

## CHAPTER 1

It is a hot summer day. I am at the **lake** with my family. The lake is very **busy**. Many people are here. There is a **swan** on the lake.

My family is big. I have a mother, a father, a sister and a brother. I also have a dog. My sister is sixteen. My brother is fourteen. They do not play with me. They sit around. They listen to music. I walk next to the lake. The dog is with me. His name is Scraps. I throw a stick. Scraps runs after it. I wait for him to bring it back. He does not come.

Scraps comes back after a long time. He doesn't have the stick. He has a ball.

**lake** (n) a large area of water surrounded by land

**busy** (adj) full of people or things; actively doing something

**swan** (n) a large white bird with a long neck



*It is a hot summer day. I am at the lake with my family.*

“That is not your ball,” I say. I take the ball, “We will give this back. We will find the **owner** of the ball.”

I **look for** the owner of the ball. I see a girl. She is looking for the ball. Her dog has my stick.

“Hello,” I say.

“Hello,” she says.

“Is this your ball?” I ask.

“Yes. Is this your stick?” she asks.

“Yes,” I say.

“I like your dog. What is his name?” she asks.

“Scraps. What is your dog's name?” I ask.

“Ben,” she says.

“I am going to sit by the lake. Do you want to come?” I ask.

“Yes, please,” she says.

We walk to the lake. It is very hot. We put our feet in the lake. It is very cool. It feels nice on my feet.

**owner** (n) a person who owns something

**look for** (phrasal verb) to search for someone or something



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# COMPREHENSION CHECK

## Test 1

**Are the following sentences TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)?**

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1. Bill is at the seaside with his family. T / F
2. Scraps is Bill's dog. T / F
3. Emily is 14 years old. T / F
4. There is an island in the middle of the lake. T / F
5. The swan chases Bill and Emily. T / F
6. Bill hurts his ankle. T / F
7. Emily sees the cave. T / F
8. Bill brings the torch. T / F
9. Scraps and Ben are in the cave. T / F
10. Ben and Emily find rubies and emeralds  
in the chest. T / F
11. The doctor wraps Emily's head. T / F
12. The chest has money from the bank robbery. T / F

## Test 2

**Who said this in the story?** *Bill, Emily, Bill's father, the police officer, the reporter*

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1. "Is this your ball?"  
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2. "I am going to sit by the lake. Do you want to come?"  
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3. "I am 10. How old are you?"  
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4. "What is on this island?"  
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5. "Are we not treasure hunters?"  
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6. "We cannot stop. The swan will catch us."  
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7. "I don't like bats."  
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8. "You are both very naughty."  
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9. "Who is *we*?"  
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10. "It is the money from the bank robbery."  
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11. "Who finds the money?"  
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### Test 3

**Answer the questions below.**

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1. Where are Bill and his family?
2. Who does Bill meet?
3. Who owns Ben?
4. What's Bill's mother doing?
5. Where do Bill and Emily sail to?
6. Where do they find the dogs?
7. Who hurts his ankle?
8. What do they find in the cave?
9. What's in the chest?
10. Who opens the chest?

# GRAMMAR CHECK

## Test 1

**Write the question form of these sentences.**

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1. Bill and his family go to the lake.  
*Do Bill and his family go to the lake?*  
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2. Scraps runs after the stick.  
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3. Emily and Bill walk to the dock.  
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4. The island has a beach.  
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5. The dogs jump out of the boat.  
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6. Emily walks into the swan's nest.  
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7. The swan chases Bill and Emily.  
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8. Emily hurts her ankle.  
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9. Emily sits on a rock.  
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10. Bill's father takes Emily to the doctor.  
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