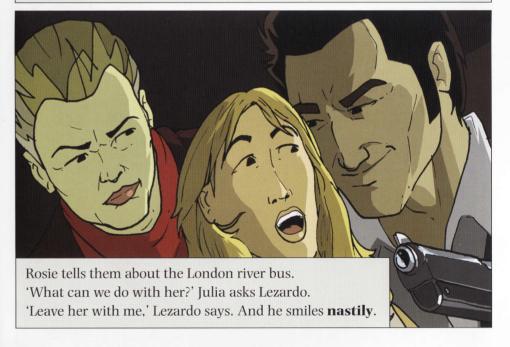
grab to take suddenly

alley a small street

hurt to do something bad to someone



'I know . . . I know about the drawing,' Rosie says. 'I know about Valmy.' 'How do you know?' Julia asks.



pocket the place in your coat where you can put things

nastily in not a nice way

READING CHECK

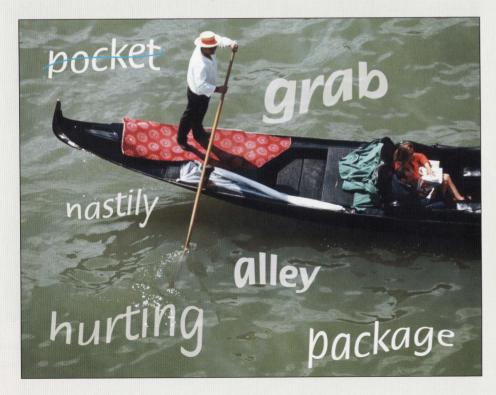
Put these sentences in the correct order. Number them 1-8.

| a | Rosie | follows | Julia |
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- Lezardo leaves the bridge.
- Lezardo gives something to Julia.
- Julia arrives at the Rialto Bridge.
- Julia speaks to Rosie.
- Lezardo speaks to Rosie.
- Lezardo takes Rosie's phone.
- Julia goes into her hotel.

WORD WORK

Use the words in the water to complete the sentences on page 25.



| | 'Have you got a pen?' |
|---|--|
| | 'Yes, I've got one in my shirtpocket' |
| b | Don't the sandwiches. Take them slowly. |
| C | I don't walk down that late at night. It's dark and nobody usually |
| | goes there. |
| d | This is for you. It's from Oxford. What's in it? |
| e | Please say sorry nicely, not |
| f | Don't sit on your little sister. You're her. |



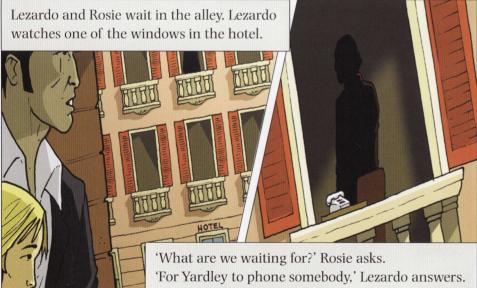
GUESS WHAT

| What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes. | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| a Julia phones an art collector. | | |
| b Julia gives Lezardo five thousand Euros. | | |
| c Rosie phones the police. | | |
| d Lezardo and Rosie go to Julia's hotel room. | | |
| e Lezardo takes back the painting from Julia. | | |
| f Rosie ties Julia to a bed. | | |
| g Rosie ties Lezardo to a chair. | | |



'What are you going to do?'
Julia asks. She is **frightened**.
Lezardo is a dangerous man.
'Don't ask questions,' Lezardo tells her. 'Phone your collector.
I want my money soon.'





frightened afraid

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Five minutes later, Rosie sees Julia Yardley on a hotel **balcony**. Julia picks up a black book from the table and goes into her room. 'She's phoning. Now we go in,' Lezardo says. 'And don't run away! Remember the gun in my pocket!'



Lezardo gives some money to the man at the hotel desk.

'Well, Salvatore?' he says.

'She is in her room,' the man at the desk tells him. 'And now she's making a phone call.'



'Right. Who's she phoning?' Lezardo asks.

'Wait a minute,' Salvatore says, and he **picks up** the phone on his **desk** and listens.



'Giovanni Piano,' Salvatore says to Lezardo quietly.

