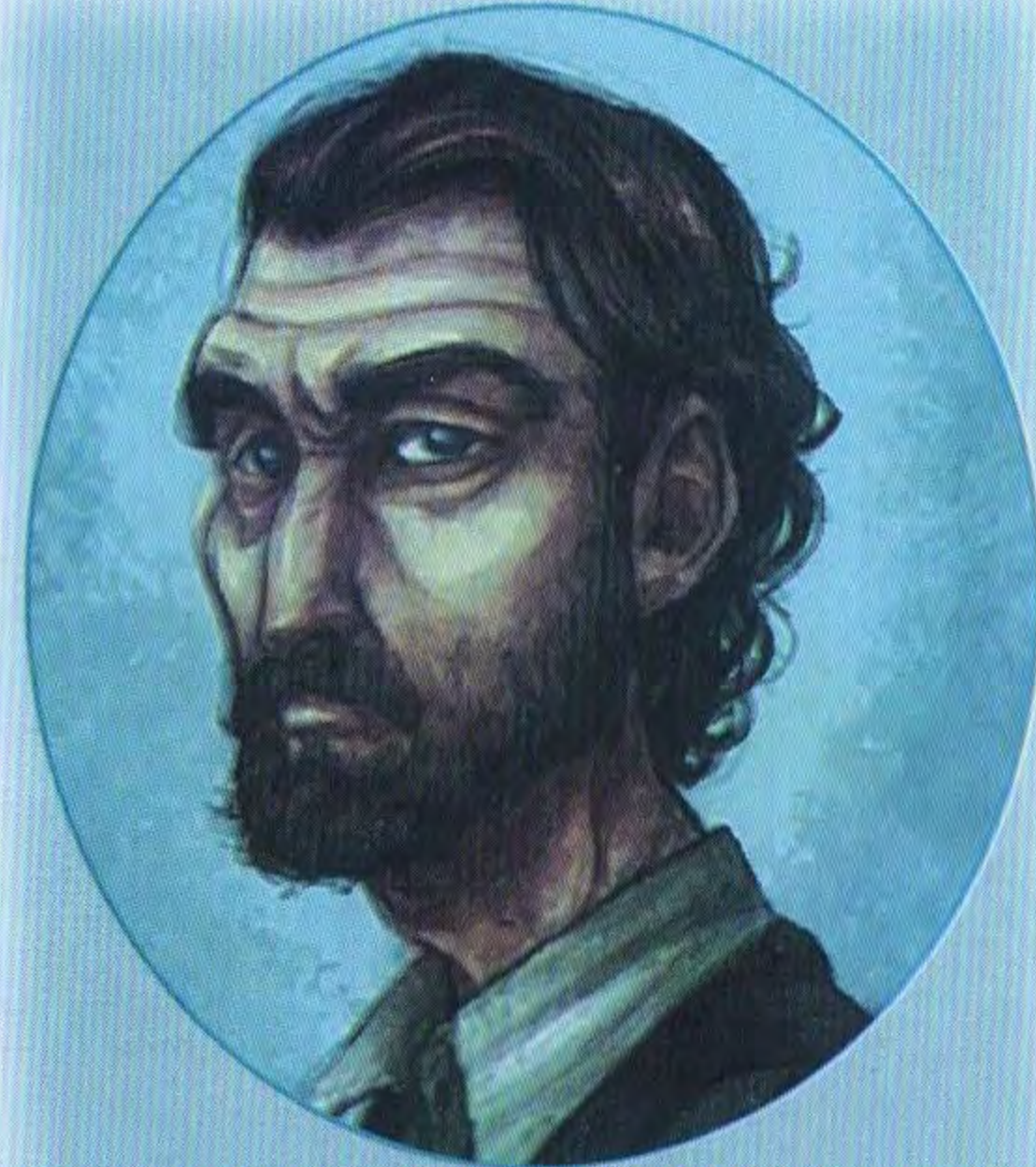


## Story Characters



The Little Match Girl



The Father



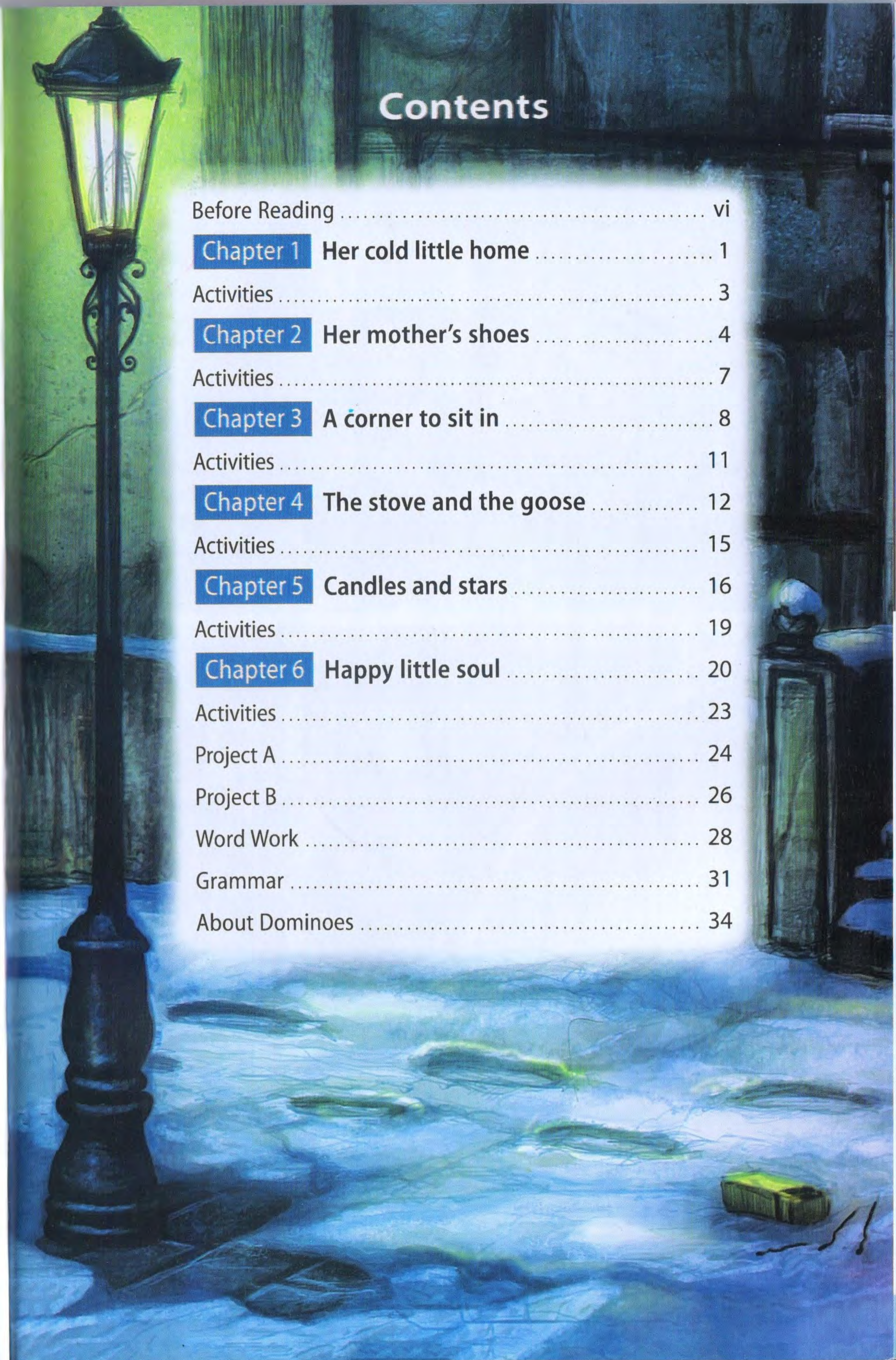
The Mother



The Grandmother

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## BEFORE READING

This story is about a poor little girl. What do you think happens in it?  
Tick the boxes.

a The girl ... one cold December night.

