



PENGUIN READERS



A New Zealand Adventure

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Sarah and Jessica are going to New Zealand for a holiday.

They are very excited.

Jessica is near the window. 'Look!' she says, 'There's Auckland! We're here!'

'But we're late,' Sarah answers. 'When's our bus?'

'At one o'clock,' Jessica says. 'We can get a taxi from the airport to the bus station.'



At the airport, the girls look for a taxi.

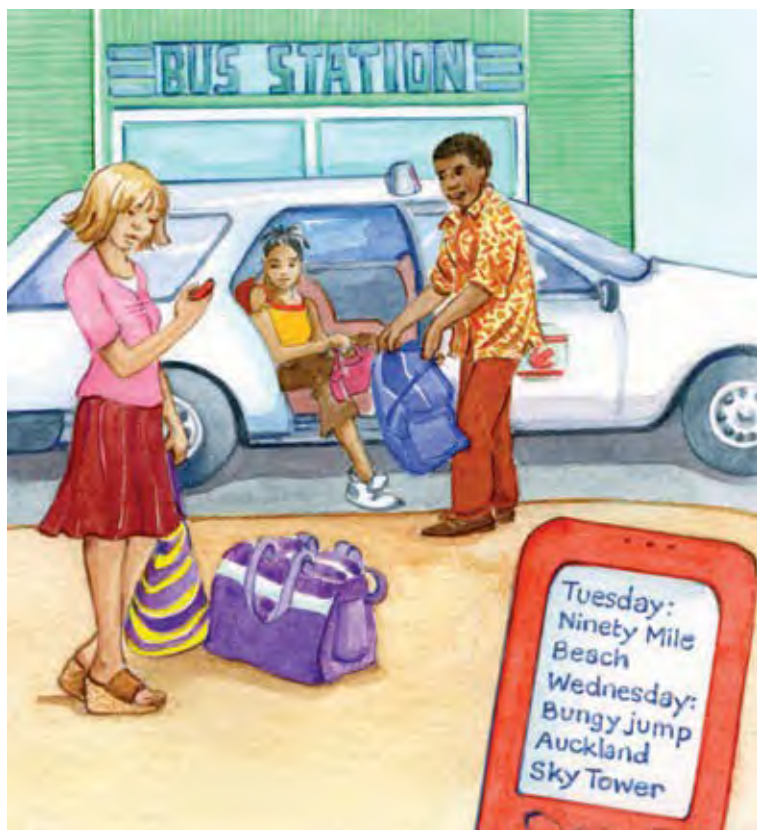
‘Look!’ Jessica says. ‘That boy’s waving to us!’

‘Excuse me! Are you late?’ the boy calls to them. ‘Do you want this taxi? I can wait.’

‘Thank you very much!’ the girls answer.

‘To the bus station, please,’ Sarah says to the driver.

She smiles at the boy and they drive away.



The taxi stops at the bus station. Suddenly, Jessica sees a mobile phone on the taxi floor.

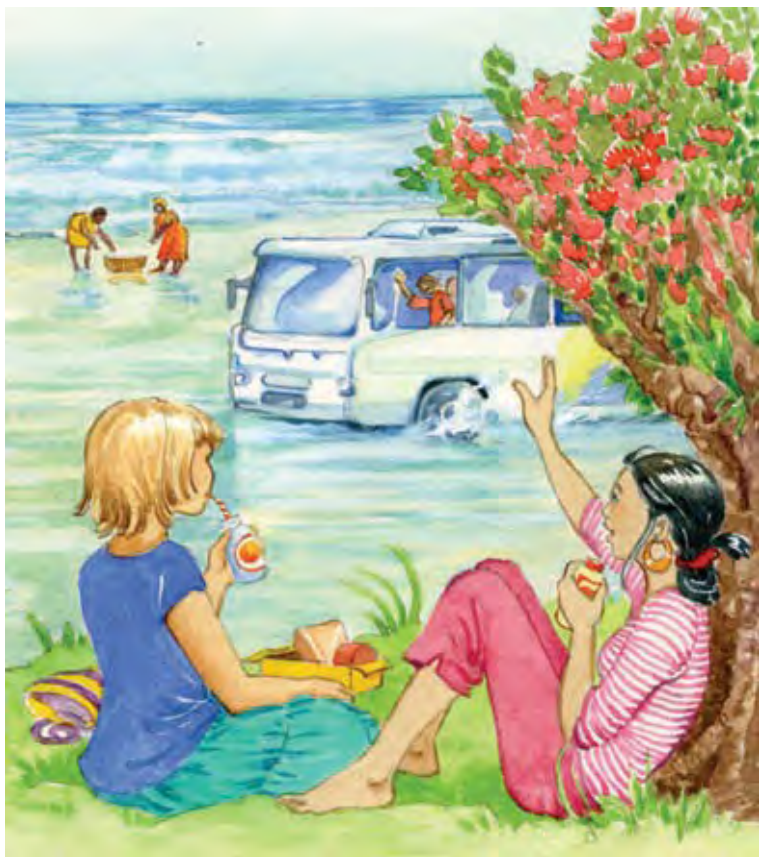
‘Is that your mobile phone?’ she asks the driver.

