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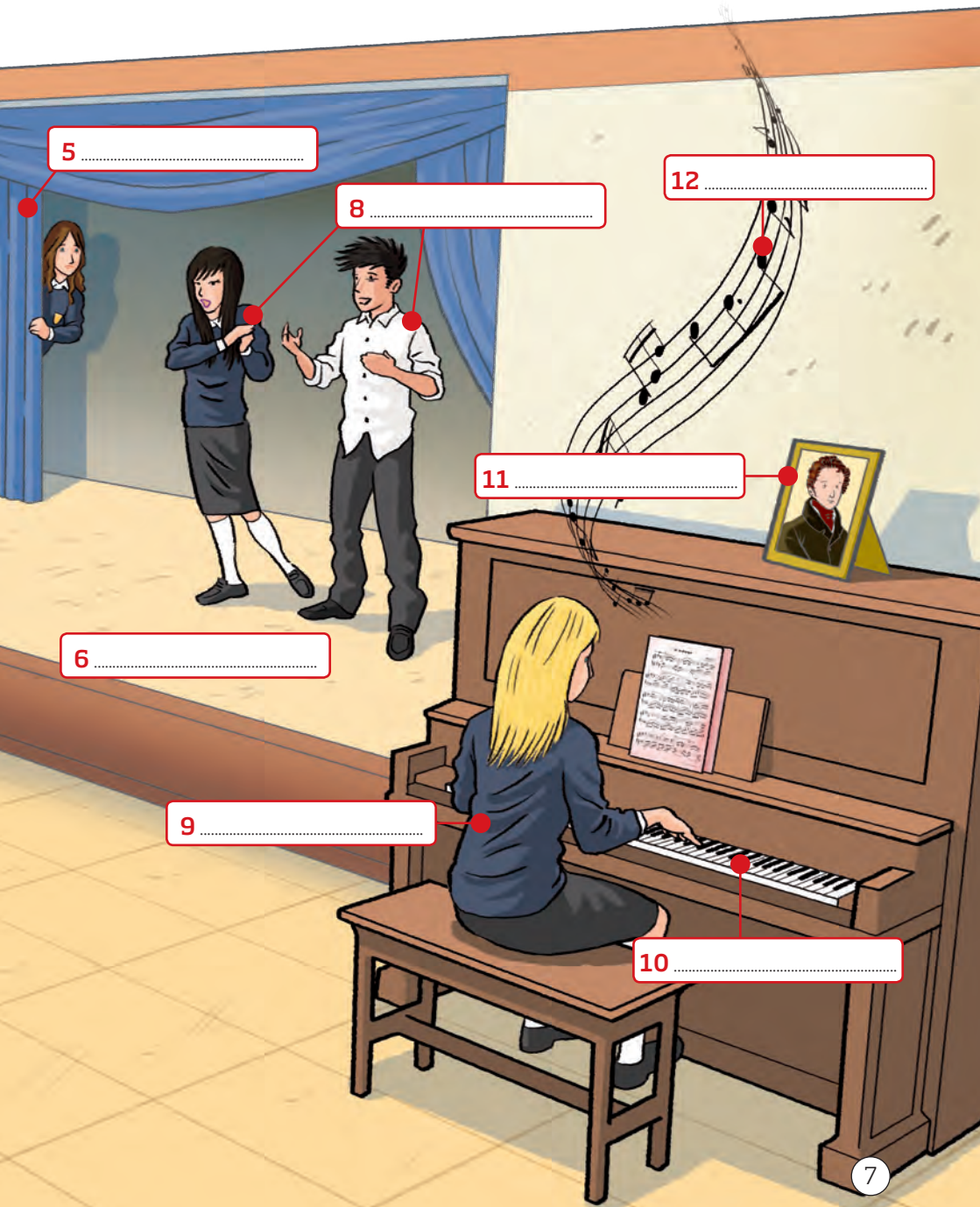
Hello, I'm Grace.
and this is my story.
Who are the other characters?
Let's read the book and meet them!



Before Reading

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





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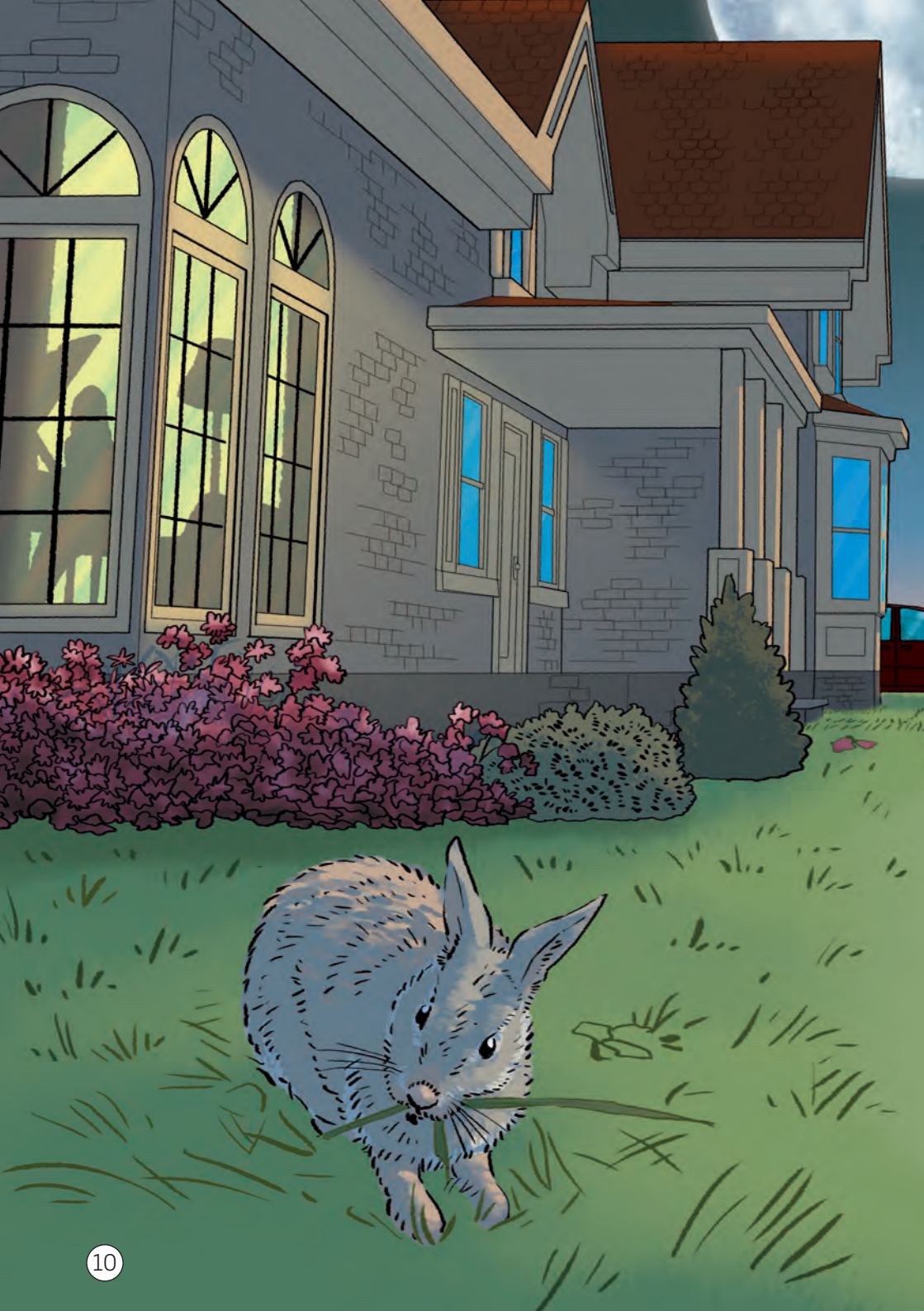
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The house was dark. The house was silent.