Lezardo smiles. 'So she's selling to him – one of the most important collectors in Italy. I know him.'

balcony a place at the front of a building upstairs where you can stand and look out or sit in the sun

pick up to take in your hand

desk a table where you can pay for a room or ask hotel workers things

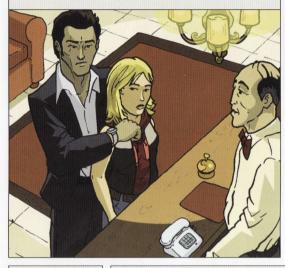
Salvatore puts down the phone. 'She's meeting him at four o'clock,' he tells Lezardo. 'At the Café Antonella.' Lezardo looks at his watch. 'There's not much time,' he says. 'What's her room number?'

'301,' Salvatore says.

'Giovanni Piano is crazy about collecting,' Lezardo says. 'He buys important **paintings** and drawings, and he asks no questions.' 'What are you going to do?' Rosie asks.



He laughs. 'I'm going to get back that Picasso drawing,' he says. 'Then I'm going to sell it to Giovanni Piano and get half a million Euros, not fifty thousand!'



knocks on the door of room 301.



Julia opens the door and sees Lezardo's gun. 'What – what are you doing?' she says. She is frightened.



paintings coloured pictures
knock to hit strongly

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When they are in the room, Lezardo finds the drawing in Julia's **case**. He grabs it. Then he says, 'You two are going to stay here – quietly.' To Rosie he says, 'I'm going to come back for you later.' He smiles nastily again.



'Tie her to the bed,' Lezardo tells Rosie. Rosie looks at his gun and ties Julia to the bed.



Then Lezardo ties Rosie to a chair. After ten minutes, he is ready to leave with the drawing. 'See you later,' he tells Rosie and Julia.



case a big bag

Correct the mistakes.

art collector

- a Julia phones an important Italian police officer.
- **b** Lezardo gives some drawings to Salvatore.
- c Lezardo listens to Julia's phone call with Piano.
- d Julia is meeting Piano at two o'clock at the Café Antonella.
- e Lezardo wants a million Euros for the drawing from Julia.
- f He goes to room 103.
- g He takes the drawing from Julia's safe.
- h Salvatore ties Julia to the bed.
- i Lezardo ties Rosie to a table.

WORD WORK

 ${\bf 1} \quad {\bf Find \; six \; more \; words \; from \; Chapter \; 5 \; in \; the \; word \; square.}$

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2 Use the words from Activity 1 to complete the sentences.

- a There are lots of .paintings. by Picasso in this art book.
- **b** When it's hot I like to sit on my hotel in the sun.
- c Look at that big dog! Help! I'm of dogs.
- **d** I've got lots of important papers in my now. I'm taking them to work.
- **e** When you arrive at a hotel, you must speak first to the man or woman at the front and get your room number.
- f Please on the door before you open it and come in.
- **g** My mother always my things when I leave them on the table.

GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick one box.



a Rosie and Julia escape.



b Lezardo gets a million Euros from Giovanni Piano.



c Giovanni Piano phones the police.



d Lezardo escapes from the police.



After Lezardo leaves, Rosie **tries** to move her arms and legs. 'Perhaps... I can get out... on to the... balcony,' she thinks. She begins to move her chair.



Rosie gets her chair out on to the balcony. There is a newspaper on the table on the balcony. Rosie tries to knock it down to the street.



After some time, she knocks the newspaper off the table. It **falls** into the street and some people see it.



A young man sees the newspaper, then he looks up and sees Rosie. He runs to the hotel.

try to want to do something but not to do it well

fall to go down quickly



The young man **unties** Rosie and the hotel manager unties Julia. 'My name is Bernardo,' the young man tells Rosie. 'Are you OK?'

'Yes, I'm OK,' she says. Then she tells the hotel manager, 'Phone the police! Tell them, "Go to the Café Antonella".'





manager a person who watches the work of other people

untie to take off ropes that tie someone

Then he speaks to Rosie, Julia and Bernardo. 'The police are going to the Café Antonella,' he says. 'But they want to ask **Signora** Yardley some questions, too.'



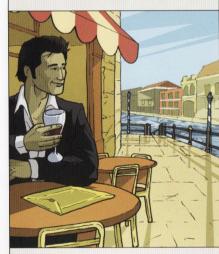
'I'm going to the Café Antonella,' Rosie says. She looks at her watch. 'But there isn't much time.'

