

CHAPTER 1

My name is Yuri. I am in a **race**.

I am a student at Manchester University. I am studying mathematics. My best friend at university is Sara. Sara is studying English.

We meet outside the university. There are also other people.

“Yuri,” says Sara, “will you race with me?”

“Okay,” I say. I am faster than Sara.

“Why do you want to race me?” I ask Sara.

“No, it isn’t a race against you. We are a team. We must race other teams to Paris.”

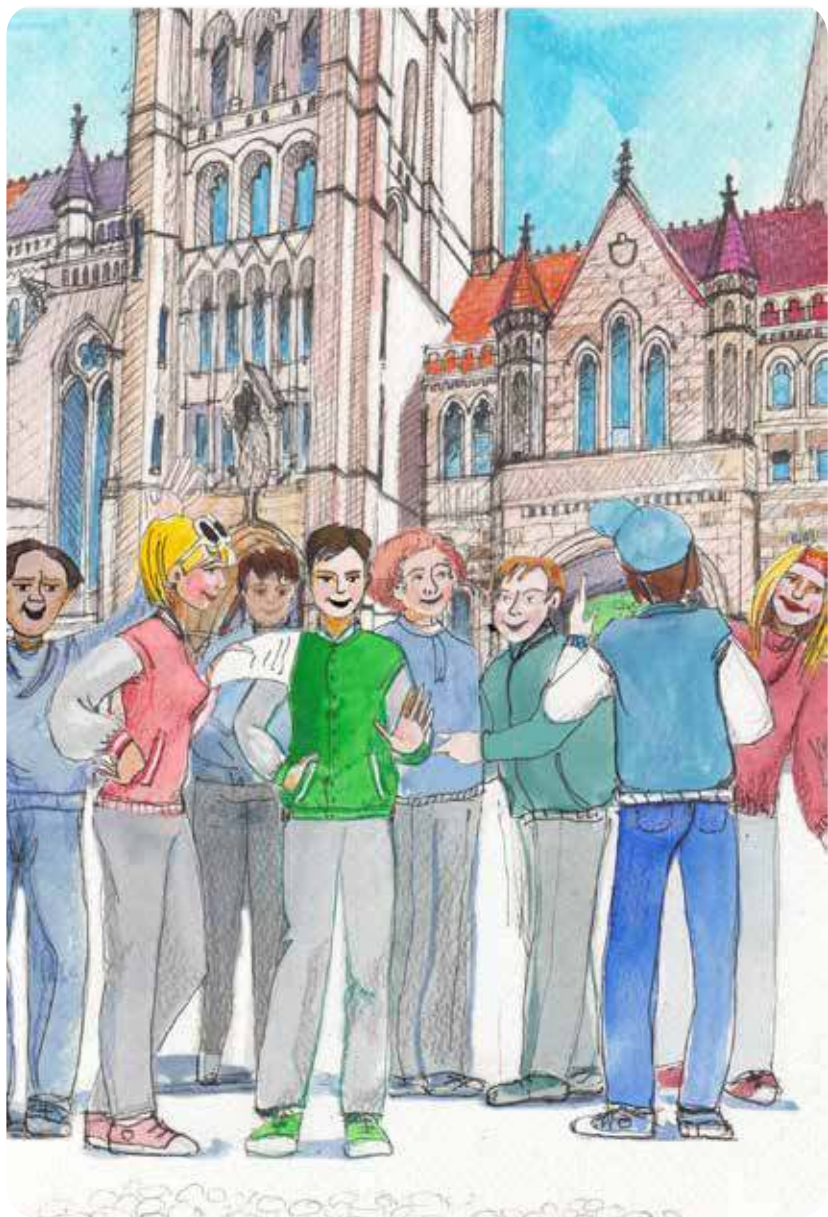
“Why?” I say.

“It is Rag Week. We are **raising** money for charity,” says Sara.

“How are we raising money?” says Yuri.

“My friends are sponsoring me,” says Sara, “I will sponsor you.”

race (n) a competition between people to see who is the fastest
raise (v) to collect money



We meet outside the university.

“It is too far. We cannot run there,” I say.

Sara laughs. “It is not a running race,” she says, “Many teams are **taking part**.”

Sara shows me the rules.

1. Each team must have two people.
2. You cannot drive a car.
3. You can only use public transport.
4. You cannot fly.
5. The finish is the Eiffel Tower.
6. There are two prizes.
7. There is a **prize** for the fastest team.
8. Spend the least money and get a prize.
9. The race starts at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, 8th April.

Today is Tuesday, 8th April.

I look at my watch. It is **nearly** 12 o'clock.

I don't have much money and I don't have my passport.

“I have your passport,” says Sara. She is holding it in her hand. She is smiling.

“How far is it to Paris?” I say.

take part (idiom) to do something together with others

prize (n) something that you win in a competition

nearly (adv) almost



*“I have your passport,” says Sara.
She is holding it in her hand. She is smiling.*

“About eight hundred kilometres,” says Sara.

“How will we get there?”

“I have a plan,” says Sara, “Bus, train, ferry.”

“We have to cross **the English Channel**,” I say.

“I know,” says Sara.

She is still smiling at me. “It will be fun,” she says.

It is very difficult to say no to Sara.

“Okay,” I say.

“Good,” she says. She gives me a hug.

“What about bags?” I say.

“You don’t need a bag.”

She gives me my passport.

“Do you have any money?” she says.

