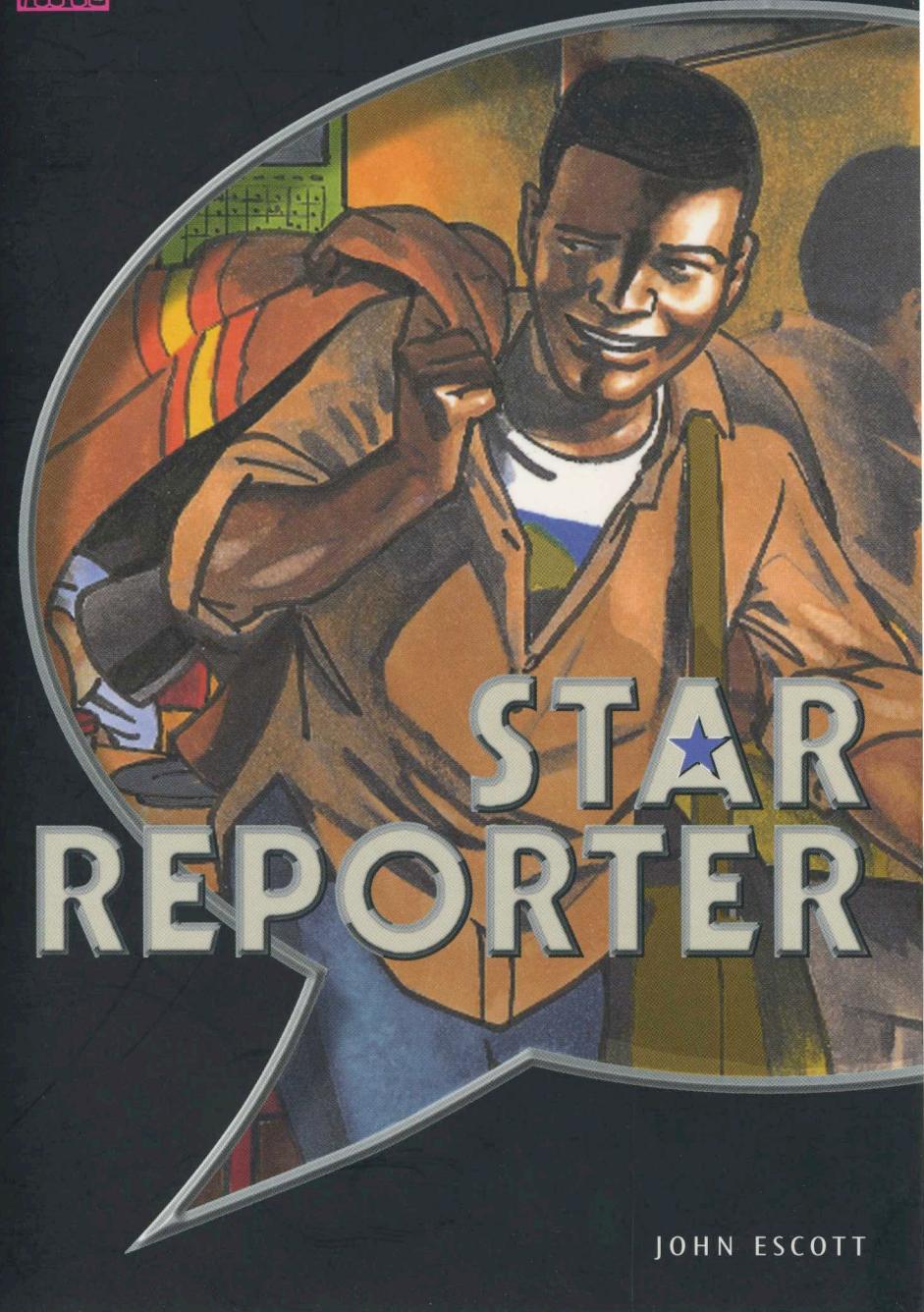




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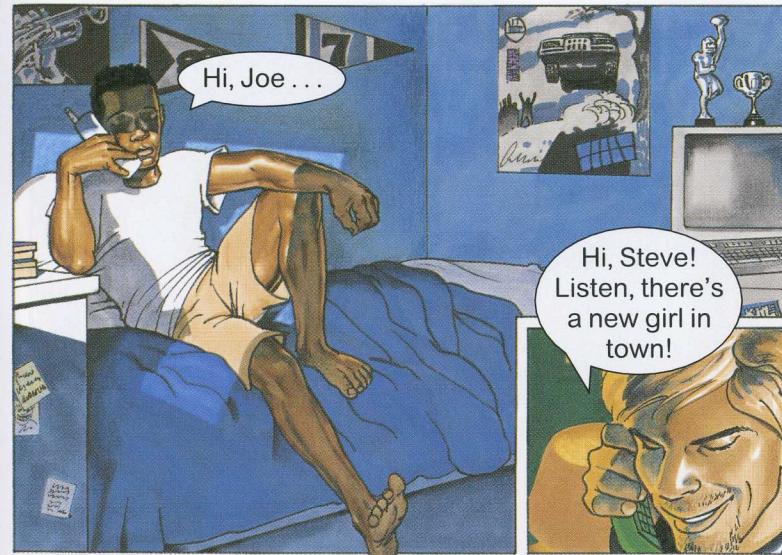
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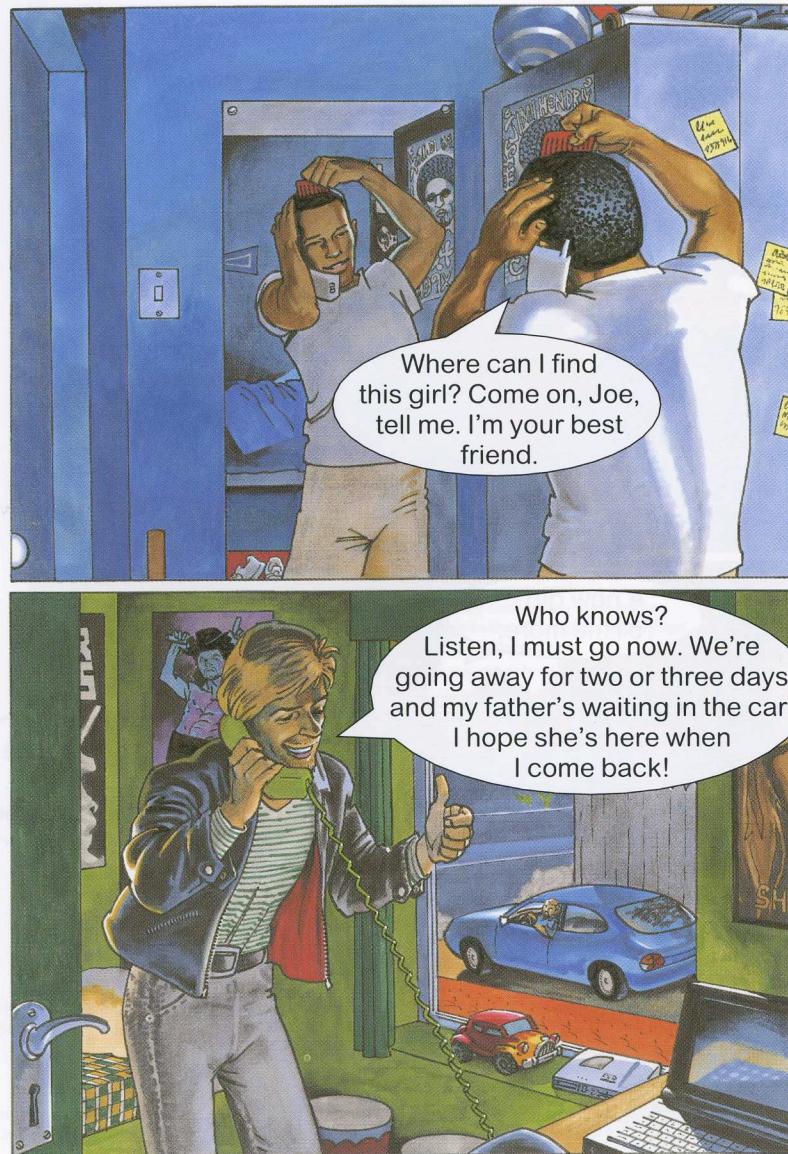
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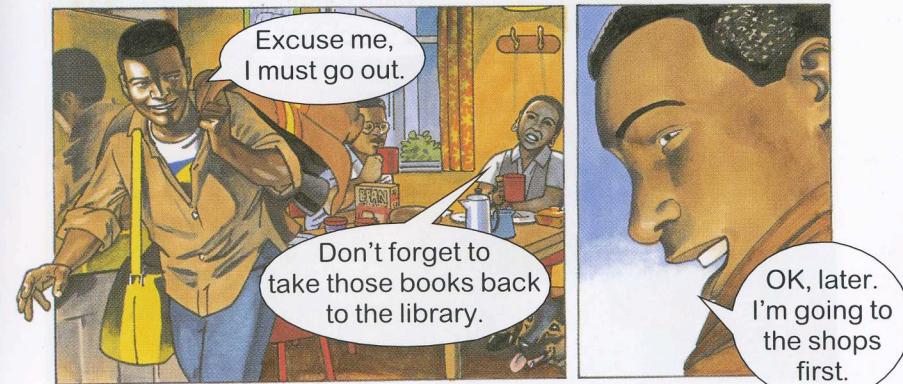
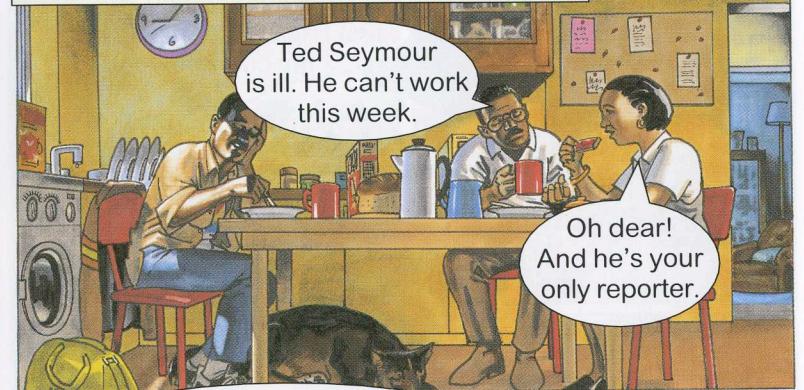
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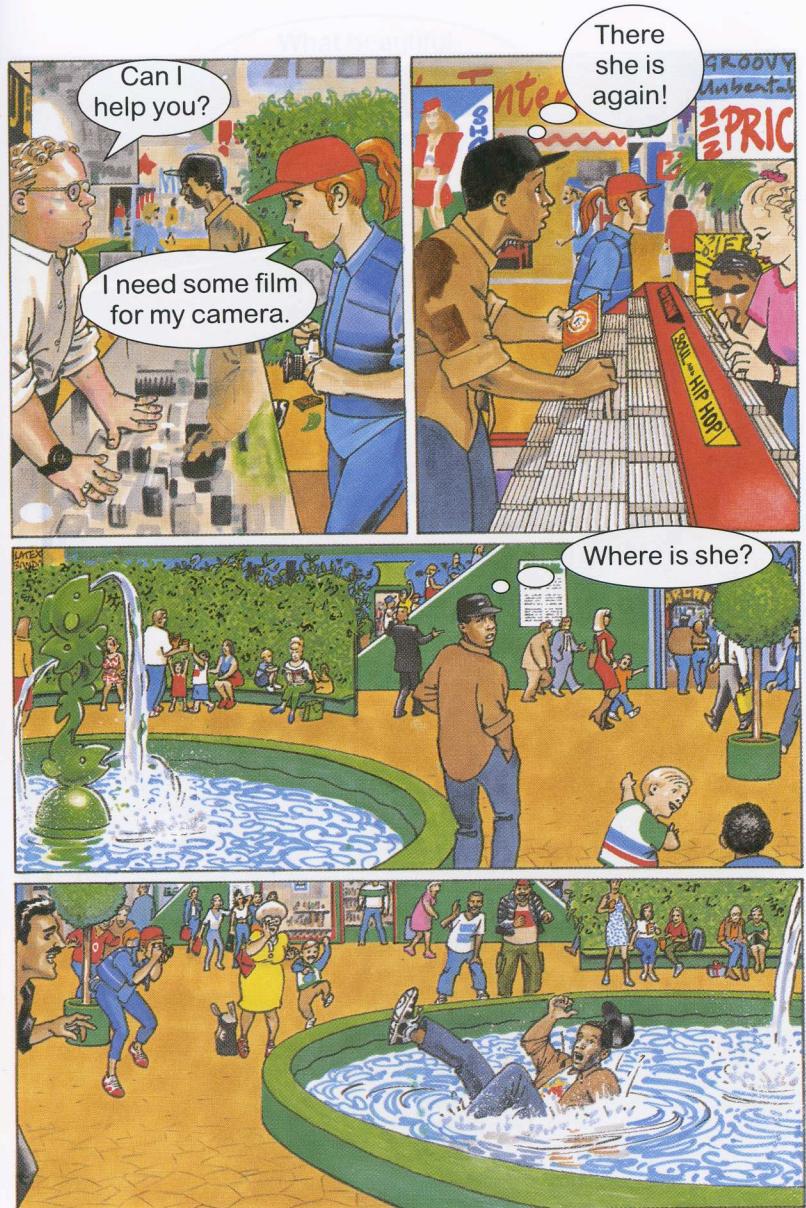