- 1  stays at home  
2  goes out



b She loses her ... in the street.

- 1  mother's shoes  
2  father's watch



c She ... that evening.

- 1  sells lots of matches  
2  doesn't sell any matches



d She eats ... that night.

- 1  a lot  
2  nothing



e She sees ... things in her head.

- 1  wonderful  
2  not very nice



f In the end, the girl ...

- 1  dies  
2  lives in her grandmother's house



The little girl lives with her mother and father. The **wind** comes in through the **walls** of their cold little house.

'Anne Marie,' the girl's mother cries one day. 'We've got no money. Go out and **sell** some **matches!**'



'Yes, Mother,' her daughter says. She puts some matches into her old **apron**.

**wind** air that moves

**wall** the side of a house

**sell** to take money for something

**match** you light a fire, or a candle with this

**apron** you wear this over a dress to put things in



Then she puts her feet into some shoes near the front door.



'Don't come back without any money,' her father says. 'Or I'm taking my **belt** to your back!' 'No, Father,' the little girl answers. She remembers her father's last **beating**, and she is afraid.

**belt** you wear this round your middle

**beating** when you hit someone strongly

# ACTIVITIES

## READING CHECK

Correct the mistakes in the sentences.

- a The little girl lives with her mother and ~~flower~~<sup>father</sup>.
- b They live in a cold little hotel.
- c The girl wants to sell some watches.
- d She puts them into her old apple.
- e She puts her feet in some old shoes by the dog.
- f She is afraid of her brother.
- g He often takes his belt to her bag.
- h The girl doesn't like his buildings.
- i She must go back home with some matches.



## GUESS WHAT

What does the little girl do in the next chapter? Tick one box.



a She sells lots of matches.



b She sells no matches.



c She finds some money.



d She finds a little dog.





The little girl opens the door. She goes out into the cold street. It is **snowing**.



The shoes on her feet are very big for her. That is because they are her mother's shoes.



When the little girl walks across the road, two **coaches** go past very quickly. 'Hey! Move!' cries one of the coach drivers angrily.

**snow** to rain something cold, and white; something soft, cold, and white

**coach** a kind of car with horses

She runs across the road. The shoes **fall** from her feet.



She looks for them at once. But she can't find one shoe in the snow . . .



. . . and a street boy takes the second shoe in his hands. 'When I'm older, my children can sleep in this little bed!' he laughs. Then he runs away with the shoe.

**fall** to go down suddenly



The little girl now walks over the snow in her **bare** feet. They are very cold and blue.



'Buy my matches!' she cries. But nobody buys any matches from her. No one gives her any money.



It is very cold now. Snow is falling, and the sky is darker. It is the last night of the year.

**bare** with nothing on

**buy** to give money for something

# ACTIVITIES

## READING CHECK

Choose the correct words to complete these sentences.

- It is *raining* / *snowing* out in the street.
- The shoes on the little girl's feet are very *big* / *little* for her.
- They are her *mother's* / *sister's* shoes.
- When the girl is in the road, two *bicycles* / *coaches* go past.
- '*Hello!* / *Move!*' cries one of the coach drivers.
- The girl *runs* / *walks* across the road.
- She loses her *shoes* / *sandwiches* in the street.
- She sells *no* / *all her* matches that evening.



## GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick the boxes.

- The girl walks slowly through the streets.
- She finds some money in the snow.
- She sits down near two houses out of the wind.
- She goes into a shop and buys some bread.
- She gives the bread to hungry street children.
- She is very cold and very hungry.
- She goes home to her mother and father.
- She stays out in the cold street.

