

PENGUIN READERS



San Francisco Story

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Before you read

1. Look at the pictures on pages 1 and 2. What do you think?
 - a. What year is it?
 - b. What country is this?
 - c. What city is this?
2. Look at these words. What are they in Slovenian?

above (prep) I can see the airplane *above* the trees.

alive (adj) Only about ten people are *alive*. Hundreds are dead.

believe (v) This is my story. Please *believe* me.

city (n) London is an important *city*.

dollar (n) Do you have any American money? The man wants ten *dollars*.

earthquake (n) The building is falling down! The road is moving under my feet! It's an *earthquake*!

fire (n) It's very hot near the *fire*.

great (adj) I like Japan. It's a *great* country.

ground (n) Put that down on the *ground*. It's very heavy.

help (n/v) I can do the work with your *help*.

jealous (adj) Meg loves Mike but Mike is talking to Anna. Meg is *jealous*.

lunch (n) At school, we have *lunch* at one o'clock. I eat with my friends.

need (v) I don't have any money but I *need* some for a new coat.

park (n) It's a beautiful day. Let's walk in the *park*.

safe (n) The bank has a big *safe* for the money.

search (v) I can't find my book. Can you *search* for it in your house?

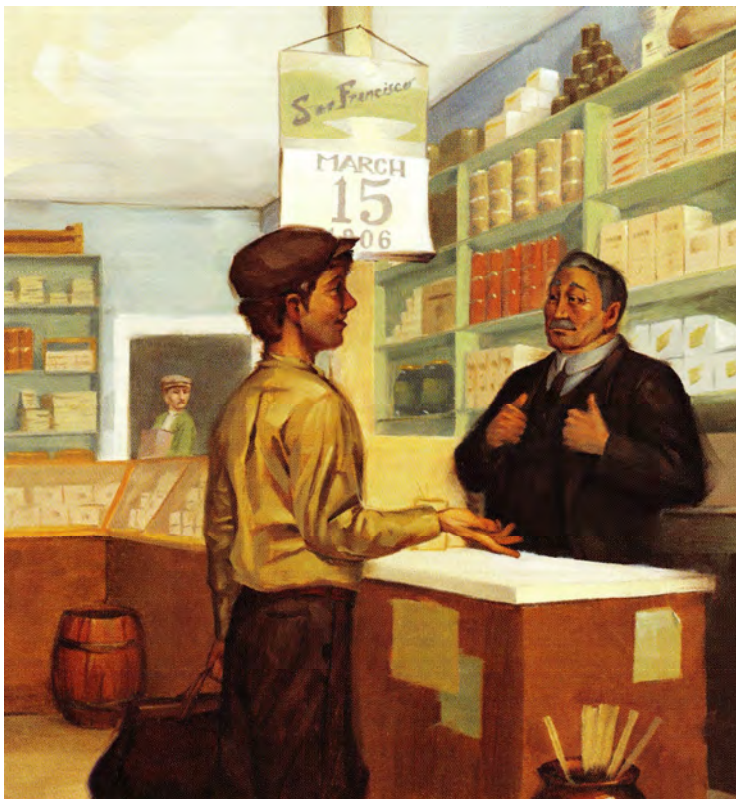
somebody (pron) *Somebody* is swimming in the river. Who is it?

tell (v) I don't know you. Please *tell* me—what's your name?

thief (n) Stop that *thief*! He's taking my car!

throw (v) *Throw* it to me. Then I can catch it.

3. What do you know about earthquakes? Can you think of any famous earthquakes?



Charles Tyson has a small store in San Francisco. Today, he is listening to a young man's story. The young man's name is Ben Farrow.

"It's my first week in San Francisco," Ben tells him. "It's a great city. I like it. But I need a job."

"Jed needs somebody with him here in the store," Mr Tyson says. "Jed, come and say hello to Ben!"



"Ben can work with you, Jed," Mr Tyson calls.

A young man comes from the back of the store. "I don't need him," he says.

"Yes, you do," Mr Tyson says. "You're very slow sometimes." He looks at Ben. "I live with my daughter above the store. There's a small bedroom. Lucy and I don't need it. You can stay there, Ben."



It is three weeks later. Ben is good at his job. he is quick, and friendly with people.

Jed isn't happy. *I don't want him here*, he thinks.

Lucy comes into the store. "Hi, Ben," she says.

"Hi, Lucy," Ben says. He smiles at her.

They're very friendly! Jed is jealous. He thinks about this, and then he quietly takes some money.



Jed says, "I'm going to lunch, Ben."

But Jed doesn't go to lunch. He goes to the back of the store and up to Ben's room. He opens the door and goes in.