He looks at it. ‘No,’ he answers. ‘It’s the boy’s mobile.’

Sarah takes it. ‘Perhaps I can find his address,’ she says. ‘Yes!

His name’s Michael. Tomorrow he’s at Ninety Mile Beach.

We can give it to him there.’



The girls wait at Ninety Mile Beach. They eat and watch the buses. The buses aren't driving on a road – they are driving on the long beach.

‘Look for Michael!’ Jessica says. But Sarah is looking at the sea.

Suddenly, Jessica sees him. ‘He’s on that bus!’ she says. She waves. Michael waves to her, but the bus doesn’t stop.



The girls get on a bus.

‘Can we catch him?’ Jessica asks.

‘I don’t know,’ Sarah answers. ‘I can’t see his bus now.’

Suddenly, they hear a *beep*. Sarah looks at the mobile.

‘There’s a message for Michael,’ she says. She reads the message. ‘It’s important,’ she says. ‘Perhaps we can find him tomorrow at the Sky Tower in Auckland.’



At the Sky Tower, the girls can't see Michael.

'He isn't here,' Sarah says. A woman bungee jumps from the tower. 'I can do that,' she says. 'Are you coming, Jessica?'

'No,' Jessica answers. 'But I can watch you from here.'

'Please watch my bag too,' Sarah says. She gives her bag to Jessica and she goes up the tower.

Sarah jumps. It is very long jump. She comes down near the street and she sees Michael. Jessica sees him too. 'Michael! Come back! We've got your mobile!' she calls him. But Michael is walking away. She runs after him. She doesn't take Sarah's bag. 'Jessica !My bag!' Sarah calls.

Jessica and Sarah are very unhappy. They can't find Michael and they can't find Sarah's bag. Sarah has no money now. 'Sorry,' Jessica says. 'But I've got some money— and we've got tickets for the Glow-worm Caves.' 'OK. Let's go there tomorrow,' Sarah says. 'Michael is going too. We can look for him there.'

The girls go on a boat into the dark cave. The lights from the glow-worm are very beautiful and it is very quiet. Suddenly, there is a beep from Michael's mobile. The lights go dark. The people in the boat are very angry. 'No mobiles!' they say. 'We're very sorry,' Sarah says. She sees a new message for Michael. 'Perhaps we can find him in Rotorua.'

'Rotorua is very interesting,; Jessica says. 'I like the hot water.' 'Yes,' Sarah answers, 'but I can't see Michael.' 'Where is he tomorrow?' Jessica asks. Sarah looks at the mobile , 'He's in the South Island,' she says. 'The boat's very expensive. Can we go?' 'Yes,' Jessica says. 'I've got money for the tickets.'

Sarah and Jessica take a boat to the South Island. It is very cold, but the café is expensive. Suddenly, there is a beep from Michael's mobile phone. 'Oh,no!Not again!' Sarah says. She reads the message. 'Michael's mother and father are worrying about him, and we can't find him. Let's take his mobile phone to the police station in Kaikoura.'



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Before reading

1 What do you know about New Zealand?

Use some books or the Internet. Write sentences below.

Places to go	Things to do

While reading

Pages 1–7

2 Look at the picture on page 1 and answer the questions.

- Who can they see?
- Where are they?
- What are they doing?
- Where are they going?

3 Are these sentences right (3) or wrong (7)?

- Sarah and Jessica are late. C
- They take a taxi to the bus station. C
- Jessica sees a bag on the taxi floor. C
- Jessica and Sarah are at Ninety Mile Beach. They see Michael on a bus. C
- Jessica bungy jumps from the Sky Tower. C
- Michael does not hear Jessica. C
- Sarah runs after Michael. C
- Jessica doesn't take Sarah's bag. C

4 Look at the message on Michael's mobile on page 5 and answer the questions.

- Who is the message from?
- Why do you think he must phone home?

5 Match questions from a–e with answers from 1–5.

- When is our bus?
- Do you want this taxi?
- Is that your mobile phone?
- There's a message for Michael.
- Are you coming?
 - No. It's the boy's mobile.
 - Thank you very much!
 - At one o'clock.
 - No. But I can watch you from here.
 - Perhaps we can find him tomorrow.

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6 Are these sentences right (3) or wrong (7)?

- There are messages for Michael on his mobile phone. C
- The tickets for the glow-worm caves are in Sarah's bag. C
- The water is cold in Rotorua. C
- The girls find Michael in Rotorua. C
- Michael's mother and father are sending him some money. C

7 Put the sentences in the right order. Number them 1–4.

- C They see the beautiful lights from the glow-worms.
- C The lights go dark.
- C There is a message for Michael on his mobile.
- C Jessica and Sarah go on a boat into the dark cave.

8 Choose the right word.

- Michael walks to the *ticket / cave* office.
- He gets a *surprise / mobile* for Jessica and Sarah.
- The girls can go on the *bus / boat* and watch the *whales / beach*.

After reading

9 You are Jessica and Sarah. Write about your holiday. Put the words in the right place.

TAXI MICHAEL COLD SARAH
AUCKLAND CAVES WHALES MILE

- Day 1: Airport to the bus station.
- Day 2: Ninety Beach.
- Day 3: Sky Tower in
..... bungy jumps from the tower.
- Day 4: Glow-worm
- Day 5: The weather is on the South Island.
- Day 6: We see in Kaikoura.
We watch the

10 You are having an adventure holiday. Write a postcard to your friends at home.

11 Find pictures of New Zealand. You are Michael. Make and write a postcard to your mother and father.



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Pages 1–7

1 Choose the right word.

- Jessica the taxi driver Sarah Michael
- a finds Michael's mobile phone.
b has got a message.
c likes bungy jumping.
d says it's not his mobile.

2 Are these sentences right (3) or wrong (7)?

- a Michael meets the girls at the bus station. **C**
b Michael does not see the girls on Ninety Mile Beach. **C**
c The buses drive on the beach. **C**
d Jessica gives Michael his mobile. **C**
e Sarah has not got her bag. **C**

3 Put the sentences in the right order, 1–6.

- a **C** The girls take a taxi to the bus station.
b **C** Jessica runs after Michael.
c **C** Michel waves to Jessica from a bus.
d **C** Jessica goes up the Sky Tower.
e **C** Michael gets a message.
f **C** Sarah finds Michael's name on his mobile.

4 Put the words in the right places to make sentences.

- a smiles / boy / at / the / drive / and / She they / away.
.....
b phone? / Is / your / that / mobile
.....
c watch / They / and / the / buses. / eat
.....
d on / bus! / He's / that
.....
e waves / Michael / to / but / her, / stop. / the / bus / doesn't
.....
f She / Jessica / her / bag / to / she / and / goes / tower. / up / the / gives
.....
g walking / But / is / away. / Michael
.....

Pages 8–14

5 Match a–d with 1–

4. a Sky Tower
b Glow worms
c Rotorua
d Kaikoura
1) police station
2) hot water

- 3) dark caves
4) bungy jumping

6 Choose the right words.

- a Sarah hasn't got her *ticket* / *bag*.
b The girls have Michael's mobile in the *cave* / *Whale Watch*.
c The girls take the mobile to the *police* / *airport*.
d Michael's mother and father send him money for his *holiday* / *boat*.
e Michael gives the girls a *surprise* / *mobile*.
f Jessica thinks the whales are *tired* / *beautiful*.
g Sarah think New Zealand is *beautiful* / *clean*.

7 Match the questions and the answers.

- a Why can't the Jessica and Sarah get tickets to see the whales?
b Why are Michael's parents sending him money for his holiday?
c Why does Michael give Jessica and Sarah a surprise?
d Why are the people in the boat angry?
1) Because they are very expensive.
2) Because they give him his mobile.
3) Because Michael's mobile beeps while they are in glow-worms caves.
4) Because they got money from the lottery.

8 Put the words in the right places to make sentences.

- a can't / They / find / and / they / Michael / can't / find / Sarah's / bag.
.....
b The / beautiful / lights / from / are / the / very / and / it / is / very / glow-worms / quiet.
.....
c boat's / expensive. / The / very / go? / Can / we
.....
d boat / Sarah / and / take / a / to / the / South Island. / Jessica
.....
e girls / police / the / mobile / take / to / the / station. / The / phone
.....
f quickly / Michael / calls / home.
.....
g some / They're / money / for / to / me / my / holiday. / sending
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