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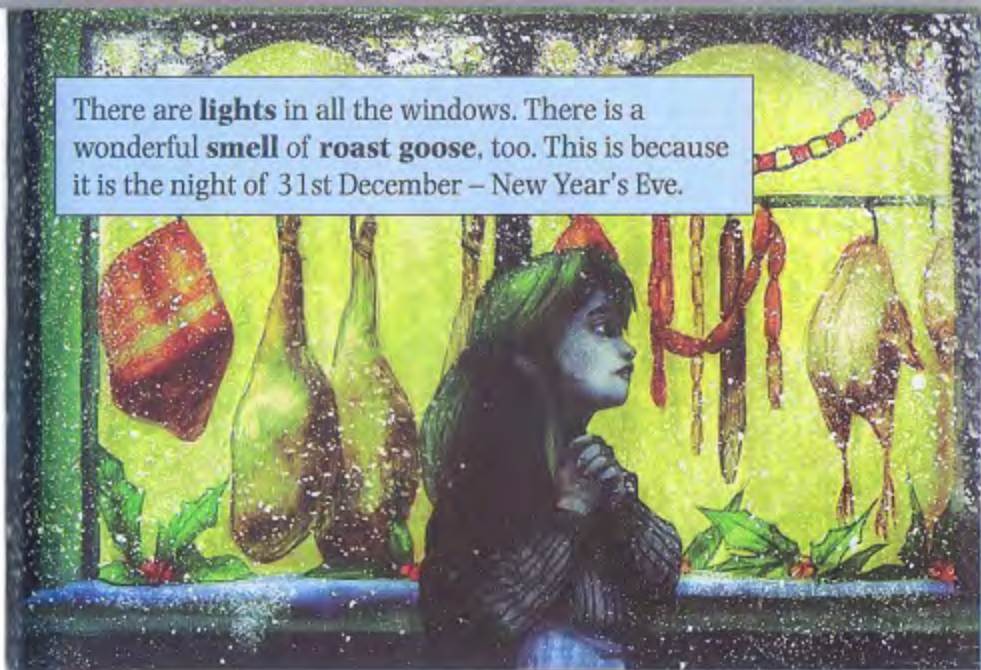


The **poor** little match girl is cold and hungry. So she walks slowly through the streets. What a **sad** picture! What a poor thing, with her bare head and bare feet! The snow falls on her beautiful, long, yellow hair.

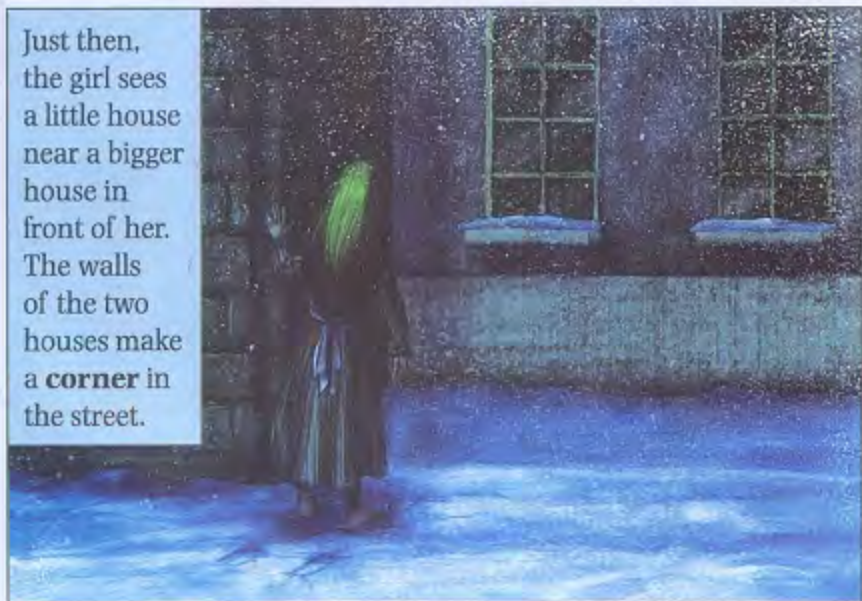
**poor** without money; something you say when you feel sorry for someone

**sad** not happy

There are **lights** in all the windows. There is a wonderful **smell** of **roast goose**, too. This is because it is the night of 31st December – New Year's Eve.