I have some money. It is not a lot.

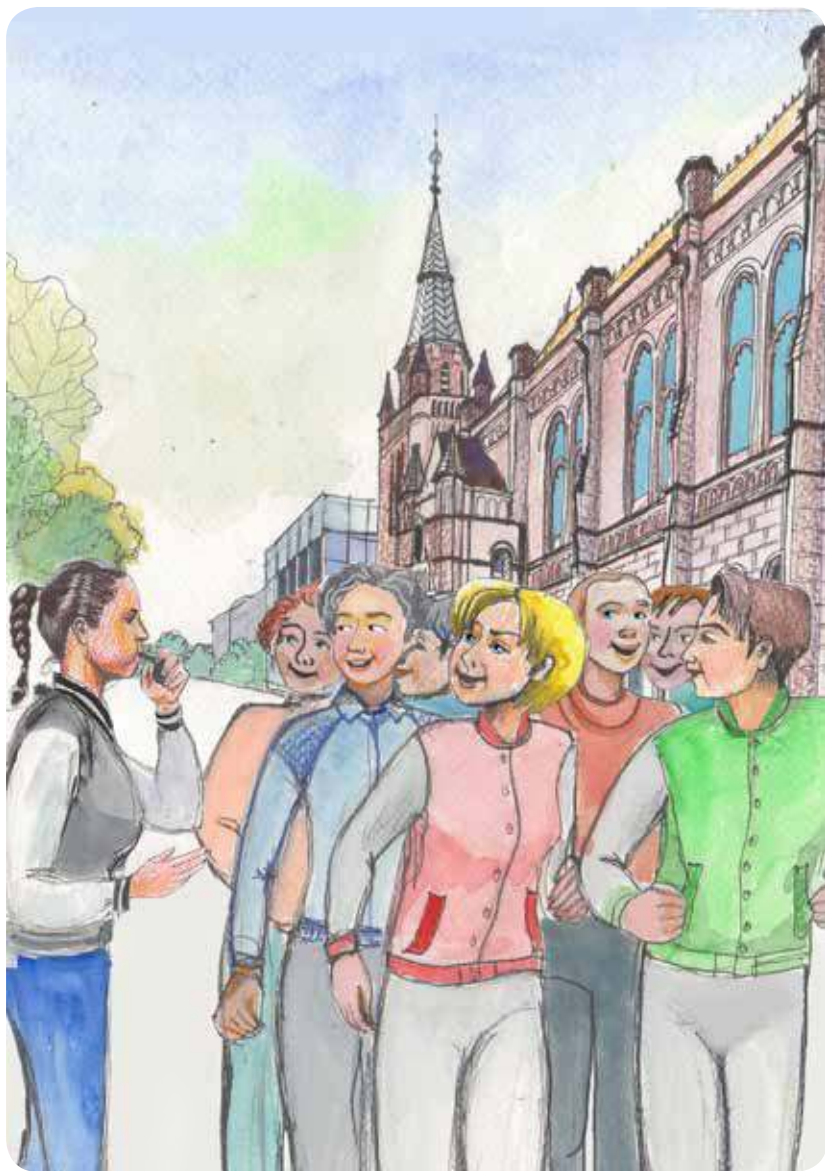
“I have money,” she says.

Behind us, somebody blows a whistle.

“Now run,” she says.

the English Channel (n) the narrow area of sea between England and France

whistle (n) a small object that you put in your mouth to make a high sound



Behind us, somebody blows a whistle..

COMPREHENSION QUIZ

Test 1

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

1. Yuri and Sara are in a race to Paris. T / F
2. The race is for raising money for the university. T / F
3. The race will finish at the Eiffel Tower. T / F
4. Dover is a town in France. T / F
5. Yuri and Sara travel to London by bus. T / F
6. Sam travels to Dover by train. T / F
7. The ferry leaves Dover at six o'clock. T / F
8. Yuri and Sara travel to France by Eurostar. T / F
9. Matt travels to France by Eurostar. T / F
10. The ferry takes half an hour to reach France. T / F
11. Yuri and Sara arrive in Paris at half past five o'clock in the morning. T / F
12. Yuri and Sara win the race. T / F

GRAMMAR QUIZ

Test 1

Circle the correct form of the verb.

1. We **arrive/arrives** in Paris at half past five o'clock.
2. The ferry **take/takes** two and a half hours to reach France.
3. Sara **phone/phones** Matt.
4. Yuri **speaks/speak** French.
5. Emma **points/point** at two people.
6. Sam **come/comes** second in the race.
7. Yuri and Sara **runs/run** to the nearest tram station.
8. Yuri and Sara **want/wants** to save money.
9. Some of the students **get/gets** off at the tram station.
10. Hitchhiking **cost/costs** nothing.

VOCABULARY QUIZ

Test-1

Find and correct the word that is misspelt in each sentence below.

1. We meet outside the universty. university
2. We run trough the finishing line together. _____
3. She looks at her watche. _____
4. They win a pryze. _____
5. This question is very dificult. _____
6. Hitchhiking is dangerus. _____
7. Somebody blows a whistel. _____
8. Some students reech there before us. _____
9. The train is more expensiv. _____
10. She hurts her tumb. _____
11. There is a long queu in front of the bank. _____
12. He drives fifty kilometres every day. _____
13. The journy takes only twenty minutes. _____
14. Sam is right behynd us. _____
15. The streets are quite in the morning. _____