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## ARTICLES AND STORIES

### Lulu the kangaroo

The following text is an article from a magazine.

Bei diesen Aufgaben geht es darum etwas längere Sachtexte (z. B. Artikel) oder Kurzgeschichten zu lesen und das Wichtigste zu verstehen.

First read the text and then do the task below.

### Lulu the kangaroo saves farmer

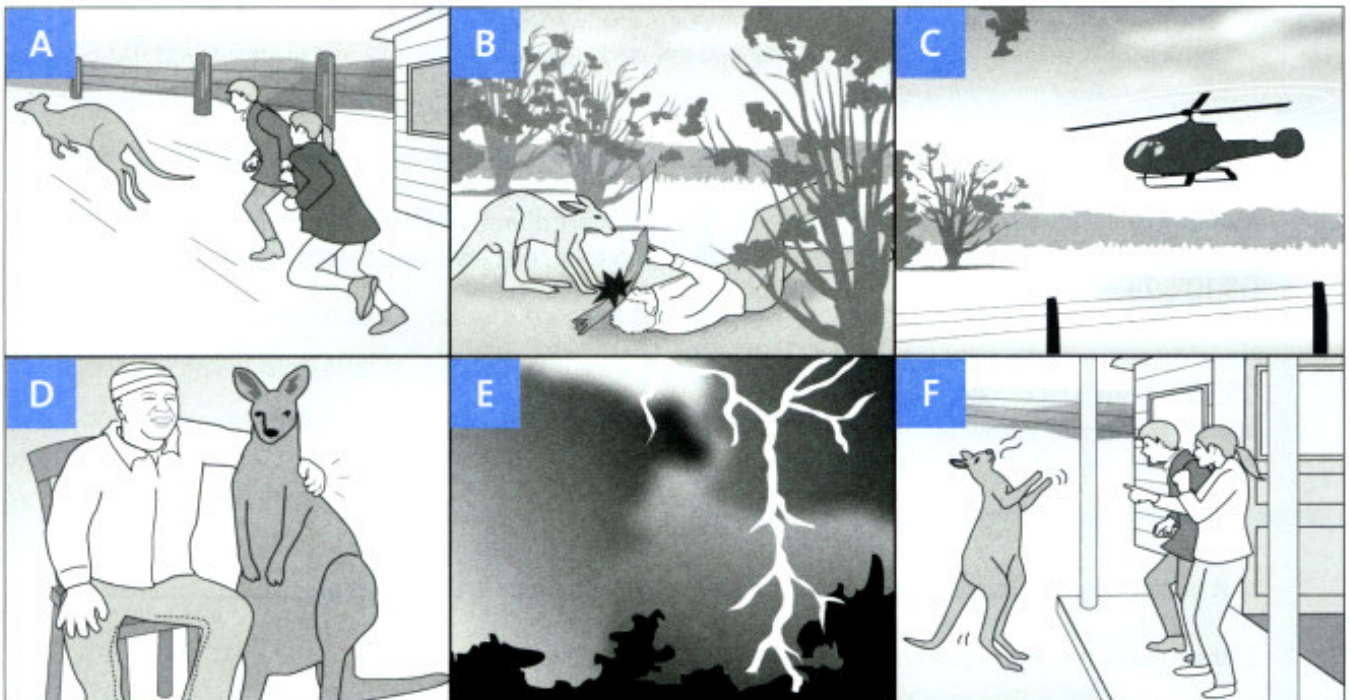
Len Richards is a farmer in Australia. One night, a couple of years ago, there was a big storm. The next morning, Mr Richards went out on to his farm. He wanted to check that all the trees near his house were OK. With Mr Richards was Lulu, the family's pet kangaroo. Mr Richards found Lulu when she was small. A lorry had killed Lulu's mother, and so Lulu came to live with the Richards family.

Mr Richards was about 200 metres from his house when suddenly a large branch fell from a tree and hit him on the head. Mr Richards lay unconscious<sup>1</sup> on the ground. Lulu looked at Mr Richards for a moment, then she ran quickly to

the house. There, she knocked loudly on the door. She knocked and knocked until Penny, Mr Richards' wife, opened the door. Mrs Richards was very surprised when she saw Lulu. But she was even more surprised when Lulu jumped up and down and made a strange noise. "Lulu barked like a dog," said Penny later. Next, Lulu ran to the place where Mr Richards was lying under the tree. Mrs Richards and her son Luke followed Lulu, found Mr Richards, and immediately phoned for help. A few minutes later, a helicopter arrived and took the farmer to hospital. A week later, Mr Richards was back home again. He was OK. Lulu had saved his life.

<sup>1</sup> unconscious bewusstlos

Put the pictures A-F in the correct order for the story.



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## B Coming to America

This text is an article from an Internet magazine for young Americans.

First read the text and then answer questions 1–8 below.

### Coming to America

Every year, nearly two million people come to live in the United States. They are America's immigrants, and they move to the USA from all over the world. Below, one young person tells us her story.

#### Miriam

Hi. I'm Miriam Hassan. I'm 15 years old and I moved from Kenya in Africa to the United States three years ago. We came here because my parents wanted good things for us all and they thought that life in the USA would be better.

When we arrived here, everything was new and different. We have cities in Kenya, but Atlanta was just SO big. In Kenya, we were always near to the countryside, and there were lots of animals and trees and flowers. I sometimes still miss the countryside and the animals in Kenya.

