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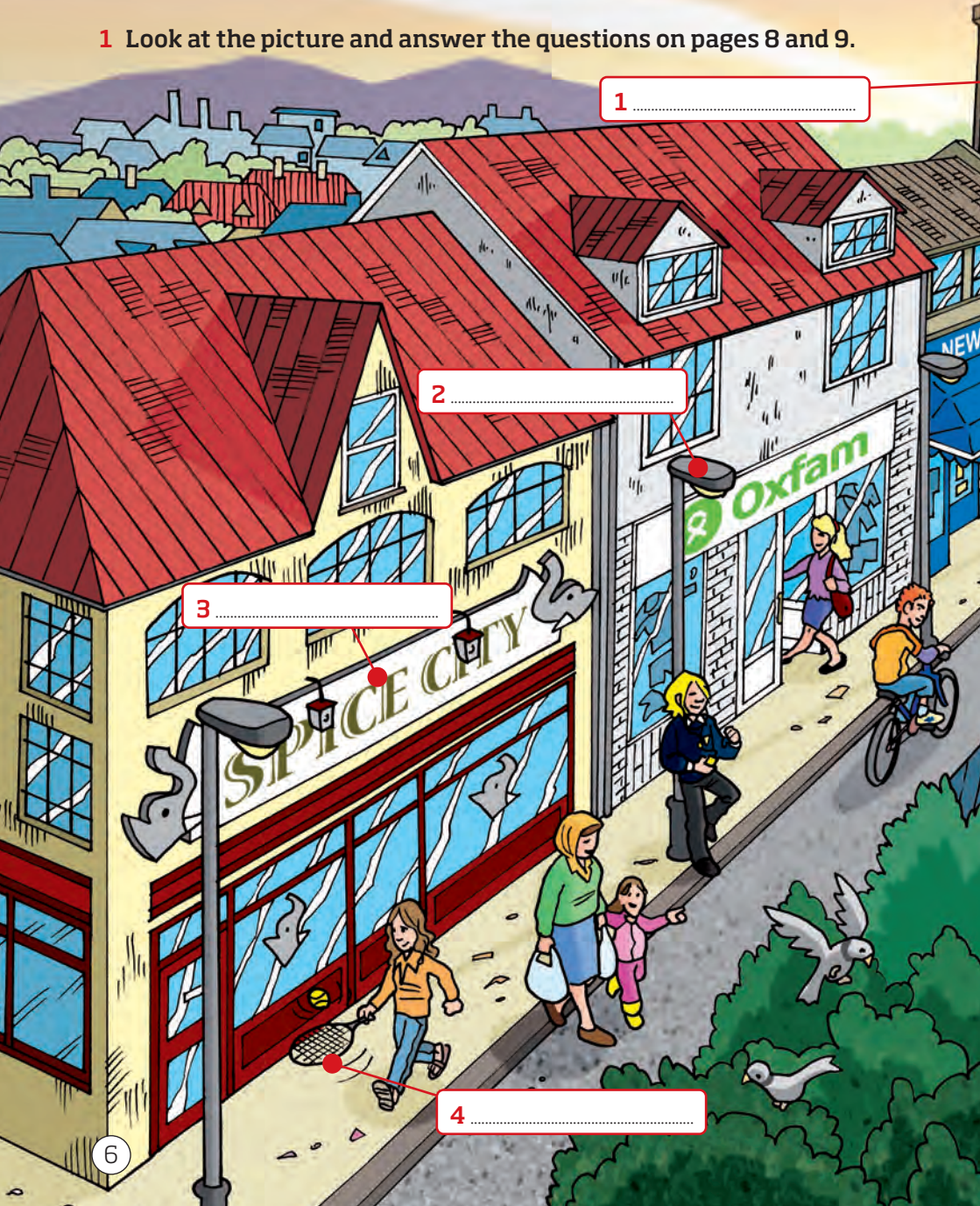
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I help a friend
in the story.
Look at the pictures
and find out who.