The last few stars were twinkling in the sky. The pale moon was sinking in the west. The sun was still thinking of rising in the east. A bat flew crazily through the cold air.

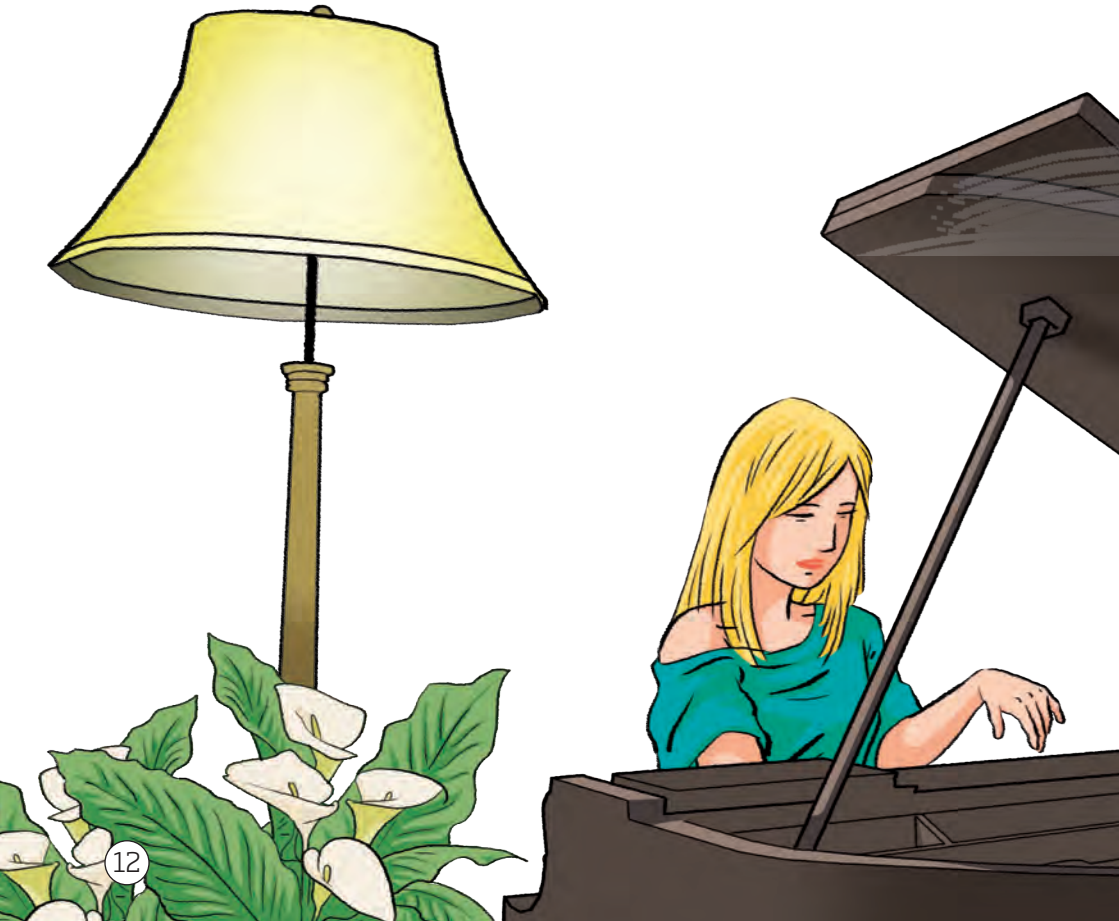
A lonely owl hooted. There was no reply. So it hooted again. Again there was no reply but a few leaves fell from the tall tree that he sat in.

The big house sat in its big garden on a silent suburban road. All the windows in all the houses were dark.