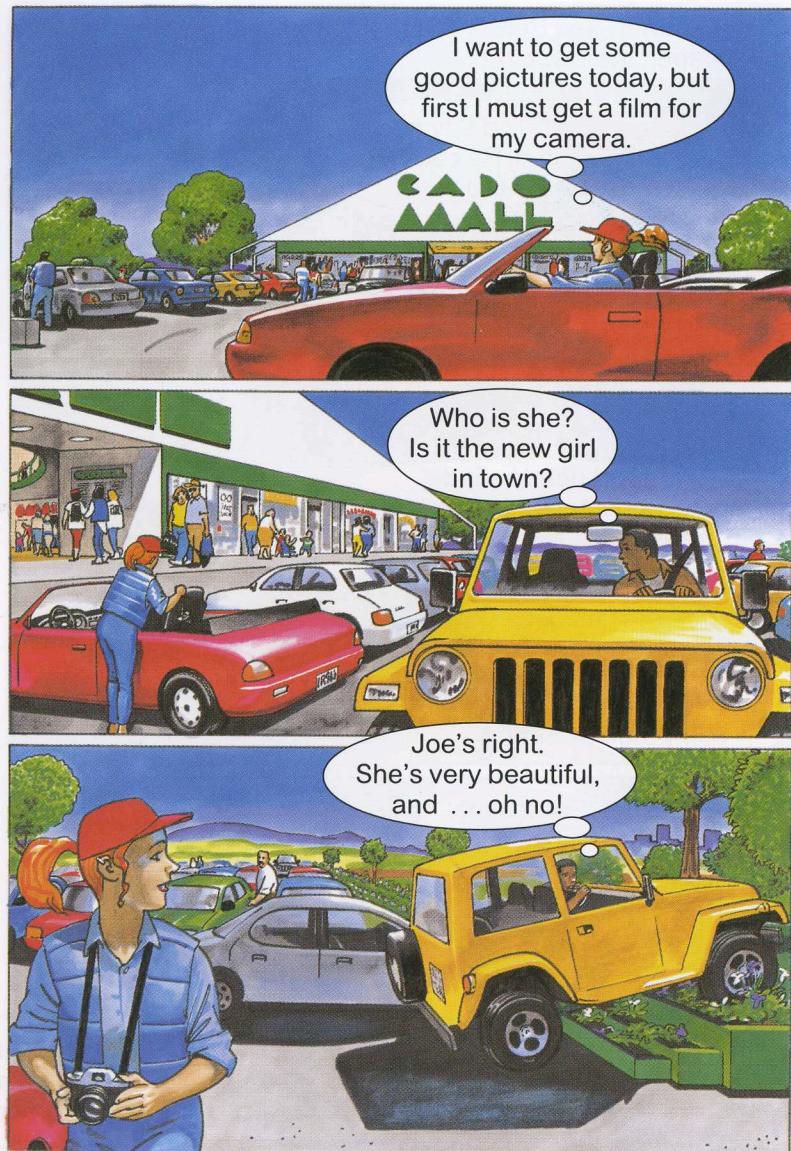
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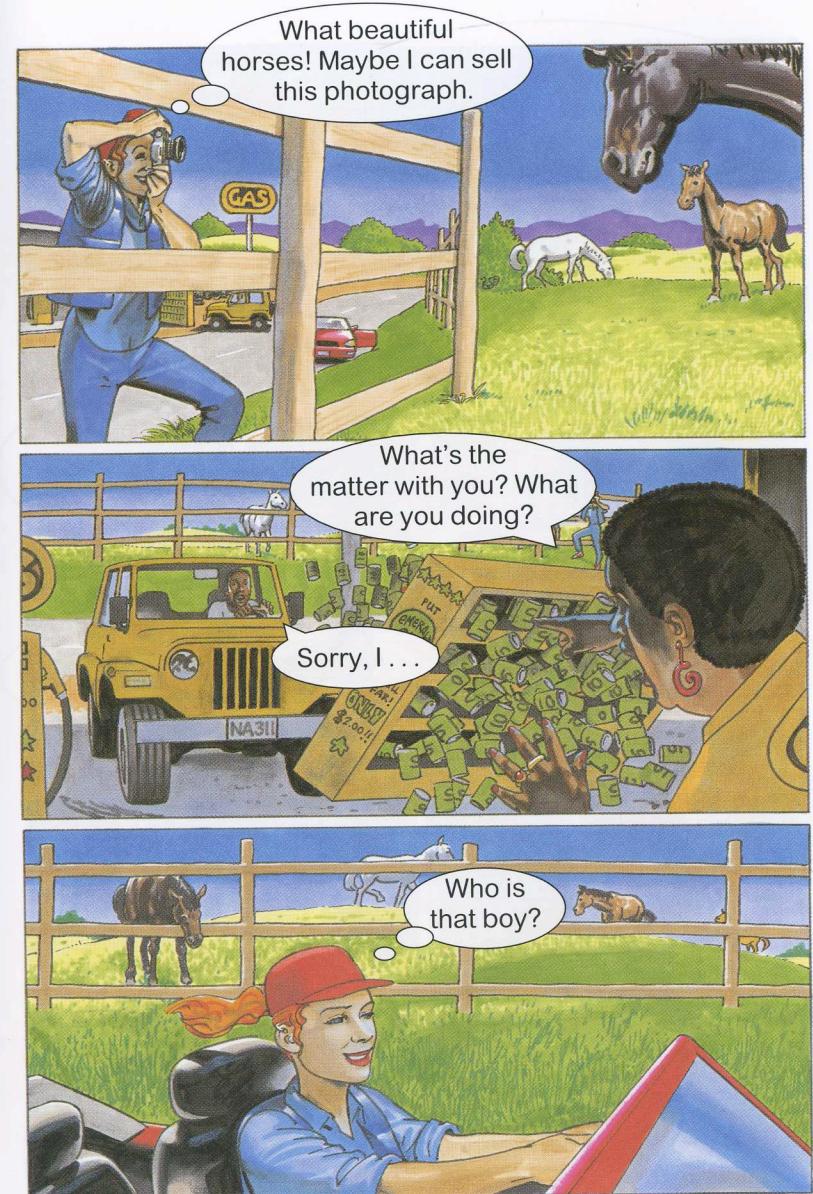
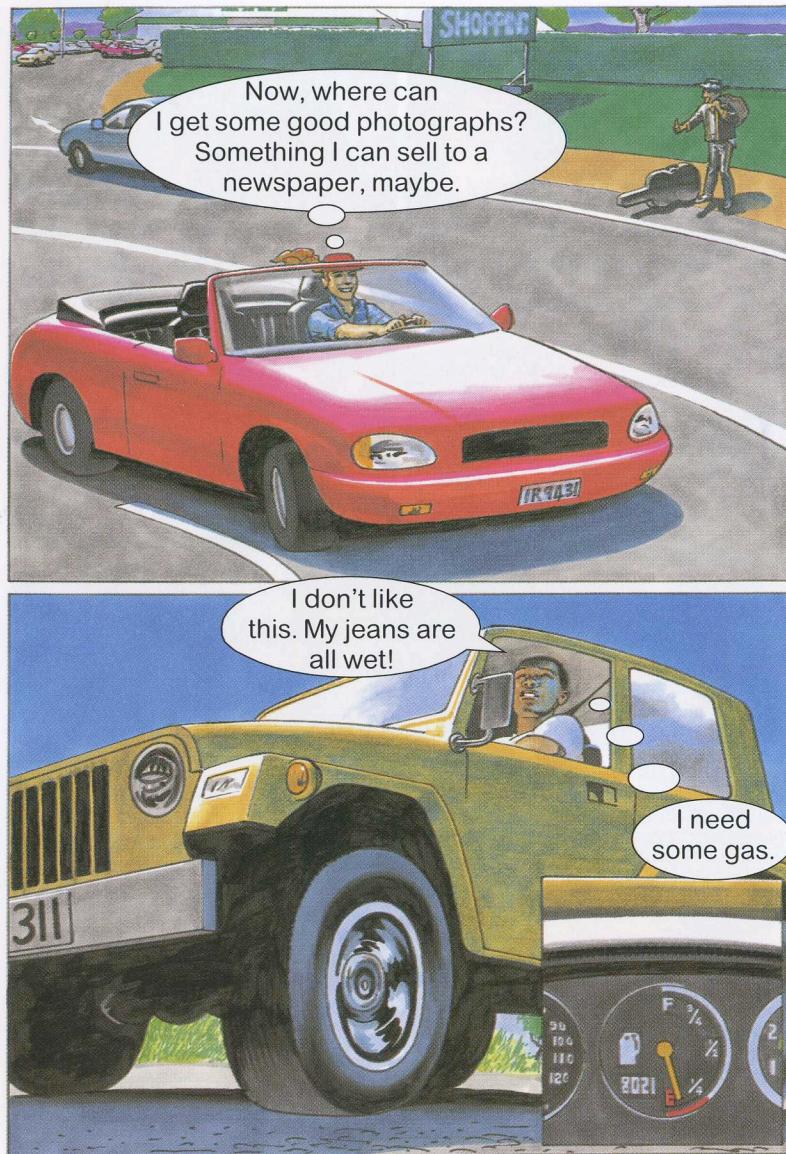