Before Reading

1 Look at the picture and answer the questions on pages 8 and 9.

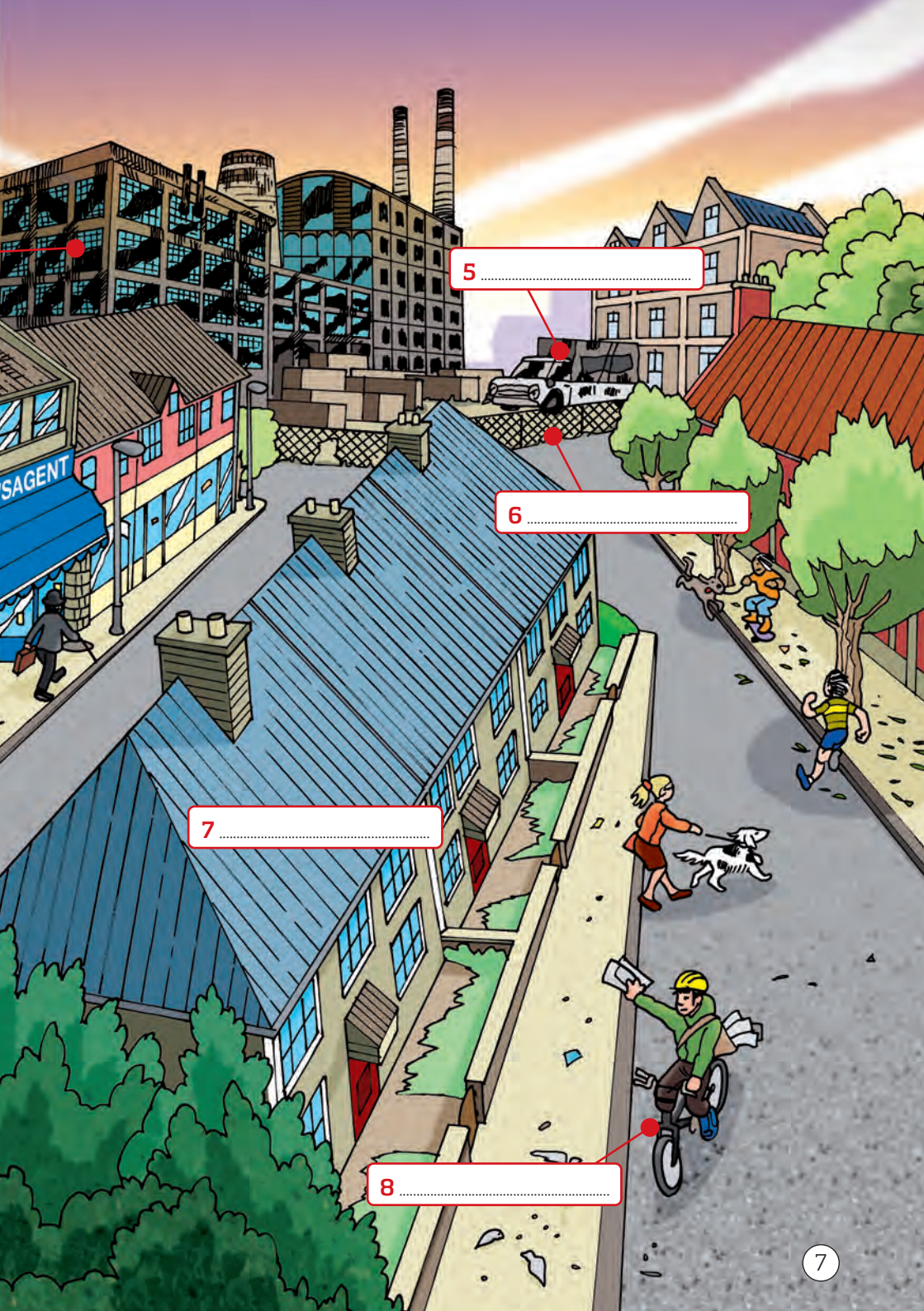


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 It's the first day of summer. The twenty-first of June, like so many days of the year in England, is often cloudy, or wet, or windy, or 'not too bad'.

But today is a lovely summer's day. The sun is shining. The fields are bright green and yellow in the morning light. And birds are singing in the trees.

In the distance, on both sides of the river, the red and grey town of Westbourne is getting ready for a new day.

It's a perfect day for staying at home, for going swimming, playing football, or listening to music in the shade of a tree. Unfortunately, today isn't a holiday. It's Monday. And it's seven thirty.

Lorries and cars are rushing around the ring road[•] that circles the town.

On one side of the ring road are fields, car parks, some new houses, and a few old farms. On the other side are housing estates[•], business parks[•], a few apartment blocks from the 1960s, and lots of old terraced houses.

