

# CHAPTER 1

Billy is at the river. He is trying to catch a fish.

He hears a **strange** noise. He looks up and sees a **crow**.

“Hello, crow. Will you be my friend?” Billy says. “A crow cannot talk so it won’t talk back,” he thinks.

“Hello, Billy. Yes, I want to be your friend,” says the crow. Billy is surprised.

**crow** (n) a large black bird

**strange** (adj) not normal; unusual



*Billy is at the river. He is trying to catch a fish.*

“How can you talk?” Billy says. “You are just a crow!”

“I am not just a crow,” he says. “This is a world of magic.”

“Magic is not **real**,” Billy says. “Everything happens for a reason.”

“Magic is real, Billy. You will see. A bad **wizard** takes your mum and dad. Only you can **save** them. But you need to learn magic. Are you ready for this **adventure**, Billy?” the crow says.

Billy thinks about this.

“I want to believe you, crow. But I don't know you,” Billy says.

“My name is Old John. I am a good wizard. The wizard turns me into a crow because he wants to **punish** me. I will not do bad things in his name.”

“**Silly** crow!” Billy says. Billy goes home.

“Mum? Dad?” he says. “I am home.”

**real** (adj) not fake or false; not imaginary

**wizard** (n) a person who has magical powers

**adventure** (n) an exciting or dangerous experience

**punish** (v) to make someone suffer for a crime or a bad behaviour

**silly** (adj) stupid



*“How can you talk?” Billy says. “You are just a crow!”*

There is no **reply**. Billy looks for his mum and dad everywhere in the house. He cannot find them. He starts crying. He waits until night but no one is there. Billy is alone.

Billy hears a noise. He looks out and sees the crow.

“Crow, you are right. The bad wizard has my mum and dad,” he says. “I will go on your adventure. I want to save my mum and dad. Will you teach me magic?”

“No. I am not strong enough,” says the crow. “You must beat the bad wizard, Billy. You must be strong. You must be clever. You must be **brave**. After this, you will be ready to fight the bad wizard.”

“This sounds like an adventure!” Billy says. “I am ready to learn magic.”

**reply** (n) answer or response

**brave** (adj) not afraid; having courage



*Billy looks for his mum and dad everywhere in the house.  
He cannot find them.*

# GRAMMAR CHECK

## Test 1

**Choose the correct answer.**

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1. Billy looks for his mum and dad everywhere in the house. He cannot find ..... .  
a) us                      b) her                      c) them
2. He hears a strange noise. He ..... up and sees a crow.  
a) is looking              b) look                      c) looks
3. Billy sees a wolf. .... wolf comes from the trees.  
a) The                      b) A                      c) An
4. Billy and the crow are going to start ..... journey.  
a) your                      b) their                      c) its
5. Harold gives Billy an old necklace. Billy wears ..... around his neck.  
a) it                      b) them                      c) him
6. Billy wants to be the cleverest boy ..... the world.  
a) on                      b) at                      c) in
7. Billy starts to feel very hot. He looks ..... his necklace. It is glowing.  
a) to                      b) up                      c) at
8. Billy beats the wizard ..... he is brave and clever.  
a) before                      b) because                      c) so



## Test 2

**Complete the sentences by adding (*i*)est to the adjectives in brackets.**

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1. He is the ..... (happy) person in the world.
2. She is the ..... (rich) person in the world.
3. He is the ..... (clever) person in school.
4. Pete is the ..... (strong) boy in his class.
5. This is the ..... (dirty) place in the world.
6. Rita is the ..... (young) student in her class.
7. This is the ..... (old) building in the city.
8. This is the ..... (healthy) food in the world.
9. Jack is the ..... (crazy) person in the world.
10. She is the ..... (lucky) person in the world.



# VOCABULARY CHECK

## Test-1

Complete the sentences with these words.

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quietly      reach      still      riddle      sad  
scared      reply      silly      weak      real

1. What time are they going to ..... London?
2. He makes a lot ..... mistakes.
3. Can you shut the ....., please? The baby is sleeping.
4. This money is not ..... . It is fake.
5. Why are so .....? It's only a kitten.
6. You are so naughty! Can't you sit .....?
7. He still feels ..... because of the accident.
8. She is ..... because he is leaving.
9. She sends no ..... to my email.
10. Solve this ..... and I will give £20.