

# CHAPTER 1

Ivan looked out of the window. Over the roofs, he saw the sea. This small town was his new home. The rest of that day, he **unpacked** and organised his things. He thought about his family and friends. They were very far away, but Ivan was excited about his new job. That afternoon, he called his best friend Ana.

“Ivan! Good to speak to you,” said Ana. “How is your flat?”

“The flat is good. The view is nice, and it is near my office,” said Ivan.

“Great!” said Ana, “And the town? What is it like?”

Ivan looked out of the window. “It is small, but the beach looks nice. I will look around later.”

“Okay. Good luck for tomorrow. Have a great first day!” said Ana.

“Bye, Ana. I miss you,” said Ivan.

**unpack** (verb) to take something out of a suitcase, box, etc.



*Ivan looked out of the window.  
Over the roofs, he saw the sea.*

Ivan went out for a walk. The air was cool, and the sky was **grey**. It was Sunday afternoon and the streets were **quiet**. Most shops were closed, but he found a small supermarket. Ivan bought some **groceries** and walked past his new office. It was a modern building beside the sea. Ivan felt **nervous** about the next day. It was his first job after university.

He walked along the beach and looked at the sea. The beach had pebbles instead of sand. The sea looked cold. Ivan came from a warm country. He missed the blue skies of his home. To his surprise, he saw some people in the sea. They wore brightly coloured caps. They were swimming in a group. The idea of swimming on a cold day made Ivan **shiver**.

“Those swimmers are brave!” said a voice.

A woman was standing nearby in a café door. She smiled at Ivan.

“Yes!” said Ivan, “It looks very cold.”

**grey** (adjective) full of clouds

**quiet** (adjective) making a little noise

**grocery** (noun) food sold or bought at a supermarket

**nervous** (adj) feeling worried, afraid or anxious about something

**shiver** (verb) to shake slightly because of cold or fear

Ivan talked to the woman for a while. Her name was Jess. She **owned** the café. The café was called *The Deep Blue Sea*. Ivan talked to Jess about his country. Jess was interested in travelling and learning languages. The café menu looked good. Ivan decided to eat lunch there the next day.

That night, Ivan could not sleep. Everything in his flat felt new and strange. He got up and opened his bedroom window. Cold air came into the room. But the sound of the sea helped him sleep.

## CHAPTER 2

The next morning, Ivan got ready for his first day at work. He drank a cup of coffee and washed and dressed. It was a beautiful day. He walked to the office.

Ivan's new boss Jane welcomed him. She introduced him to his new **workmates**.

“This is Ivan, everyone,” she said.

“Hi, good to meet you all,” said Ivan. He smiled and shook hands with each member of the team.

Ivan's workmates smiled and seemed friendly. But they quickly went back to their desks and started to work. Jane showed Ivan to his desk. It was beside a window with a view of the sea. Ivan was happy about this. He felt good about his new job.

Ivan's morning was busy. There was a lot to learn, but the work was interesting, and the project was exciting.



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At lunchtime, Ivan looked around the office. Some people went out and **the rest** ate lunch at their desks. Ivan saw Jane eating and talking on the phone in her office. Ivan looked out of the window at the sea then he remembered the café. He went there to have his lunch.

“Hello again!” said Jess. She gave Ivan a menu.

“What do you recommend?” asked Ivan. “It is my first day at my new job. I want something special for lunch.”

“You should try one of my omelettes!” said Jess. “My favourite is the smoked salmon omelette. You can have salad or fries with it.”

“That sounds good,” said Ivan. “Fries and a coffee, please.”

Jess brought Ivan his food. It smelt great. Ivan was very hungry.

“Where are your new workmates?” asked Jess. “Are they having lunch with you?”

“Not today,” said Ivan.

Jess smiled kindly and said, “Well, enjoy your lunch.”

# VOCABULARY QUIZZES

## Quiz-1

Match the words with the pictures.

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cap

omelette

blanket

roof

pebbles

goggles

beach



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## Quiz-2

**Complete the sentences with the words below.**

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**frightened    bright            nearby            suddenly    shivering**  
**own            unpacked            safely            rest            grabbed**

1. She likes wearing ..... colours.
2. They ..... a very large house.
3. You may have an accident if you don't drive .....
4. He was ..... when he came out of the cold pool.
5. A man ..... my bag and ran away.
6. He ..... his suitcase and got ready for bed.
7. ....., it started raining.
8. She works at a restaurant .....
9. Don't be ..... . The dog won't hurt you.
10. Five students wanted to play football, and the ..... wanted to play basketball.