Where can I put the money? he thinks. He puts the money into Ben's bag. *Now Ben can't have Lucy – and he can't have a job in Mr Tyson's store.*



Later that afternoon, Mr Tyson arrives and opens his safe. "The book says eight-three dollars today," he says. "But there's only fifty-eight dollars here, Ben."

"I'm not a thief, Mr Tyson, " Ben says.

But Mr Tyson searches Ben's room and finds the money.

"I don't understand!" Ben says.

"Get out!" Mr Tyson says. "Get out of my store, thief!"



Ben can't find a job, and he has no money for a room. He sleeps in the Golden Gate Park.

Early on the morning of April 18, he opens his eyes suddenly. The ground is moving under him!

A man calls, "Earthquake! It's an earthquake!"

Oh, no! Ben thinks. *Lucy! Is she OK?* He gets up quickly and runs across the park.



People are running out of the city. There are fires in many of the buildings. Some people are calling for help but many people are dead.

Jed Harper doesn't listen to people's calls. He is running to Mr Tyson's store. But he isn't thinking about Lucy. He isn't thinking about Mr Tyson. He is thinking about Mr Tyson's safe – a safe with money in it.



Across the city, Lucy is alive but she can't move.
There are fires in the buildings near the store.

"Father! Father!" Lucy calls. "Where are you?"

There is no answer. But suddenly, Lucy sees Jed.

"Jed!" she calls. "Help me – I can't move!"

Jed sees her but he doesn't answer. Then he sees
the safe. It's open!



Jed takes the money from the safe. "Jed!" Lucy calls again. She's angry now. "What are you doing?"

Jed doesn't answer. He puts the money into his coat.

Suddenly, Lucy understands. "The twenty-five dollars in Ben's room," she says. "You --!"

"Yes, me!" Jed says. He smiles. "Goodbye, Miss Tyson!"



Jed runs away, down the city streets. He is going to the train station.

Now I can get out of San Francisco, he thinks. With this money, I can buy a small store in a country town.

People are calling, "Help! Help!" But Jed doesn't stop.

Then, suddenly, the ground opens under him.

"Help!" he calls. "I'm falling!"



Ben hears the young man's call. *Is that Jed?* he thinks.

He goes to him. *It is!*

"Help me!" Jed calls.

"Lucy and Mr Tyson?" Ben asks.

"They're OK," Jed says. He is angry. "Help me!"

But Ben doesn't believe him. "I'm going to Mr Tyson's store first," he says.



Ben arrives at the Tyson's store. He quickly helps Lucy.

"Where's your father?" he asks. "Is he alive?"

Suddenly, he sees Mr Tyson. "There!" he calls.

The two of them help Lucy's father from the building. Lucy tells her father about the money from the safe and about the twenty-five dollars. "Jed is the thief," she says.

"Now I understand," Mr Tyson says. "I'm sorry, Ben."



“Stay with your father, Lucy,” Ben says, and he runs to Jed.

“Get me out of here!” Jed calls.

“Throw your coat with the money to me first,” Ben says.

An angry Jed throws his coat to Ben. Then Ben helps Jed. Suddenly, Jed hits Ben. He wants his coat, but he can’t get it from Ben. Jed hits him again, and runs.



Ben finds Lucy and her father again.

“Here’s your money, Mr Tyson,” Ben says.

“Thank you, Ben,” Mr Tyson answers. “I have no store now, but San Francisco is our home. We can make this city great again.”

“Father’s right, Ben,” Lucy says. “Stay with us, please.”

Ben smiles at her. “OK,” he says. And Lucy smiles, too.



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1 Put the underlined letters in the right place to make a word.

- a Charles Tyson ntsiles to Ben's story.
- b Ben is good at his job and nireldyf with people.
- c Jed is olesuja and he takes some money.
- d Mr. Tyson cesaeshr Ben's room and finds the money.
- e The udnorg is moving and Ben opens his eyes.
- f Jed is thinking about a fsea with money in it.
- g There are fires in many lidnisgub near the store.
- h Jed wrhsot the coat with the money to Ben.

2 Put words on the left with words on the right.

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| say | lunch |
| quietly | away |
| good at | people |
| go to | hello |
| dead | store |
| take | take |
| run | a job |
| buy a | the money |

3 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a San Francisco is a great city and Ben likes it. ☐
- b Ben works in Mr. Tyson's store and Jed is very happy. ☐
- c Jed puts the money in Lucy's bedroom. ☐
- d Ben doesn't have any money and he sleeps in a park. ☐
- e Some people are alive and call for help after the earthquake. ☐
- f Jed sees Lucy and helps her. ☐
- g The ground opens and Jed falls into it. ☐
- h Jed wants his coat and he hits Ben. ☐

4 Underline the wrong word and put the right one.

- a Mr. Tyson has a big store in San Francisco.
- b Mr. Tyson lives with his mother above the store.
- c Ben works in the store for three years.