But at 4:30 am, a light came on in an upstairs bedroom. A few minutes later, it went off. All was dark again.

Then a lamp came on in the living room downstairs. And in one house, in one room, the night was over.

A girl was sitting at the piano. She felt a bit sick. It was so early and she was still very tired. But it was like this every morning. She opened a book, looked through the pages, and placed it in front of her. She looked at the music, rubbed her eyes, then looked again. It was difficult to focus on all the notes. They moved about on the lines and wouldn't stay in one place. She blinked a few times and studied the page again. This time, they all stayed in their proper places. She wiggled her fingers. She moved her hands over the keyboard. She thought for a moment. And then she started to play. And now the silence was over, too.

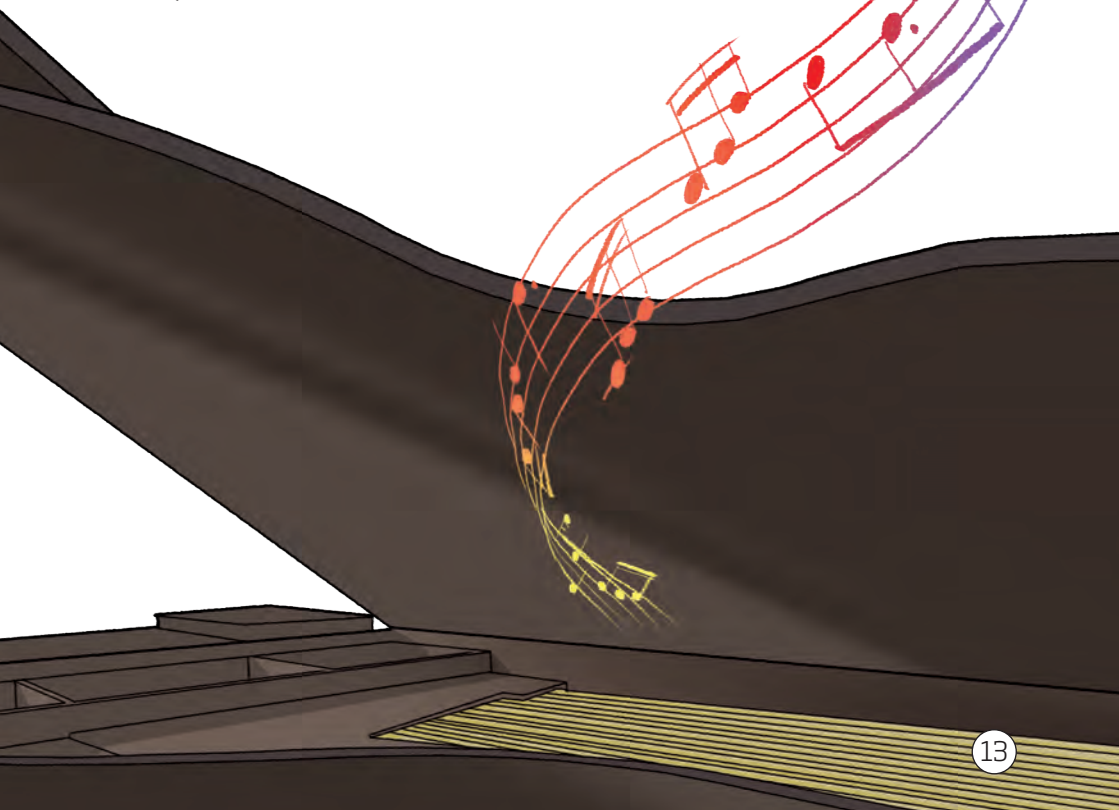


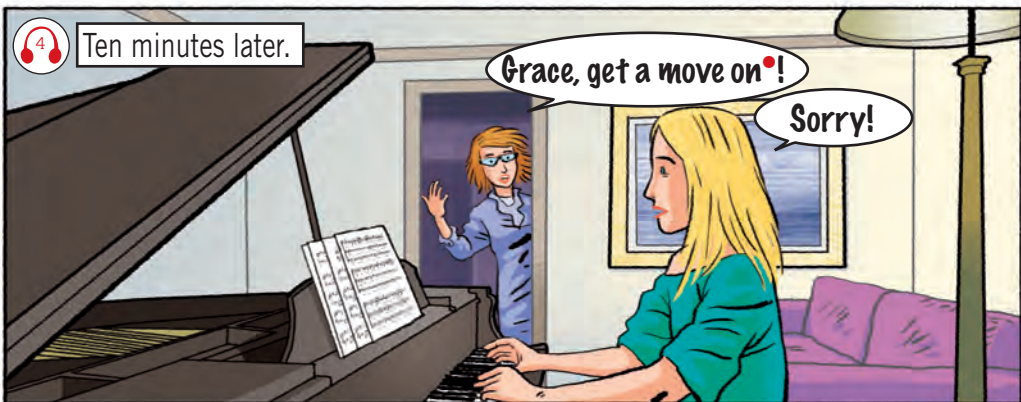
A beautiful melody flowed from the piano.
Outside a rabbit stopped eating the grass and pricked up its ears.

The owl stopped hooting and decided to listen instead.

The bat hung upside down outside the window and joined the audience.

Inside the house, the beautiful music poured out of the room and up the stairs. Her parents heard the music in their sleep. They moved in their beds, but they did not wake up. Her cat, Amadeus, arched his back, stretched his legs, then returned to his dreams. Grace was lost in the music. She forgot the time, she forgot where she was... until seven o'clock, when the door opened and her mother said, 'Grace, get ready for school.'

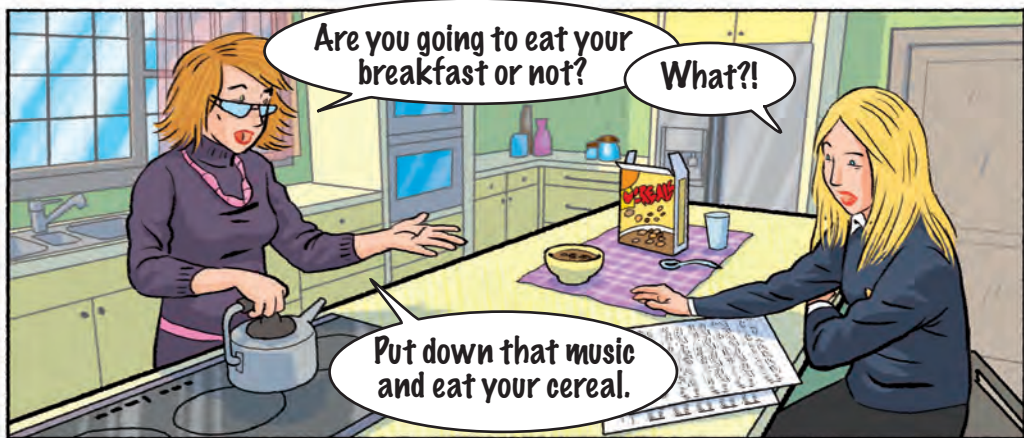




Ten minutes later.

Grace, get a move on!

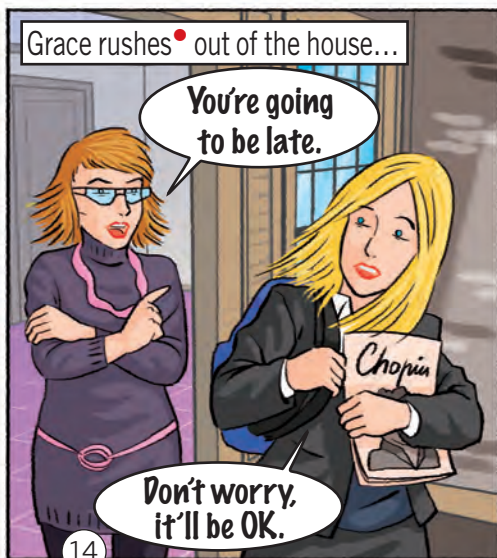
Sorry!



Are you going to eat your breakfast or not?

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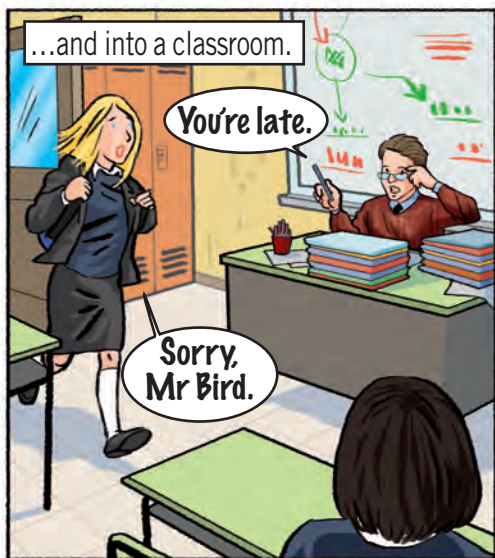
Put down that music and eat your cereal.



Grace rushes out of the house...

You're going to be late.

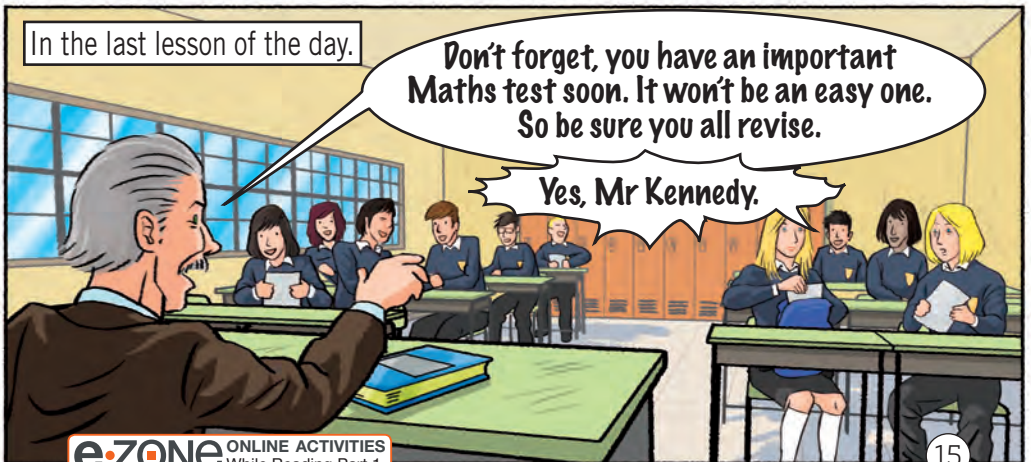
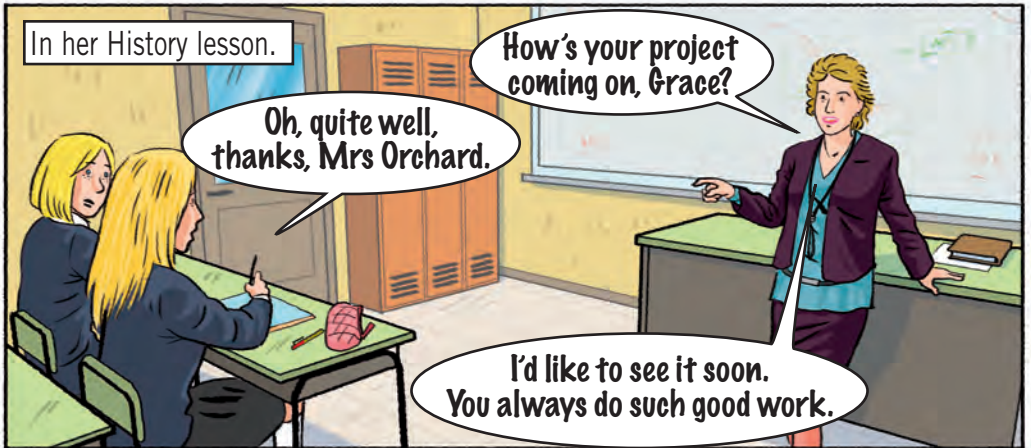
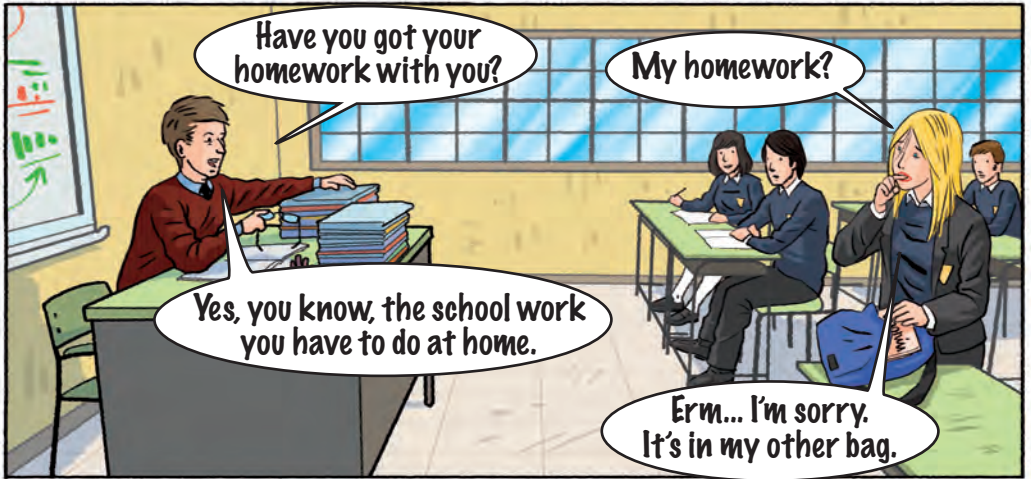
Don't worry, it'll be OK.