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'We can go in my **boat**, Miss . . .!' the young man says. 'My name's Rosie,' Rosie says. 'OK! Let's go!'

At the Café Antonella, Lezardo waits for Giovanni Piano.

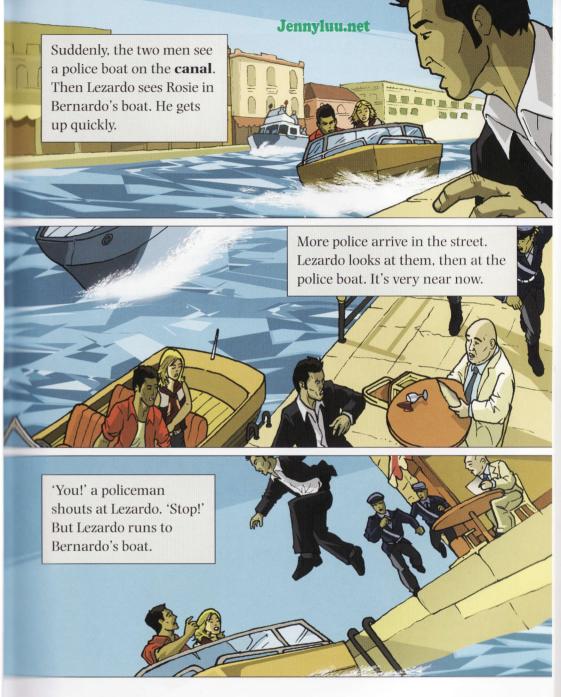


Giovanni Piano arrives some minutes later.



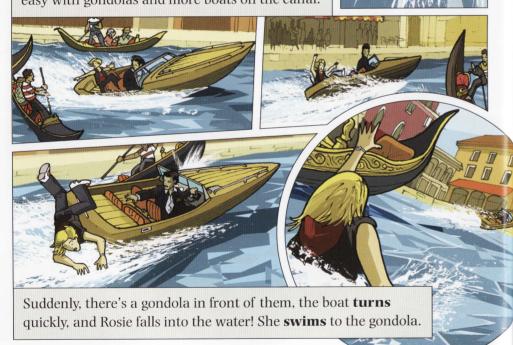
'Who are you?' he asks Lezardo.
'Where's Signora Yardley?'
'Forget Signora Yardley,' Lezardo tells him. 'Here's the drawing.'
'It's beautiful,' Piano says. 'I must have it!'

Signora /sɪn'jərə/ Mrs, in Italian **boat** you go across the water in this



canal a river that people make





turn to go to the right or the left

swim to go through the water moving your arms and legs

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Now Rosie is in the water by the gondola. Bernardo's boat crashes into a bridge and starts to **sink**. Lezardo falls into the water.



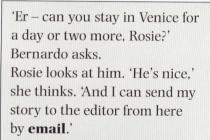
The police get Rosie out of the water first. Then they get Lezardo. 'Have you got the Picasso drawing?' Rosie asks a policeman.

'Yes, thanks to you,' he says.



The police take Rosie back to the hotel. Bernardo is waiting for her. 'Well, I've got my big story,' Rosie says. 'That's going to the editor of *The Record* tonight!'

'Are you a journalist?' Bernardo asks. 'Yes,' Rosie says.







sink to go down in water

thanks to because of

email words that you send from computer to computer

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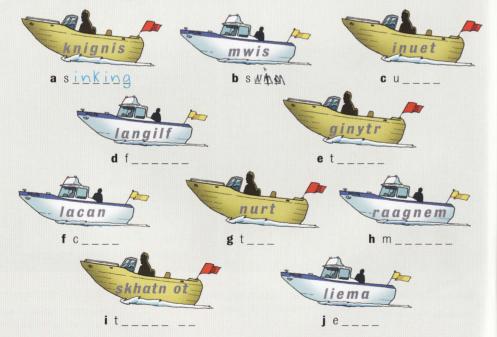
Match the two parts of these sentences.

- a Rosie knocks...
- **b** Bernardo unties . . .
- c Rosie tells Bernardo and the hotel manager . . .
- **d** The hotel manager . . .
- e Lezardo waits for Piano . . .
- f Piano wants to have ...
- g Lezardo takes . . .
- h The police get . . .
- i In the end Rosie gets . . .

- 1 about the drawing.
- 2 at the Café Antonella.
- 3 Rosie.
- 4 Lezardo and the drawing.
- **5** phones the police.
- -6 a newspaper into the street.
- 7 her big story.
- 8 Bernardo's boat.
- 9 the Picasso drawing.

WORD WORK

1 Find words from Chapter 6 in the boats.



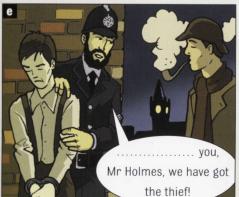
2 Use the words from Activity 1 to complete the sentences.













PROJECT A Paintings

1 Complete the description of the picture by Picasso with the words in the box. Use a dictionary to help you.

at the bottom at the top in the background in the foreground on the left on the right there are there's



| 1 we can see a theatre. 2 we can see |
|--|
| trees and hill, an old building and the sky. 3 there are some |
| circus people. They are sitting at a table. 4 we can see a white |
| horse with wings together with its baby. 5 |
| dress on the horse's back. She's holding a red white and blue striped ladder in her hand |
| ${f 6}$ of the picture we can see some blue theatre curtains and on |
| the left-hand side and the right hand side of it 7 some red |
| theatre curtains. 8 of the picture we can see the wooden |
| theatre stage. There's a big blue ball on the left with white stars on it. |

2 Look at the picture of part of Venice by Canaletto. Complete the table with the words from the box. Use a dictionary to help you.

a small brick bridge buildings clouds dark water gondolas bright blue sky people walking reflections the Grand Canal the Rialto Bridge



| 1 In the foreground | |
|---------------------|-----|
| 2 In the background | |
| 3 On the right | |
| 4 On the left | |
| 5 At the top | |
| 6 At the bottom | 198 |

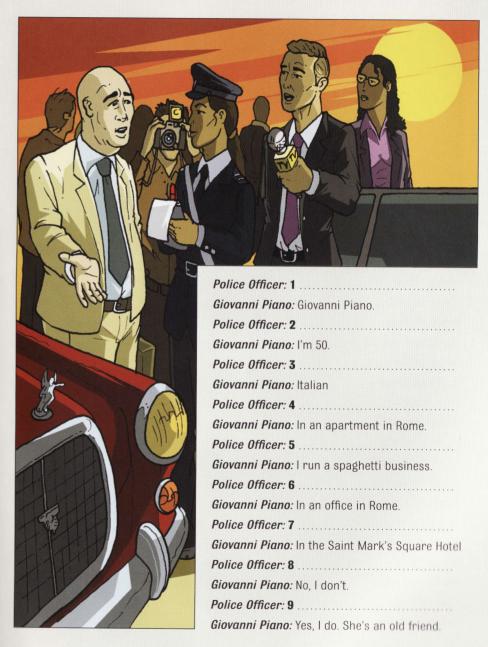
PROJECT B Police Interviews

1 Complete this dialogue with Julia Yardley's words from the box.

At the Rialto Bridge Hotel. I'm 40. I'm an art dealer.
In shops in London, Paris and New York.
In a flat in London. Julia Yardley No, I don't.
Yes, I do. He's an old friend. American.

| Police Officer: What's your name? | |
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| Ms Yardley: 1 | |
| Police Officer: What nationality are you? | |
| Ms Yardley: 2 | |
| Police Officer: How old are you? | An Plum |
| Ms Yardley: 3 | 200 |
| Police Officer: Where do you live? | 44/ |
| Ms Yardley: 4 | |
| Police Officer: Where do you work? | The same of the sa |
| Ms Yardley: 5 | The state of the s |
| Police Officer: What's your job? | |
| Ms Yardley: 6 | |
| Police Officer: Where are you staying in Venice? | |
| Ms Yardley: 7 | |
| Police Officer: Do you know Giovanni Piano? | |
| Ms Yardley: 8 | |
| Police Officer: Do you know Pierre Valmy? | |
| Ms Yardley: 9 | |
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2 Write the police officer's words in this interview with Giovanni Piano.



3 Now write a police interview with Roger Lezardo.



| Police Officer: |
|-----------------|
| Roger Lezardo: |
| Police Officer: |
| Roger Lezardo: |