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## Before Reading

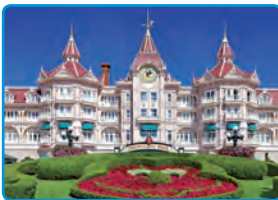
- 1 Look at the pictures of these identical twins. Are they really identical? Can you spot five differences between them? Tell a friend. Use the words below to talk about the pictures.



hair eyes face nose eyebrows ears mouth  
round small large straight curved wide  
brown blue freckles dark light

- 2 Choose six chapter titles from the Contents list on page 3. Work with a partner or in a small group. Make up a short story based on your six chapter titles. Tell your story to another group.

- 3 Look at the pictures below. Describe what you see.



- 4 Which is the best place to go on holiday, and why? Discuss with your partner.

# Before Reading

## 1 Match the words with the pictures.

a marker pen

b tortoise

c arch

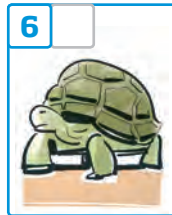
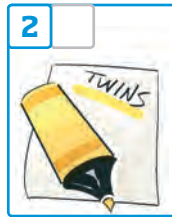
d fountain

e trunk

f bench

g handbag

e poster



## 2 Now use these words to complete the sentences below.

- a The gardener went to sit on a ..... and ate his sandwiches in a shaded corner of the park.
- b Claire's lunchbox was dripping wet after the boy threw it into the .....
- c Tim put up ..... all around the school.
- d Someone drew over the school posters with a yellow .....
- e Mrs Green had all her money in the ..... that the man stole from her.
- f A ..... is a reptile-like creature with a hard shell.
- g William was swinging like a monkey from a wooden ..... at the entrance to the rose garden.
- h Uncle Frank found his photographs inside an old .....

## MUM IN A HURRY

2 'Got to rush. Will you be OK?'

As usual Tim's mum was in a hurry. She had so much to do and so little time. She gathered up her car keys, her house keys, her phone, her bag, her books.

'Mum, slow down,' said Tim.

'See you at 4pm,' said Mum. 'I'll meet you at the fitness centre. Don't forget. We're going over to see Auntie Ruby and Uncle Frank at the new house.'

'Mum, you need a holiday.'

'Yes, I do, darling,' said Mum, 'but not today. Remember to switch off the lights and lock the door. Love you. Bye.' And she was gone. She was like a whirlwind.

Tim finished his bowl of cornflakes and thought how his mum was really the best Mum in the world. She worked so hard. She took care of him, she had a job, she was studying for a degree, and she looked after Uncle Frank. She should actually get an award: the Best Mum of the Year Award. Yes, she should get an award, a cheque for a large amount of money, and a wonderful

holiday. A holiday where?

### Busy People

Who is the busiest person in your family?  
Describe what they do on a typical day.

#### GLOSSARY

- **award:** prize
- **fitness centre:** gym; sports hall
- **gathered (up):** picked (up); took
- **switch off:** turn off
- **whirlwind:** fast, powerful wind