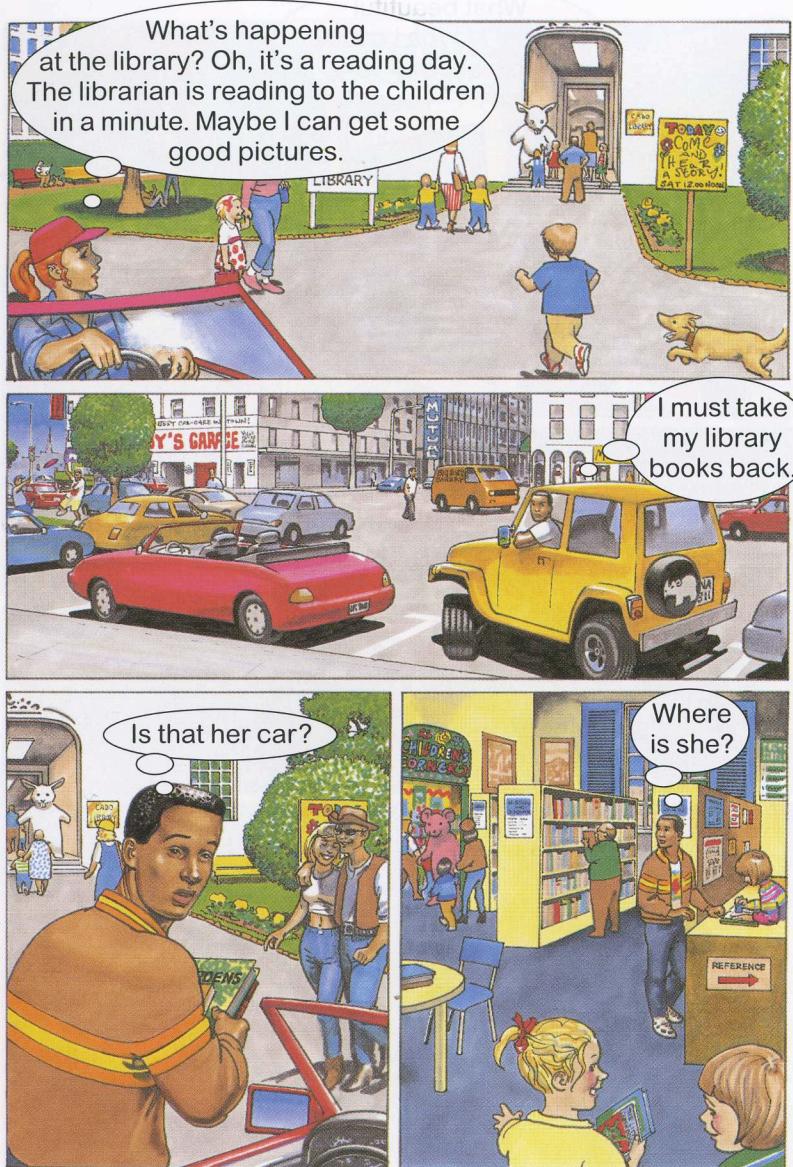


Steve's father, Ned Reit, is editor of the weekly newspaper, the *Cado Star*.



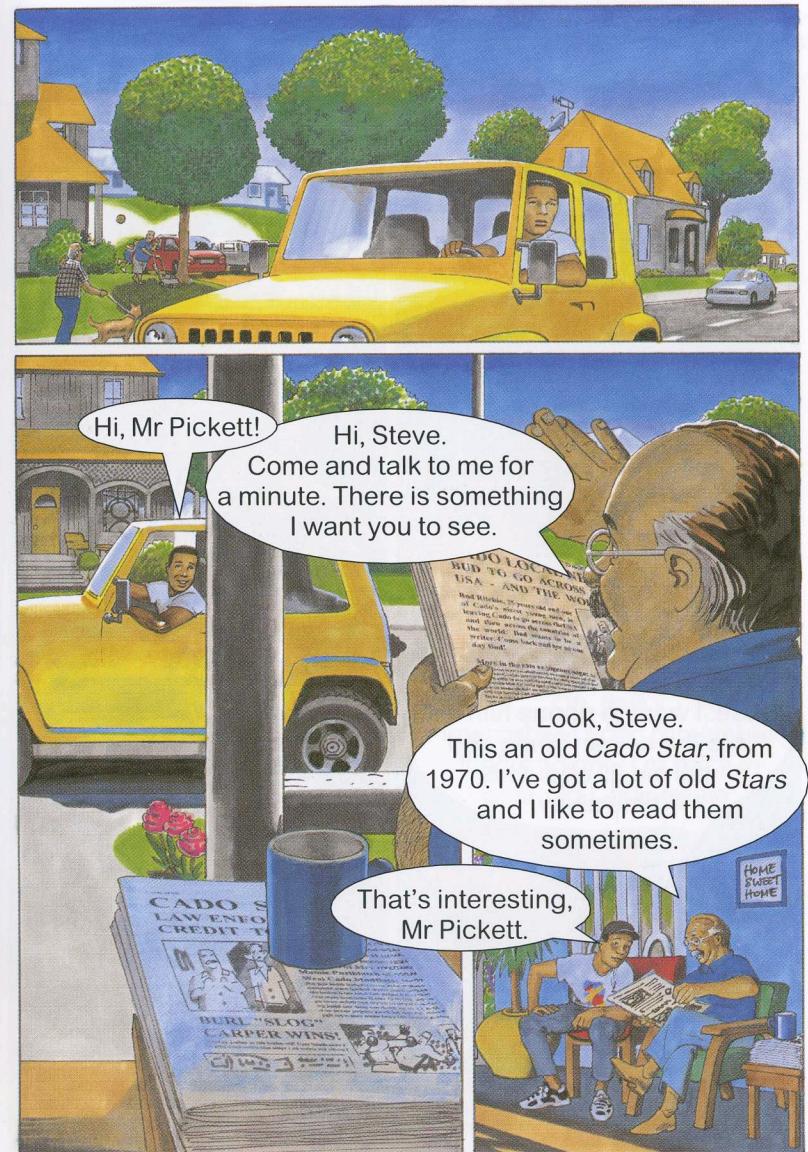
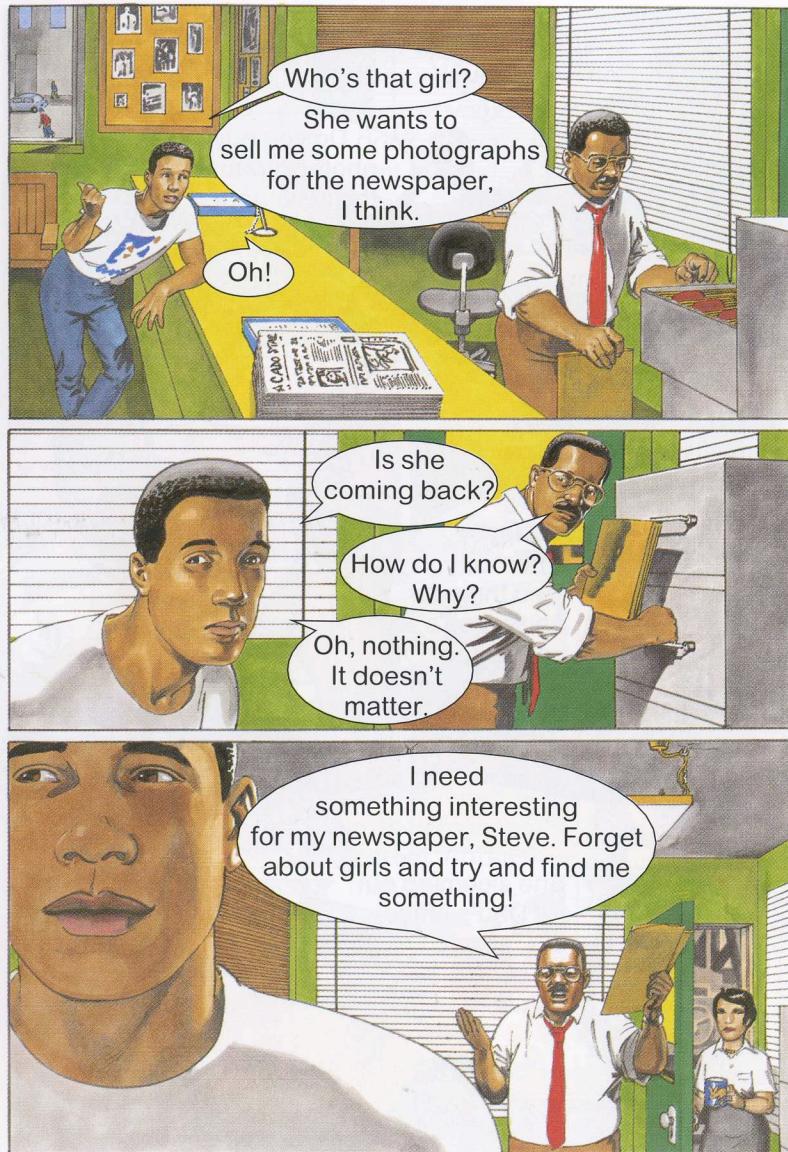


