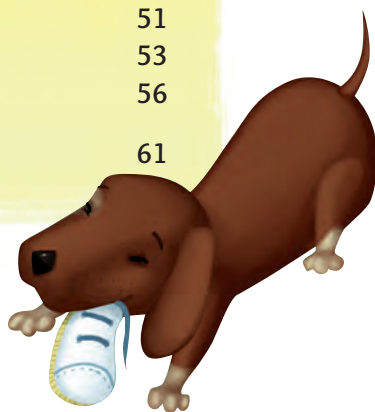


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# Before Reading



1 Listen and number the characters from the story.

a



b



c



d



2  In pairs, find the dogs in the book. Discuss and answer the questions.

- a How many dogs are there?
- b What are their names?
- c Are they all unwanted dogs?

### 3 Match the words with the pictures.



- 1 rubbish bin
- 2 puddle
- 3 puppy
- 4 rug
- 5 footprints
- 6 trainers



### 4 Complete the paragraph with the words in Exercise 3.

Hi, my name's Alice and I've got a new **1** .....  
He's called Patch. He's very sweet. At least, I think so.  
My mum's not so sure! Every morning, there is a big wet **2** .....  
on the floor and sometimes there is one on Mum's new yellow  
**3** ..... He chews all our shoes and my brother's new **4** .....  
My brother isn't happy about that! Every day we go for a walk in the  
park. When it's raining, Patch leaves dirty **5** ..... on the floor.  
Oh, no! Look at him now.  
He's playing with the **6** ..... There's rubbish all over the floor.  
He's very naughty but I love him. We all do really!

SCHOOL



BUS

## A DIFFERENT LIFE



Do you like sad stories? Good, because this is a sad story. Oh, some of you don't like sad stories. That's OK. This is also a happy story. The beginning is sad; but the ending is happy.

This is a story about a girl called Penny Cooper. That is Penny in the picture. She leaves school and walks down the road. She gets on a bus and goes along a busy road. She gets off the bus and goes inside a big building. Inside the building are apartments. She goes into one of the apartments. It has three rooms. Penny walks round the apartment. The apartment is empty. It is January and the apartment is cold. Penny is on her own. She is often on her own. She's on her own at school and she's on her own at home. Penny often feels lonely.

Penny lives in this apartment with her mother and her father. But her father is out. He is looking for work. Penny's mother is out, too. She is working in a café. Penny eats some bread and jam and drinks some water. Then she goes out again. There is a park near the apartments. Penny likes the park. There are people in the park and dogs. Penny likes dogs.



### GLOSSARY

- **busy:** (here) with traffic
- **empty:** with nobody inside
- **lonely:** unhappy because she has no friends
- **looking for:** in search of
- **on her own:** alone; without other people
- **out:** not in the house

Now look. This is Penny again. But this is Penny six months ago. It is July. Penny lives in a small village. The village is beside a lake and there are hills and woods. Penny is with her friends. They run along a path beside the lake. There are houses beside the lake. One house is white; it has a big garden. There is a dog playing in the garden. Penny lives in the white house and the dog is waiting for her. The dog's name is Holly.

Penny and her friends often play with Holly. Sometimes they throw sticks into the lake and Holly brings them back. Then she makes everyone wet. Penny and her friends laugh at Holly.

## Pets

Do you like animals?

Have you got a pet?

What is your favourite pet? Tick (✓) below.

- |                               |                                  |                                |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> dog  | <input type="checkbox"/> cat     | <input type="checkbox"/> fish  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bird | <input type="checkbox"/> hamster | <input type="checkbox"/> horse |

Penny's father, Mr Cooper, works at a factory and Penny's mother, Mrs Cooper, is at home. This is Penny's life six months ago. Six months is a long time. Six months ago Penny has friends and a dog and she lives in the country. She is happy.

### GLOSSARY

- **beside:** next to; at the side of
- **factory:** building where things are made



- **path:** small road for walking
- **sticks:** thin pieces of wood







# After Reading

## Vocabulary

1 Unscramble the words below with the help of their meaning.

- a KTISC = thin piece of wood
- b TOBO = space in the back of the car used for luggage
- c ITPNOFTSRO = marks of a person's feet or shoes
- d KODLCE = closed with a key
- e NOTONCNEIC = relation between two things
- f WRGO = cultivate; plant food to eat
- g HIWEL = a very short period of time
- h FCNEEONREC = meeting to inform the public and the press about a particular situation

2 Complete the word formation table below with words from the text. Make sentences with a partner.

ADJECTIVE	NOUN
HAPPY	HAPPINESS
DIRTY	.....
.....	SENSIBILITY
KIND	.....
.....	WORRY
SAD	.....
.....	COLD
DIFFICULT	.....
.....	LONELINESS
DARK	.....
.....	POVERTY



3  Make sentences with a partner with the words from Exercise 2.



# After Reading

## Cambridge English Exams

### **K** A2 Key English Test Reading and Writing Part 4

#### **1** For each sentence, choose the correct missing word (A, B, or C).

- a** The city is ..... Young people love the city.  
**A** fun                      **B** funny                      **C** funnier
- b** We now know that ..... is a reason. Penny is missing because of Socks.  
**A** it                      **B** this                      **C** there
- c** The police take Penny ..... a police station.  
**A** to                      **B** at                      **C** in
- d** Penny's mother and father decide to ..... their white house.  
**A** live                      **B** sell                      **C** buy
- e** Six months ..... a long time.  
**A** is                      **B** are                      **C** have
- f** Penny washes the puppy with warm water and ..... him in a big towel.  
**A** dries                      **B** dry                      **C** dries
- g** Penny's crying. 'What's the .....?' asks her mother.  
**A** trouble                      **B** crying                      **C** matter
- h** There is food in the fridge. Penny ..... herself some breakfast.  
**A** makes                      **B** does                      **C** takes
- i** Poor Penny! She ..... one dog and then she finds a new one but she can't keep him.  
**A** loses                      **B** takes                      **C** has
- j** Mr and Mrs Cooper ..... nod their heads.  
**A** together                      **B** not                      **C** both