...and into a classroom.

You're late.

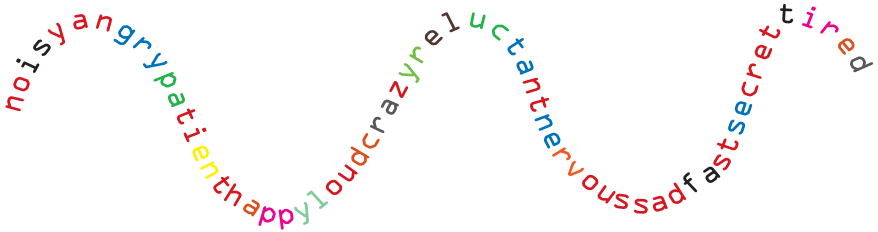
Sorry, Mr Bird.



After Reading

Vocabulary

- 1 Find 12 adjectives in the wordsnake. Then write the corresponding adverbs.



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- 2 Complete the sentences with adverbs from Exercise 1.

- a Grace only slept for three hours last night. She got out of bed.
- b David waited for the bus. It was OK. He had lots of time.
- c 'It's not fair!' said Lily 'I want to be Juliet!'
- d Grace walked onto the stage. She felt terrible. She didn't know her lines.
- e Grace looked at her mother. She was reading the paper. So Grace put the Chopin music into her school bag.
- f David smiled It was brilliant. Grace didn't forget a single word!

- 3 Complete these adverbs from the story. Then write their opposites.

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|---|-------------|-------|---|-------|-------|
| a | c_nf_d_ntly | | b | l_dly | |
| c | qu_ckly | | d | w_ll | |