Some cars are driving into the centre. Some are going to the business parks with their new offices, new roads, and tidy bushes. Other cars are heading out[•] to the motorway, and the long drive to London.



It's early, but in the parks some people are taking their dogs for a walk. Or rather, the dogs are taking their owners for a walk. The dogs look happy and full of energy. Their owners look very tired. Other people are jogging and listening to their MP3s, doing some exercise before the working day begins.

Buses are taking some early workers into the town centre. Street cleaners are picking up the litter from last night's takeaways. And in the town centre, the clock on the tower of the old Town Hall shows five to eight.



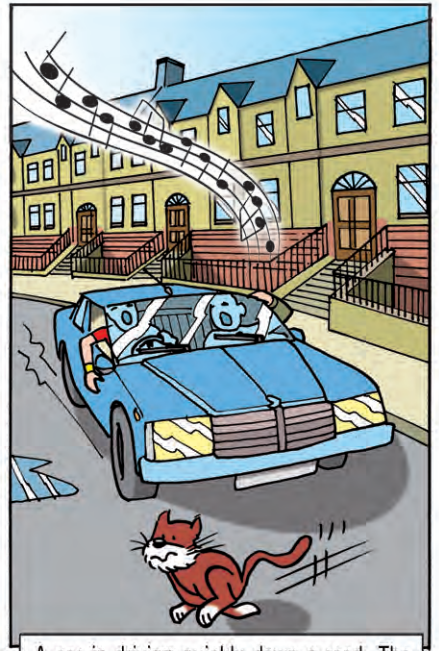


In the suburbs, a milk float is moving quietly up a road with its electric purr. Its glass milk bottles are rattling in the back.



Paper boys and girls are delivering newspapers.

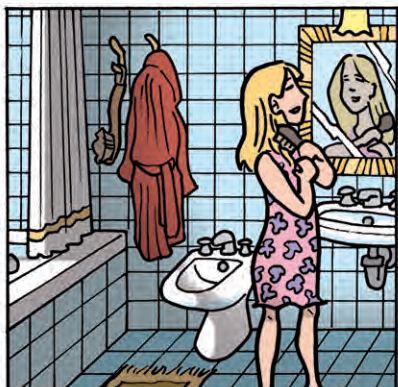
Men and women are leaving for work, getting into cars or walking to bus stops.



A car is driving quickly down a road. The rap music on the car stereo is very loud. A cat runs quickly out of the way!



A girl is skating along a pavement. She is holding a lead, and on the end of the lead her dog is running and barking!

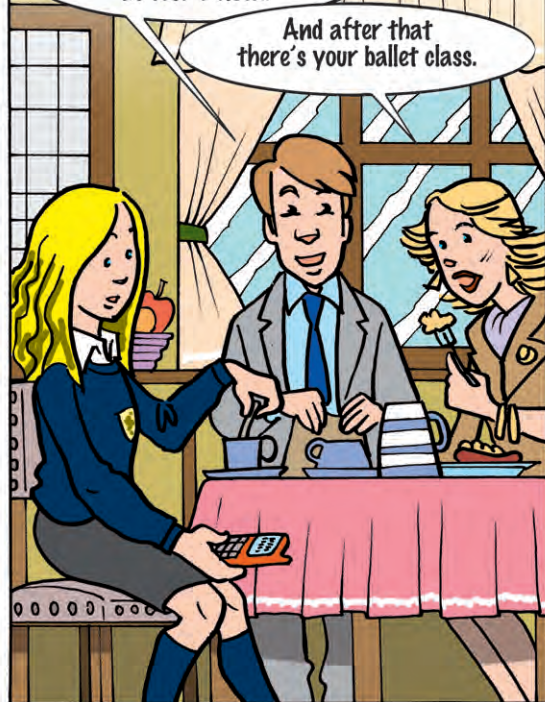


Some people are getting ready in the bathroom or they are waiting to use the bathroom. Sometimes their fifteen-year-old sister gets to the bathroom first and they have to wait for hours.

Some people aren't listening to their parents. They are sending text messages to their friends.

Now don't forget
you have a piano lesson
at four o'clock.

And after that
there's your ballet class.



Some people are having breakfast.



Stop fighting and eat
your breakfast!

Some people are surfing the net or playing videogames before they leave for school.



After Reading

Vocabulary

1 Match the actions with the pictures.

a duck b hide c text d trip



2 Ask and answer questions with a partner.

- What is Zadie doing in picture one?
- Where is David in picture four?