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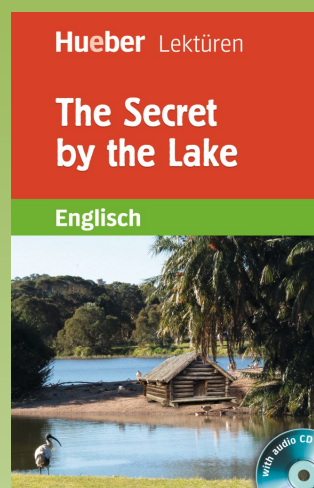
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Beside the lake

‘There’s nothing here,’ said Sally. She wasn’t happy. She got out of the car and her little dog Callie jumped out onto the ground.

‘Nothing here?’ said Sally’s mother. ‘Look at that beautiful lake, for a start!’ She took a box of food from the back of the car. ‘It’s so nice and quiet. Oh, look! There’s a pelican. Look, there.’

Sally looked out across the water. In the middle of the lake, a pelican flapped its wings and slowly took off. Sally watched the large white bird fly away, over the tops of the trees.

Callie barked and ran down to the edge of the lake.

‘Sally, can you carry this box, please?’

Sally took the box and followed her mother to the front door of the holiday house. Callie ran up from the lake and went into the house with them.

It was the summer holidays and they were at Pelican Lake, four hours south of Sydney.

‘I want to be with my friends,’ said Sally.

‘Please, Sally, I’ve told you – I can’t work at home. I won’t get the job finished on time. It’s too hard when everyone is on holiday. And I can’t get enough sleep with those young people next door partying all night, every night. Here, I’ll be able to work. It’s only for two weeks.’

Sally’s mother did designs for fabrics on her computer. Sally thought the fabrics she designed were beautiful. She remembered her mum was excited when she got the new job.



‘Sally, Sally, the manager of that small hotel on Hill Street just phoned. He wants me to do the fabric for their new curtains.’

‘Mum, that’s great.’

‘I know. But he hasn’t given me much time – only four weeks. I’m going to be very busy.’

Sally helped her mum put the food in the kitchen. ‘Liz is going to miss Callie,’ she said.

Liz was Sally’s best friend. Liz loved Callie. She lived in a small apartment and she couldn’t have a dog of her own, so she spent lots of time with Callie.

Sally’s mum took her computer into the living room and opened it. ‘Come on. Let’s make sure the Wi-Fi works. You and Liz can talk about Callie all you like then.’

‘It’s not the same,’ replied Sally.

‘Sally, please stop it.’

‘Oh, all right. But I’m going to talk to her a lot.’

‘Okay,’ said Sally’s mum. ‘Now, let’s see ... Yes, good. It’s working.’

Sally walked down to the edge of the lake. It was very quiet. The only noise came from the dry leaves and branches under her feet. On the other side of the water she could see someone fishing in a small boat.

When she went back to the house, she saw Callie run under it.

‘What are you doing there?’ said Sally. She saw a dark shape under the house. It was a canoe.

She pulled it out into the light and looked at it carefully. There were no holes and there was a paddle in the bottom. Sally pulled the canoe to the edge of the water and ran back to the house.

‘There you are,’ said her mum. ‘Could you take Callie for a walk? She was in the car for a long time.’

‘I can’t,’ replied Sally. ‘I found a canoe. I’m going to take it out on the lake. I’ll take Callie for a walk later.’

‘Oh, okay,’ said her mother. ‘But be careful. And don’t go too far.’

Sally looked at Callie’s sad little face and felt bad. But she told herself that all King Charles spaniels, like Callie, had sad faces.

Sally climbed in and pushed away from the edge with the paddle. She heard her mother laugh.

‘What’s so funny?’ Sally turned her head to look at her mother.

Callie was on the back of the boat – like a bird. She barked at Sally.

‘She jumped on when you pushed off,’ said Sally’s mum. ‘She doesn’t want to wait for her walk!’

‘Oh, come on then, you silly dog,’ said Sally. She smiled and carefully put Callie in front of her, between her feet.

Sally paddled away slowly. She pulled the paddle through the water on one side of the boat and then on the other. ‘I haven’t done this for a long time,’ she said to Callie. But soon she remembered how to control the boat with the paddle.

Sally stayed close to the shore. She went past a large shed with two large windows. It looked very old, and the land around it was very untidy – there was an old bath on the ground, a baby’s cot and some old chairs. Sally paddled on. She passed a few small houses close to the water but she didn’t see any people. Then, after about fifteen minutes, she saw a small beach and some cars parked on a road. There was a building on the other side of the road, with a sign above the door: Pelican Lake General Store and Post Office.

Activities

Chapter 1

Before you read

A. Look at the picture on page 5 and circle the correct answers.

1. Where do you think these people have come?
a. to a school b. to a holiday house c. to an office
2. What is the weather like?
a. rainy b. cold and windy c. fine

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.

spray fabric canoe shed

1. We keep our bicycles in the _____ behind the house.
2. I bought this _____ because I'm going to make a skirt.
3. Let's go out on the river in the _____.
4. When I wash the car, I _____ it with water first.

C. Listen to Track 3 on the CD and answer these questions.

1. What did Sally see on the lake?
a. a pelican b. a ferry boat
2. What did Sally's mother ask Sally to do?
a. open the door of the house b. carry a box
3. What was Sally's mother going to do at Pelican Lake?
a. work b. enjoy a holiday

After you read

COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

1. How many people went with Sally to the holiday house?
a. one b. two c. three
2. What was Sally's mother's job?
a. hotel manager b. fabric designer c. cook
3. What did Sally's mother check, to see if it was working?
a. the Wi-Fi b. the water in the kitchen c. the car
4. What was the name of Sally's dog?
a. Liz b. Skype c. Callie

B. Circle T for true or F for false for these sentences.

1. Sally was excited when she arrived at Pelican Lake. T / F
2. Sally took Callie for a walk. T / F
3. The land around the old shed was untidy. T / F
4. The woman at the shed was happy to see Sally and Callie. T / F

C. Complete these sentences.

1. Callie went out with Sally in the _____.
2. They paddled to the Pelican Lake General Store and _____.
3. The woman wanted Callie to get off her _____.
4. Something sprayed Sally and Callie with _____.

D. Write short answers to these questions.

1. Where did Sally find the canoe?

2. What type of dog was Callie?

3. What was on the washing line at the shed?

4. What did Sally's mother tell her to do about the woman at the shed?

LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

A. Write the correct prepositions in the spaces.

through away from on past

1. Sally pushed _____ the edge of the lake with the paddle.
2. Callie was _____ the back of the boat, like a bird.
3. Sally pulled the paddle _____ the water.
4. She paddled back _____ the old shed.

B. Write the past tense of these verbs.

1. get _____
2. take _____
3. hear _____
4. find _____

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Why do you think the woman at the shed was so angry when Callie came onto her land?

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