- d Ben can't find a job and he sleeps in the street.
- e Ben doesn't listen to people's calls for help.
- f Lucy is alive but she can't talk.
- g Jed is angry but he throws his book to Ben.
- h Jed stays with Lucy and her father in San Francisco.

5 Put the words in the right place to make a sentence.

- a first San It's in Francisco Ben's week
.....
- b to Ben's Jed up goes room
.....
- c are out city the People running of
.....
- d sees but doesn't Jed he Lucy answer
.....
- e takes the from Jed money safe the
.....
- f a store buy Jed can small
.....
- g from building They father Lucy's help the
.....
- h but wants coat it get Jed his can't he
.....

6 Finish the sentences with the right words.

- quick going puts arrives across tells
believe name
- a The young man's is Ben Farrow.
 - b Ben is and friendly with people.
 - c Later Mr. Tyson and opens his safe.
 - d Ben gets up quickly and runs the park.
 - e Jed the money into his coat.
 - f Jed is to the train station.
 - g Ben doesn't Jed.
 - h Lucy her father about the money from the safe.

7 Find the right words in the story.

- a You can sleep here. (p. 2)
- b You can eat this. (p. 4)
- c You can buy things with these. (p. 5)
- d This person takes people's money. (p. 5)



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1 What happened first? Number the sentences 1–10.

- a ☐ Jed goes to Ben's room and puts the money in his bag.
- b ☐ Ben gets Mr. Tyson's money and stays with him and Lucy in San Francisco.
- c ☐ Ben Farrow goes to a small store and talks to Charles Tyson.
- d ☐ The ground opens suddenly and Jed falls down.
- e ☐ Mr. Tyson searches Ben's room and thinks he is a thief.
- f ☐ Ben starts work in Mr. Tyson's store with Jed.
- g ☐ Ben is in the park and the ground is moving under him.
- h ☐ Lucy tells her father about Jed and the money from the safe.
- i ☐ Jed is jealous and he quietly takes some money.
- j ☐ Jed doesn't help Lucy and he takes the money.

2 Answer the questions.

- a Does Ben like San Francisco at first?
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- b Who does Ben work with in the store?
.....
- c How many weeks does Ben work in the store?
.....
- d Where does Mr. Tyson find the money?
.....
- e What is the ground in Golden Gate Park doing?
.....
- f Where does Jed run to after the earthquake?
.....
- g What does Jed take from the safe?
.....
- h What opens under Jed?
.....
- i Who helps Mr. Tyson from the building?
.....
- j What does Ben want from Jed?
.....

3 Write the names to finish the sentences.

- Mr. Tyson Ben Jed Lucy
- a stays with Mr. Tyson and Lucy for three weeks.
 - b is sometimes slow at his job.
 - c opens his safe and looks at the money.

- d thinks of Lucy and runs to the store.
- e asks Jed for help.
- f doesn't listen to people's calls.
- g says sorry to Ben.
- h helps Jed out of the ground.
- i understands about the twenty-five dollars in Ben's room.
- j can buy a small store with the money.

4 Circle the wrong word in the sentences.

- a Mr. Tyson is listening listen to a young man's story.
- b Jed don't doesn't need Ben in the store.
- c Jed quiet quietly takes some money and goes to Ben's room.
- d The ground in the park is moving under above Ben.
- e Some people are calling for help but many the people are dead.
- f Lucy is alive but she can't moving move.
- g Jed runs run away, down the city streets.
- h Lucy tells her father about of the money from the safe.
- i Jed is angry but he throws his her coat to Ben.
- j Mr. Tyson has no store now but San Francisco is are his home.

5 Circle the right words.

- a It's Ben's first week in San Francisco and he needs a *friend / house / job*.
- b Mr. Tyson and Lucy don't need *the store / a bedroom / Ben*.
- c Ben and Lucy are very *friendly / beautiful / happy* and Jed is jealous.
- d Jed puts *twenty / twenty-five / thirty* dollars in Ben's room.
- e *Ben / Jed / Lucy* runs across the park after the earthquake.
- f There are *people / safes / fires* in many buildings.
- g Lucy is alive but she can't *see / move / understand*.
- h Jed puts the money from the safe into *his coat / Ben's coat / Lucy's bag*.
- i Jed runs away and he is going to the *store / park / train station*.
- j Jed throws his coat to Ben and then Ben *helps / hits / likes* him.