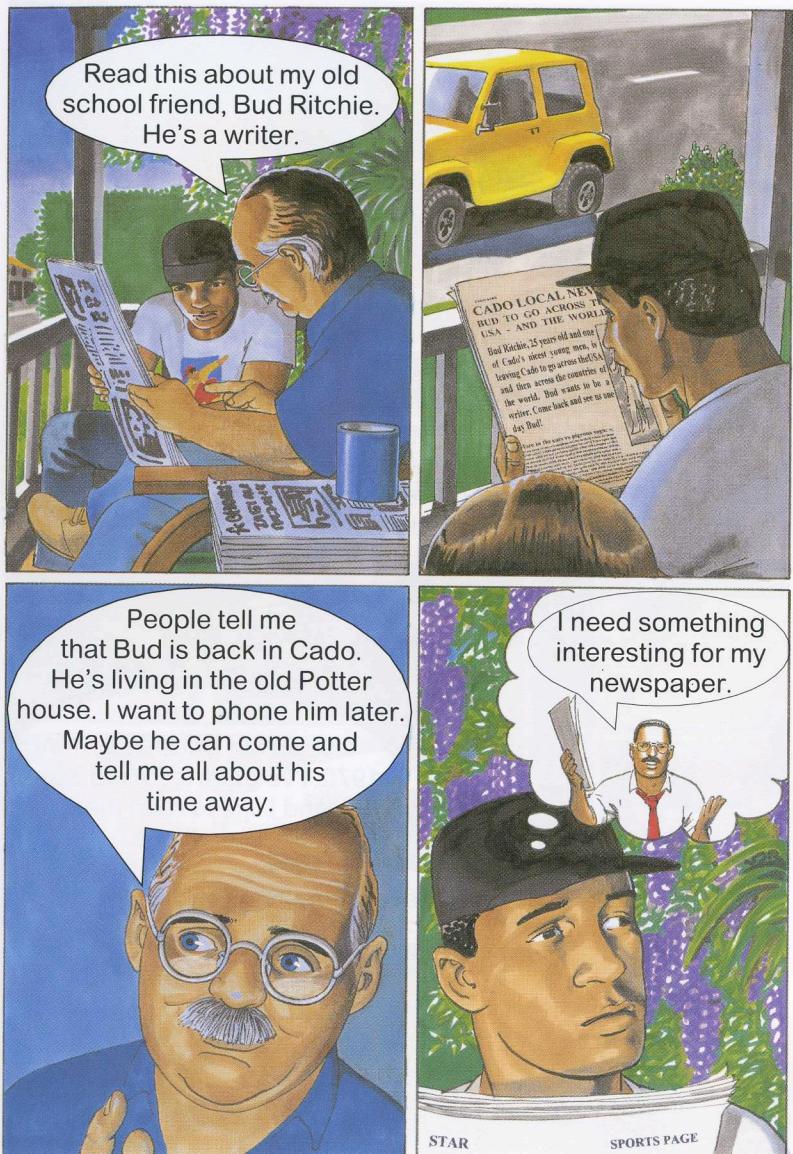






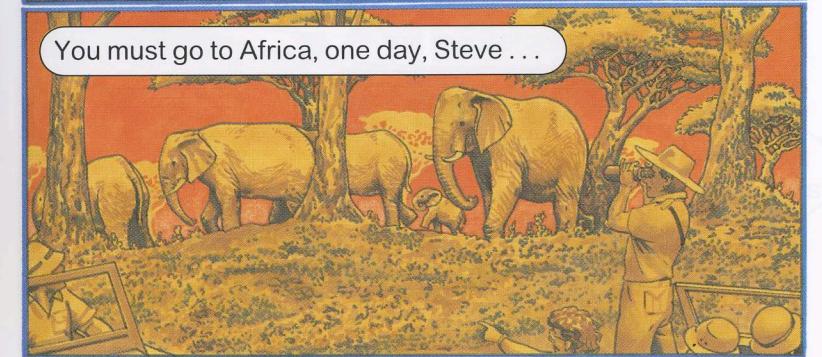
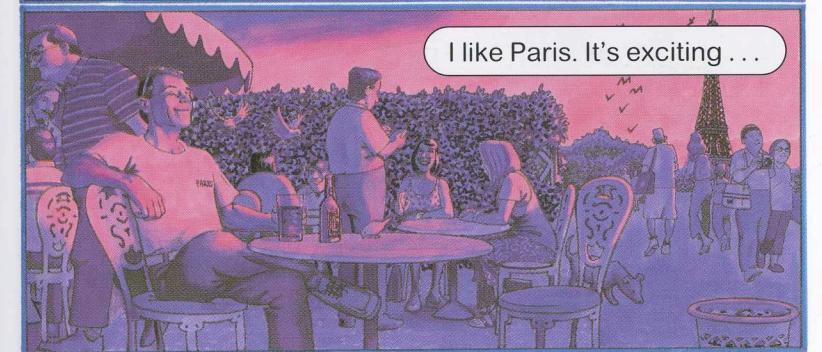
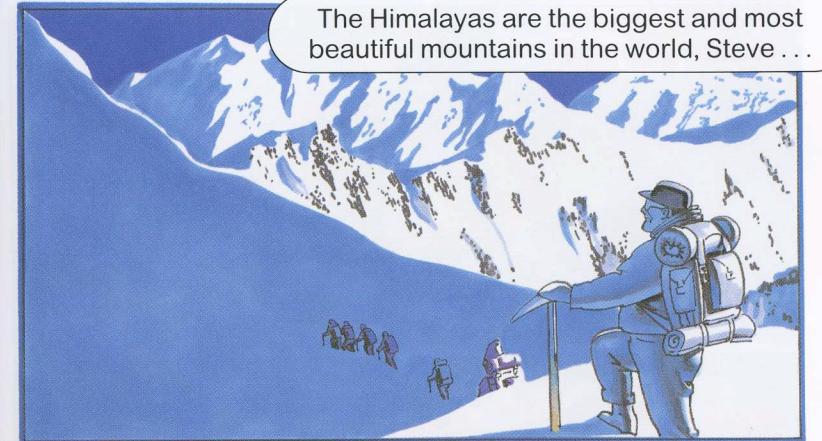
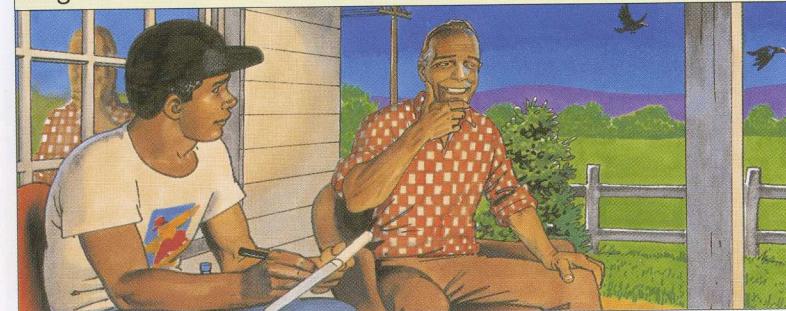