Of course, I was a bit lonely when I first came here. But everyone was very, very friendly.



**Miriam**

Birthplace: Kenya

Age: 15

Home:

Atlanta, Georgia

At my school, all the kids talked to me and asked me lots of questions. Fortunately, we speak English in Kenya, so the language was not a problem. I quickly felt at home and now I have lots of friends.

Is my life in America better than in Kenya? Yes, I think it is. My school here is great and there are so many things I can do that I couldn't do in Africa. I play lots of different sports, I'm in the band, and I'm a cheerleader. My mum and dad have good jobs here too. I know that America is the right place for me and my family and I feel very happy.


Tick (✓) the correct answer "true" or "false" or "not in the text".


- |  | true                     | false                    | not in the text          |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Miriam came to the USA from Kenya three years ago. ....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. She now lives in New York. ....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. When she first arrived, she found her new city very big. ....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Miriam thinks that the animals and the countryside in America are nicer than in Kenya. ....           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Lots of other kids at Miriam's new school were also from Kenya. ....                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Miriam couldn't understand the kids at her new school at first because she didn't speak English. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Miriam thinks she can do more things in America than in Kenya. ....                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Miriam feels happy in the USA because _____   |                          |                          |                          |

## A school buddy

The following text is from a website for teenagers in Britain.

First read the text and then answer questions 1–6 below.

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### I'm a school "buddy"

Some schools in Britain have "buddies". Buddies are older pupils who help younger pupils. Malik is a buddy in his school. He tells us about the job in this report:

- 5 "I'm a pupil at a big comprehensive school in England. There are 20 buddies in the school, and I'm one of them. We're all pupils in year 10, and it's our job to help the younger kids, mostly in the first two years at the school, years 7 and 8.

"The kids know that we're buddies because we all wear a badge<sup>2</sup>. The badge is an open hand. The message is: we're here to help you. Come and talk.

- 15 "We help the kids with lots of different things. Sometimes it's a problem with school work. Sometimes it's family or friends. But the

biggest problem is bullying<sup>3</sup>. In a national survey last year, they found that about one pupil in five in schools in England has a problem with bullying. In our school we want to stop that. 20

"If you have a problem with bullying, you MUST talk to someone. And often it's easier to talk to another pupil than to talk to a teacher or parent. That's where buddies can help. The kids in my school can come to a special room every day at lunchtime and talk to a buddy. Each day there are always two of us there. It's a great system and it works very well. And for me it's great too. I have a feeling that I'm helping other people. I like that." 25 30

1 *buddy guter Freund/ gute Freundin*

2 *badge Abzeichen*  
3 *bullying Mobbing*

Tick (✓) the correct answer a), b), c) or d).

1. In Malik's school, buddies are pupils in

- a)  year 7.  
b)  year 8.  
c)  year 9.  
d)  year 10.

2. Pupils know that someone is a buddy because

- a)  buddies are always bigger pupils.  
b)  buddies often come and talk to them.  
c)  buddies wear a special badge.  
d)  teachers tell them the buddies' names.

3. The problem that pupils most often talk to buddies about is

- a)  school work.  
b)  family.  
c)  friends.  
d)  bullying.

4. When pupils have a problem it's often easiest to discuss it with

- a)  another pupil.  
b)  a teacher.  
c)  a parent.  
d)  a doctor.

5. Pupils can go to the "buddy room"

- a)  every day all day.  
b)  every lunchtime.  
c)  two days a week.  
d)  every morning.

6. Malik likes being a buddy because

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## D The Grey Lady

The text below is a short story.

First read the story and then answer the questions below.

### The Grey Lady

It was mid-winter, late in the evening. Skip Johnson was new in the small American town of Willow Falls. This evening, he was driving to his new home in the town through the wind and the rain. The road was empty. Skip's seemed to be the only car on the road that night. Then suddenly he had to stop – very quickly. There was an old woman in the road. Skip opened the car window. The old woman came up to his car. "Are you going to Willow Falls?" she asked. "Sure," said Skip. "Get in. This is no night to be outside." The old woman got into the car. Skip noticed that all her clothes were grey and she was wearing a hood<sup>1</sup>. He couldn't see her face. He started to drive again. He tried to talk to the woman, but she only answered very quietly "yes" or "no". After about fifteen minutes, they came to the sign "Willow Falls". Skip turned his head to ask the old woman where she wanted to get out. The seat next to him was empty. The woman had gone. A few days later, Skip was talking to



some people in Willow Falls. He told them about the old lady. Mrs Kisicki, one of Skip's new neighbours said: "It sounds as if you've met the Grey Lady. I'm afraid she brings bad luck." "Bad luck?" asked Skip. "Yes," said a man. "All the other people who gave her a lift in their cars died soon after ..."

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Tick (✓) the correct answer "true" or "false".

- |   | true                     | false                    |
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| 1. Before this story, Skip had lived in Willow Falls for a long time. ....  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. During the journey to Willow Falls, Skip tried to talk to the old woman but she didn't speak very much. ....   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. When Skip and the old lady arrived at Willow Falls, she opened the door and got out. ....                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Skip told some people in Willow Falls about the old lady the next day. ....                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. A woman called Mrs Kisicki told Skip that the old woman's name in the town was the Grey Lady. ....             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Skip's neighbours in Willow Falls believe that people who help the Grey Lady are always happy afterwards. .... | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |