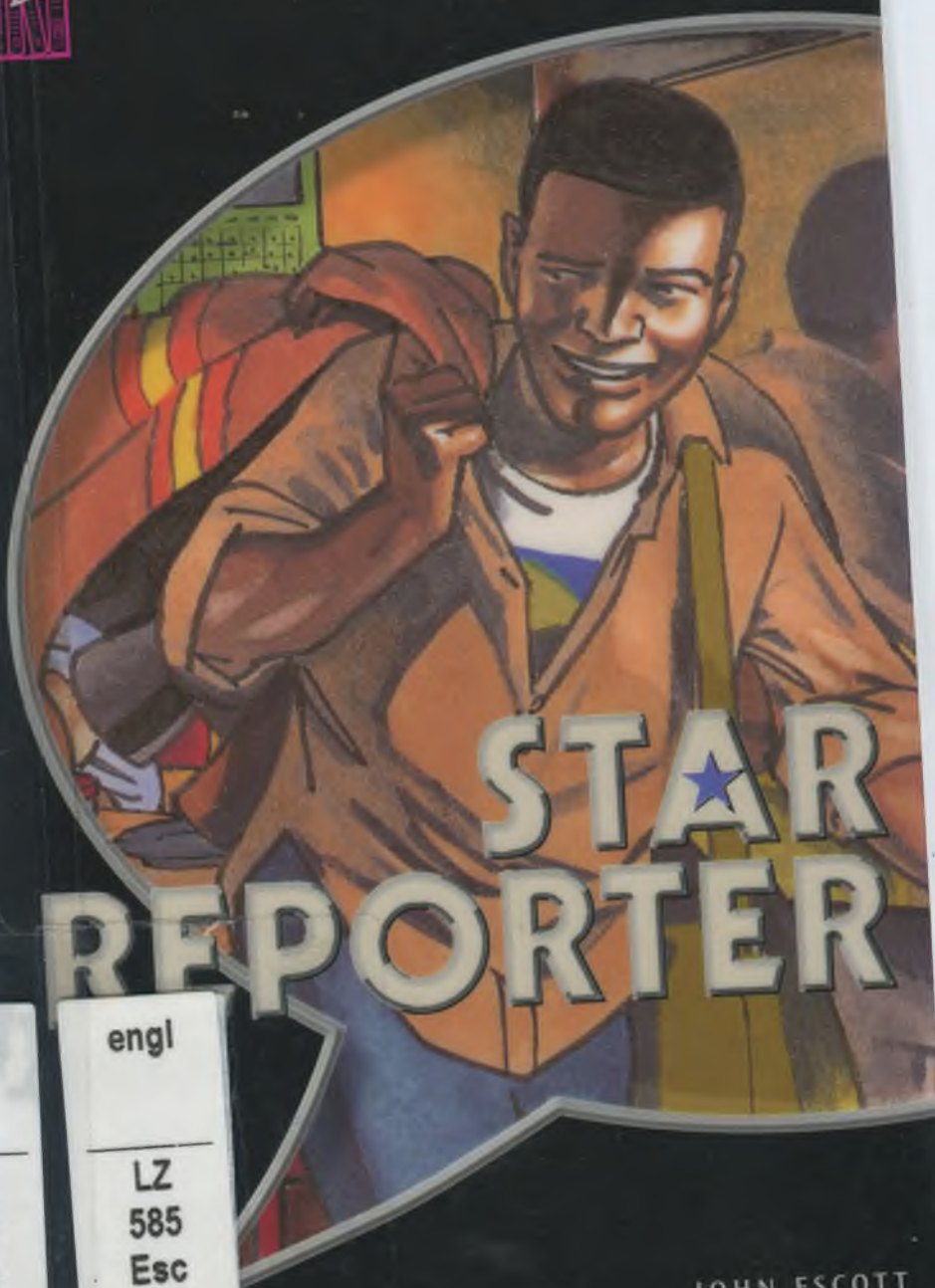




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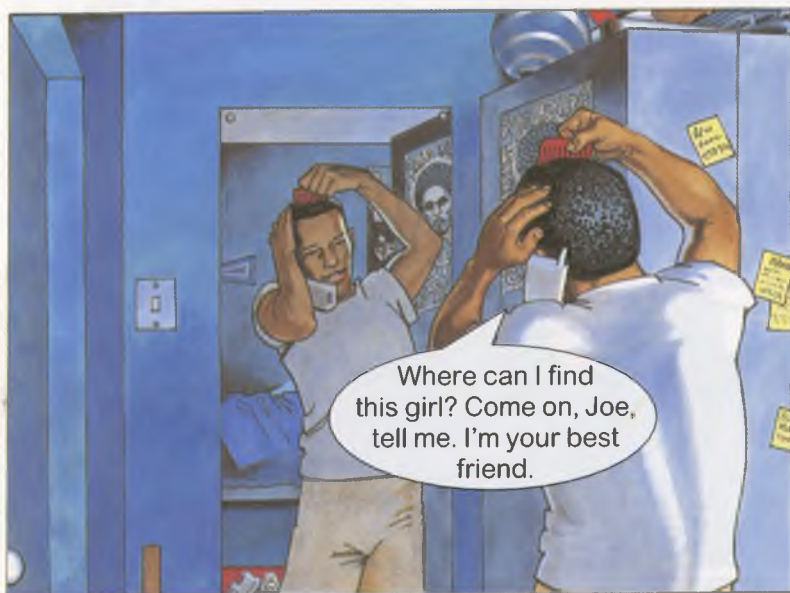
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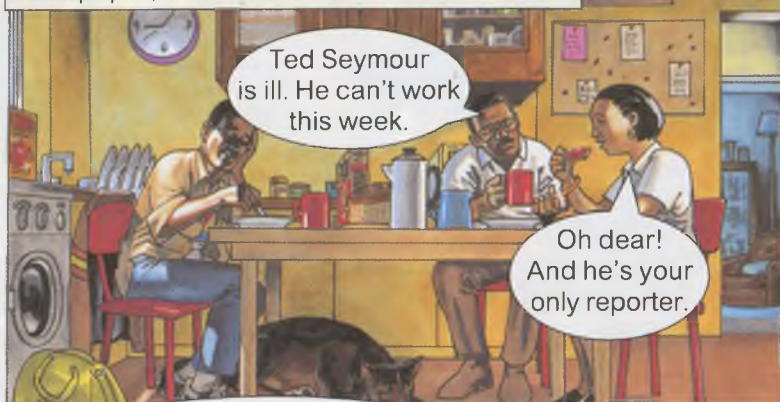
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Steve's father, Ned Reit, is editor of the weekly newspaper, the *Cado Star*.



I want to get some good pictures today, but first I must get a film for my camera.



Who is she?
Is it the new girl
in town?

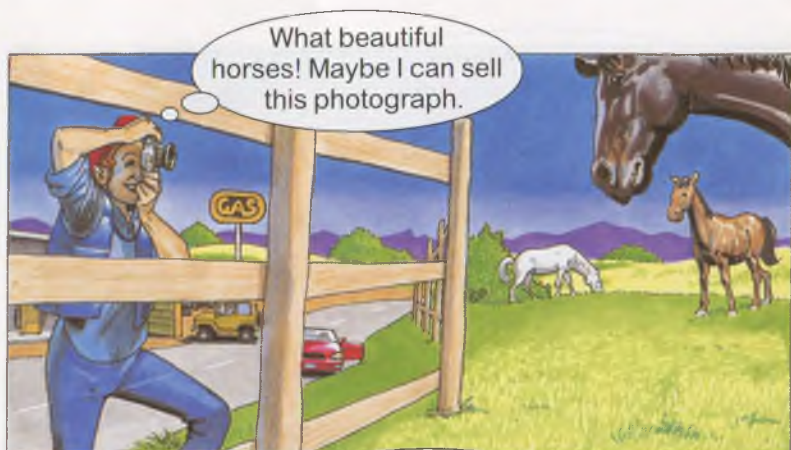


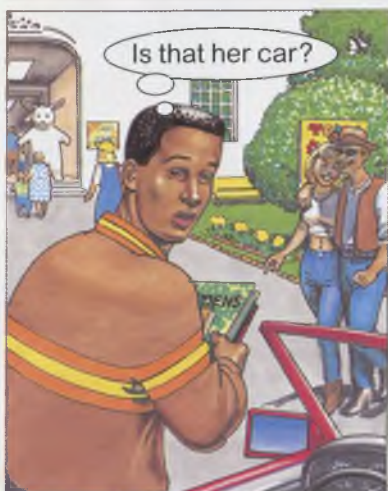
Joe's right.
She's very beautiful,
and ... oh no!



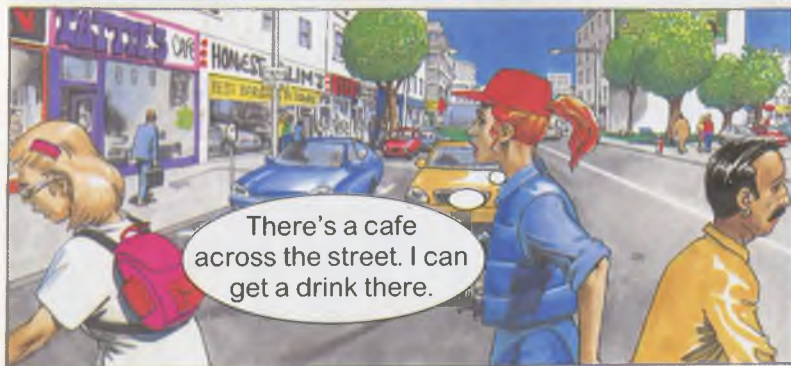




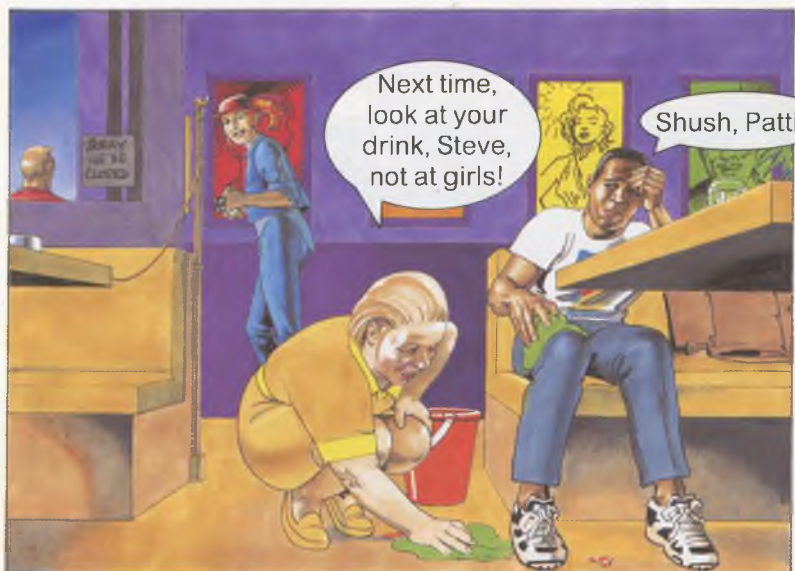








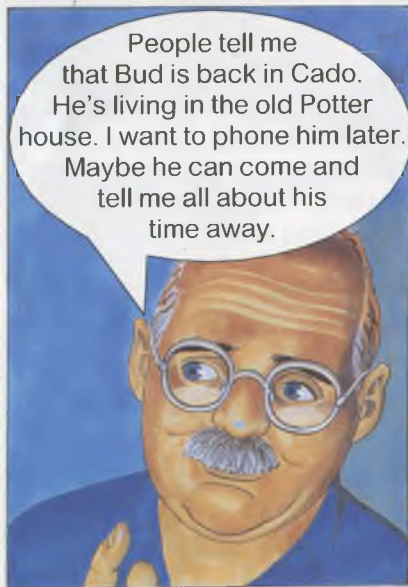
















Steve asks Mr Ritchie for paper and pen, and then Mr Ritchie begins to tell him about his time away.



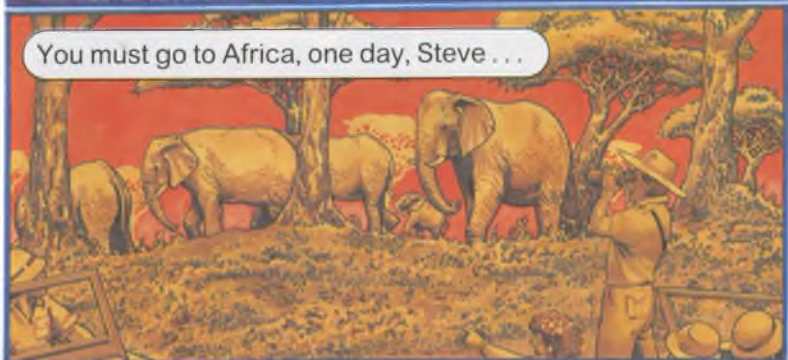
The Himalayas are the biggest and most beautiful mountains in the world, Steve ...



I like Paris. It's exciting ...



You must go to Africa, one day, Steve ...



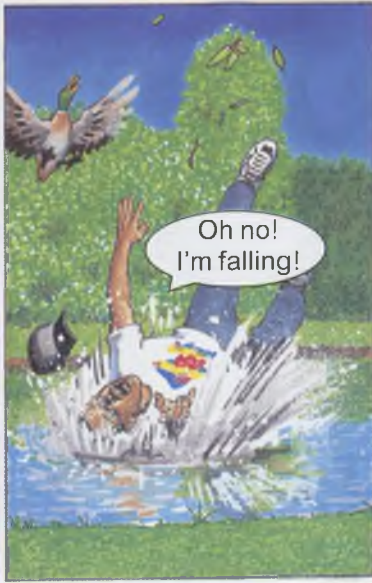
Across the street, a cat is climbing up a tree.



... and India is a most interesting country.
The people there are ...

Excuse me,
Mr Ritchie, but there's
a cat in that tree. It can't
get down.









A week later . . .

Cafeteria





ACTIVITIES

Before Reading

1 Look at the picture on the cover of the book. Now answer these questions.

1 Where do you think the story happens?

- a ☐ France.
- b ☐ South Africa.
- c ☐ America.
- c ☐ Japan.

2 Do you think the story is about . . .

- a ☐ . . . young people?
- b ☐ . . . old people?
- c ☐ . . . children?

2 Read the back cover of the book. Do you think the story is . . .

- a ☐ . . . frightening?
- b ☐ . . . sad?
- c ☐ . . . happy?

ACTIVITIES

While Reading

1 Read pages 1–4, then answer these questions.

- 1 Who is the new girl in town?
- 2 What is the *Cado Star*?
- 3 What is Ned Reit's job?
- 4 Who is ill?
- 5 Where does Steve need to take some books?
- 6 What does Marietta need to get for her camera?

2 Read pages 5–8.

Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- | | T | F |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Steve gets wet. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Marietta takes some pictures of dogs. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The children are waiting in the bookshop. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

3 Read pages 9–12. Who says or thinks these words?

- 1 'It's Cado's weekly newspaper.'
- 2 'There's a nice face to go with my drink!'
- 3 'Next time, look at your drink, Steve, not at girls!'

4 Read pages 13–16. Now answer these questions.

- 1 Marietta goes to the *Cado Star* offices. Who does she see there?
- 2 What does Marietta want to sell?

- 3 Who sees Marietta coming out of the newspaper offices?
- 4 Who has got a 1970 *Cado Star*?
- 5 Who is living in the old Potter house?

5 Read pages 17–20, then answer these questions.

Who ...

- a ... wants to write about Bud Ritchie?
- b ... likes Paris?

Where ...

- c ... are the 'biggest and most beautiful mountains in the world'?
- d ... is the cat?

6 Before you read pages 21–24, can you guess what happens?

- | | YES | NO |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Marietta climbs up the tree to get the cat and falls down. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Steve falls into the water. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 The cat falls into the water. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Bud Ritchie goes to work for the <i>Cado Star</i> . | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Marietta takes a photograph of Steve falling from the tree. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Marietta sells a picture to the <i>Cado Star</i> . | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Marietta and Steve become friends. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

ACTIVITIES

*After Reading***1 Put these ten sentences in the right order.**

- a ☐ Marietta gets some film for her camera at the camera shop.
- b ☐ Steve goes to the café to get a drink.
- c ☐ Joe phones Steve to tell him that there's a new girl in town.
- d ☐ Marietta goes to see Ned Reit at the *Cado Star* offices.
- e ☐ Steve gets his picture in the *Cado Star*.
- f ☐ Ned Reit tells Steve, 'Ted Seymour is ill. He can't work this week.'
- g ☐ Steve falls out of the tree into the water.
- h ☐ Marietta takes photographs of the children in the library.
- i ☐ Pattie says, 'Next time look at your drink, Steve, not at girls!'
- j ☐ Steve sees Wilbur Pickett's old 1970 *Cado Star*.

2 Look at these pictures, then answer the questions.

Whose arm is this?

What happens next?



Who are these people?

What are they looking at?



What are these?

What happens next?



3 Use these words to join the sentences together.

but of and because

- 1 Steve wants to meet Marietta. He thinks she's beautiful.
- 2 Ned Reit needs something interesting to put in the *Cado Star*. His reporter is ill.
- 3 Bud Ritchie is back in Cado. His old friend Wilbur Pickett wants to talk to him.
- 4 Marietta takes some pictures. Some beautiful horses.

Glossary

buy give someone money for something

camera the thing you take photographs with

dry not wet

editor an editor's work is to get a newspaper ready to read

fall suddenly come down

film the thing you put in a camera to take photographs

gas petrol; you put it in a car to make the car go

hope want something to happen again later

librarian a person who works in a library

library you can get books from a library, read them, and
then take them back

maybe perhaps

newspaper paper where you can read about the things that
are happening every day

reporter someone who writes for a newspaper

sell give someone something, and get money for it

shush a noise you say to make someone quiet

wet covered with water

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'There's a new girl in town,' says Joe, and soon Steve is out looking for her. Marietta is easy to find in a small town, but every time he sees her something goes wrong . . . and his day goes from bad to worse.

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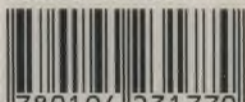


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