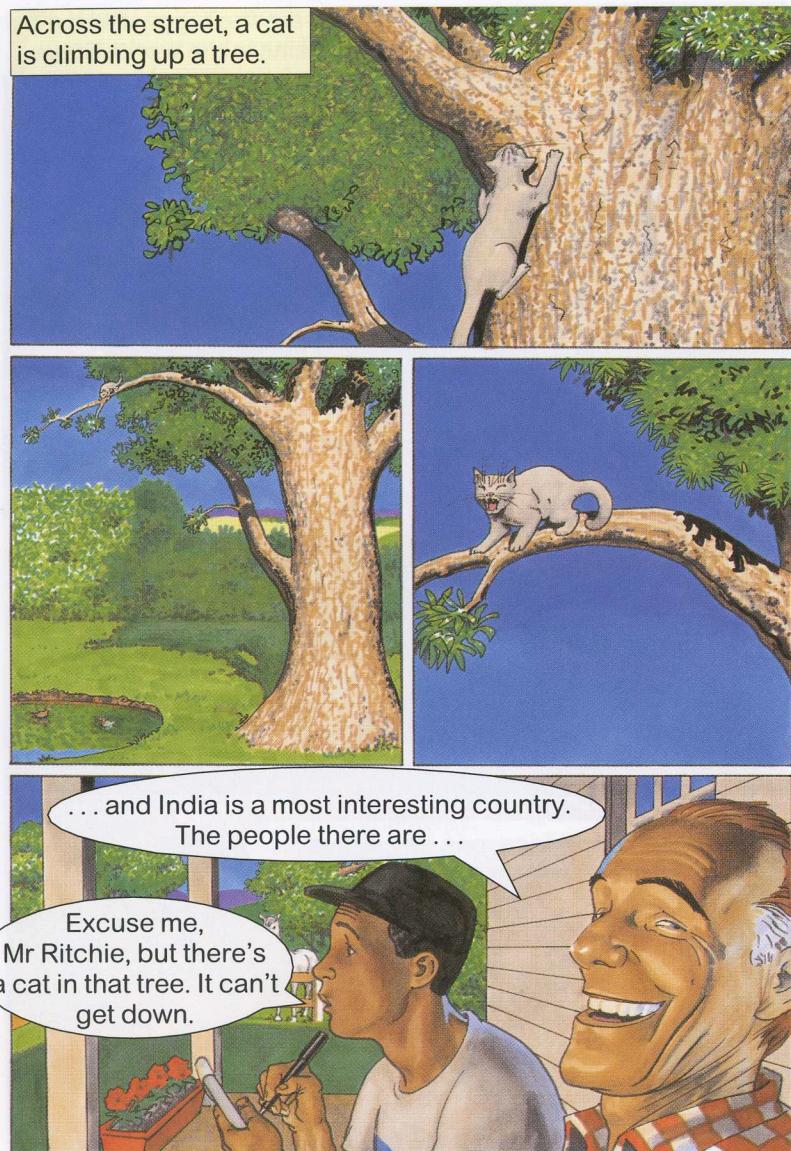


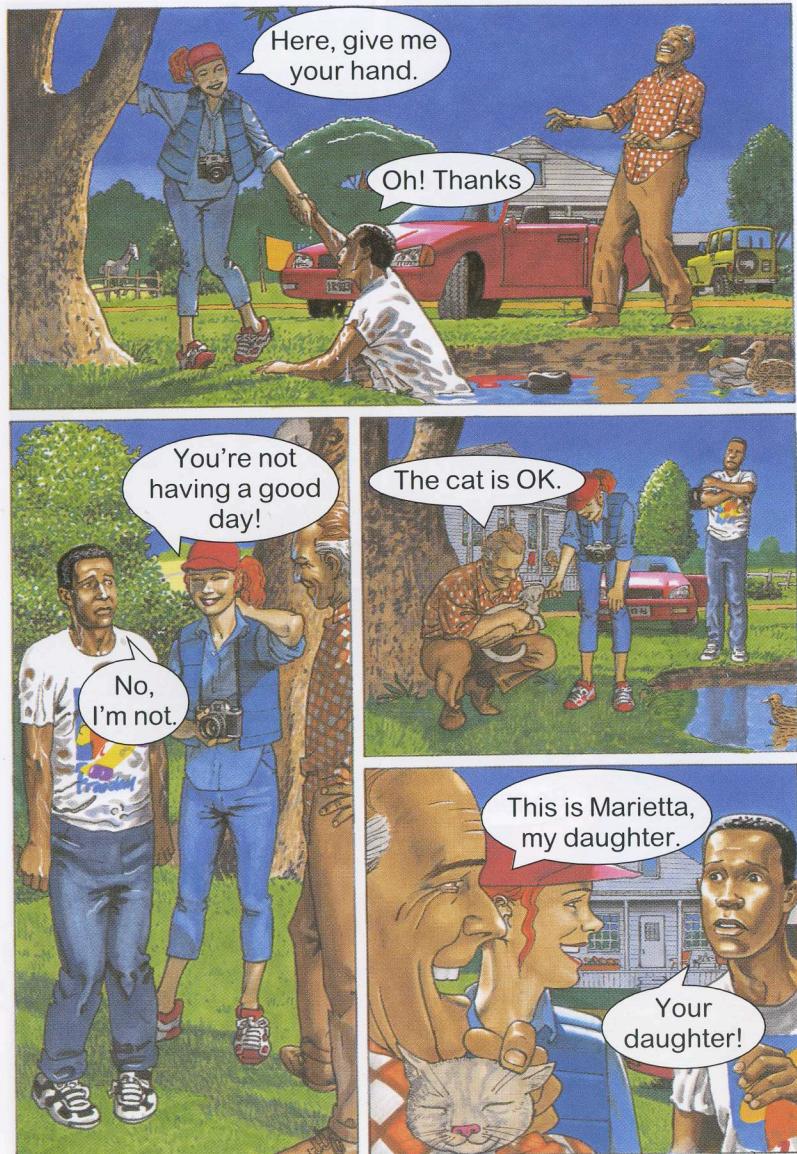




Steve asks Mr Ritchie for paper and pen, and then Mr Ritchie begins to tell him about his time away.









Who are Marietta and Steve? **ACTIVITIES**

*Before Reading*

- 1 Look at the picture on the cover of the book. Now answer these questions.
  - France.
  - South Africa.
  - America.
  - Japan.
- 2 Do you think the story is about ...
  - ... young people?
  - ... old people?
  - ... children?
- 2 Read the back cover of the book. Do you think the story is ...
  - ... frightening?
  - ... sad?
  - ... 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
□	□
□	□
□	□

**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?

1 Marietta climbs up the tree to get the cat  
and falls down.

YES  NO

2 Steve falls into the water.

3 The cat falls into the water.

4 Bud Ritchie goes to work for the *Cado Star*.

5 Marietta takes a photograph of Steve  
falling from the tree.

6 Marietta sells a picture to the *Cado Star*.

7 Marietta and Steve become friends.

**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*.

1. Marietta goes to the *Cado Star* offices. Who does she see there?

2. What does Marietta want to do?

**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
- world** every country is in the world