Just then, the girl sees a little house near a bigger house in front of her. The walls of the two houses make a **corner** in the street.



**light** a thing that helps you to see in the dark; to give fire to something

**smell** something that your nose tells you; to tell your nose something

**roast** cooked in the oven

**goose** (plural **geese**) a large, usually white bird; people eat it at Christmas or New Year in different countries

**corner** where two walls meet



She goes and sits there out of the wind. She puts her little feet under her. She is colder now.



'But I can't go home with no money,' she thinks. 'I don't want a beating.'

The little girl's hands are very cold and white now. 'What can I do?' she thinks.



'I know. I can take one little match and **strike it against** the wall. Perhaps then my cold hands can be warmer.'

**strike** to hit on something (of a match) to make it burn

**against** on, or just next to

# ACTIVITIES

## READING CHECK

Correct nine more mistakes in the story.

The poor little match girl is cold and <sup>hungry</sup> ~~thirsty~~. She walks slowly through the shops. Her head and feet are bare. The snow falls on her beautiful long red hair. It's a very sad picture. There are lights in all the doors. And, because it's New Year's Eve, there's a wonderful smell of roast dog, too.

Just then, the girl sees a big and a little hotel in front of her. Their walls meet and make a corner out of the sun. At once, the little girl goes and sits in this corner. She puts her little hands under her. There, in the corner she feels colder. What can she do? She has no milk and so she doesn't want to go home. She doesn't want a bottle from her father. Perhaps she can strike a match and be warm again?

## GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick three sentences.

- a  The girl strikes a match.
- b  Her father comes and looks for her.
- c  He gives a beating to his daughter.
- d  She is warmer for a time.
- e  She sees a roast goose in someone's house.
- f  She goes through the window and eats it.







The little girl takes a match. She strikes it against the wall. R-r-ritch! It makes a nice noise, and gives a good light, too. The **flame** is yellow and warm. The little girl puts her cold hand over it.

**flame** the light that you see when something is on fire

In its light, she sees a hot **stove** in front of her. It is big, new – and beautiful!



She puts her cold feet near the nice warm stove . . .



. . . but then the little flame dies. The stove goes from before her eyes. Now she's got only a **burnt** match in her hand.

**stove** a big metal box with fire in that makes a room warm

**burnt** made black by fire



Again she takes a match. She strikes it against the wall of the house. The light from it falls on the wall. Suddenly the girl can see into the room behind.



On the table there is a snow-white **cloth**, and on this there are beautiful **plates**. A roast goose is sitting on the biggest plate. It smells wonderful.



Just then, the goose **jumps** down and walks across to the little girl. It has a big **knife** and **fork** in its back.

**cloth** you put this on a table for an important dinner

**jump** to move fast on your legs from one thing to a different thing

**fork** you hold things to eat when you cut them, and put them in your mouth with this

**plate** you put things to eat on this

**knife** you cut things to eat with this

# ACTIVITIES

## READING CHECK

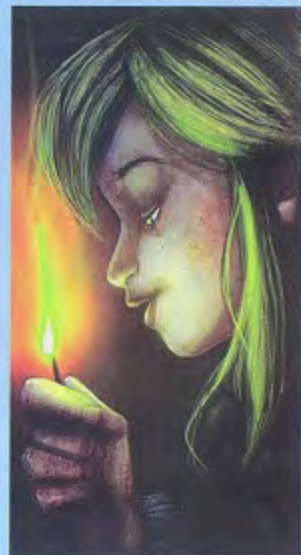
Put these sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–10.

- a  A roast goose jumps off the table and walks to the girl.
- b  In the light of the match, she sees a stove in front of her.
- c  She puts her cold feet near the stove.
- d  She puts her cold hand over the warm flame.
- e  The flame of the first match dies.
- f  The girl sees into the room behind the wall.
- g  The girl strikes a second match against the wall.
- h  The girl strikes the first match against the wall.
- i  The light from the second match falls on the wall.
- j  The stove goes from before the girl's eyes.

## GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Tick one box to finish each sentence.

- a The goose ...
  - 1  goes when the flame of the second match dies.
  - 2  runs away down the street.
  - 3  talks to the girl.
- b The girl ...
  - 1  remembers her grandfather.
  - 2  runs down the street after the goose.
  - 3  strikes another match against the wall.
- c The match ...
  - 1  kills the girl in its flames.
  - 2  brings more wonderful things before the girl's eyes.
  - 3  falls in the snow.



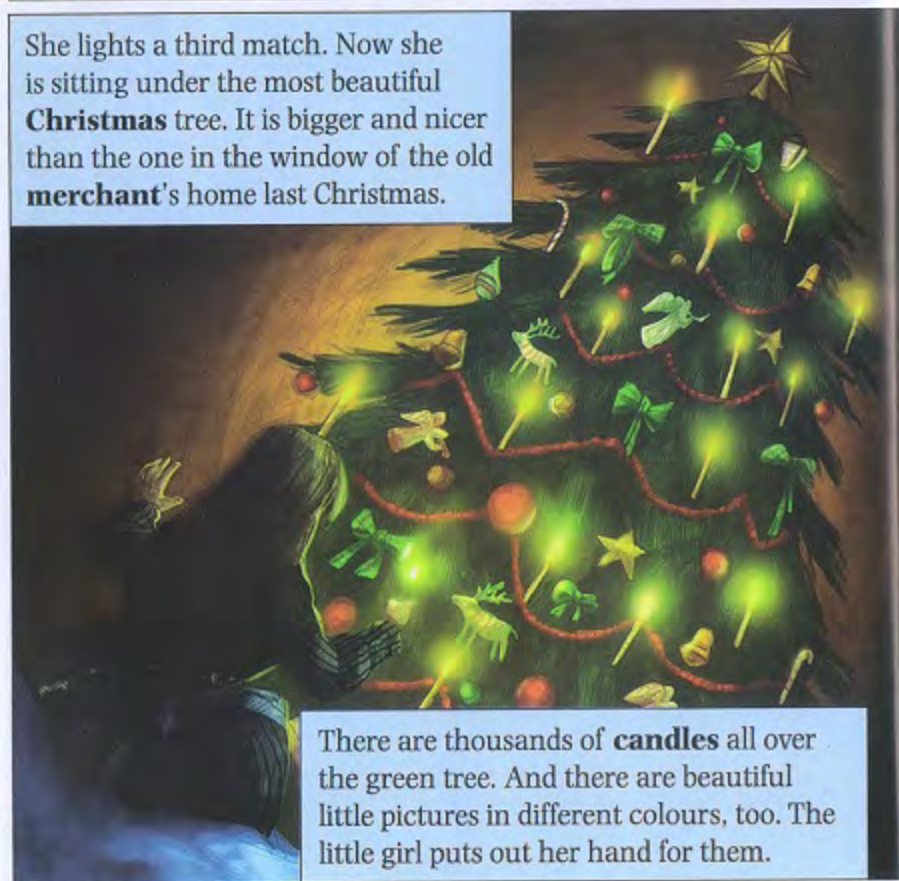


Chapter 5 **Candles and stars**



But then the flame from the second match dies. Now the little girl can see only the cold house wall in front of her.

She lights a third match. Now she is sitting under the most beautiful **Christmas** tree. It is bigger and nicer than the one in the window of the old **merchant's** home last Christmas.



There are thousands of **candles** all over the green tree. And there are beautiful little pictures in different colours, too. The little girl puts out her hand for them.

**Christmas** 25th December, a holiday to remember when Jesus was born

**candle** it burns and gives light; in the past people used them to see at night

**merchant** a person who buys and sells things

Then the flame of the match dies. But the Christmas lights stay. They go up before the girl's eyes. She sees them now up in the sky: they are the **stars**.



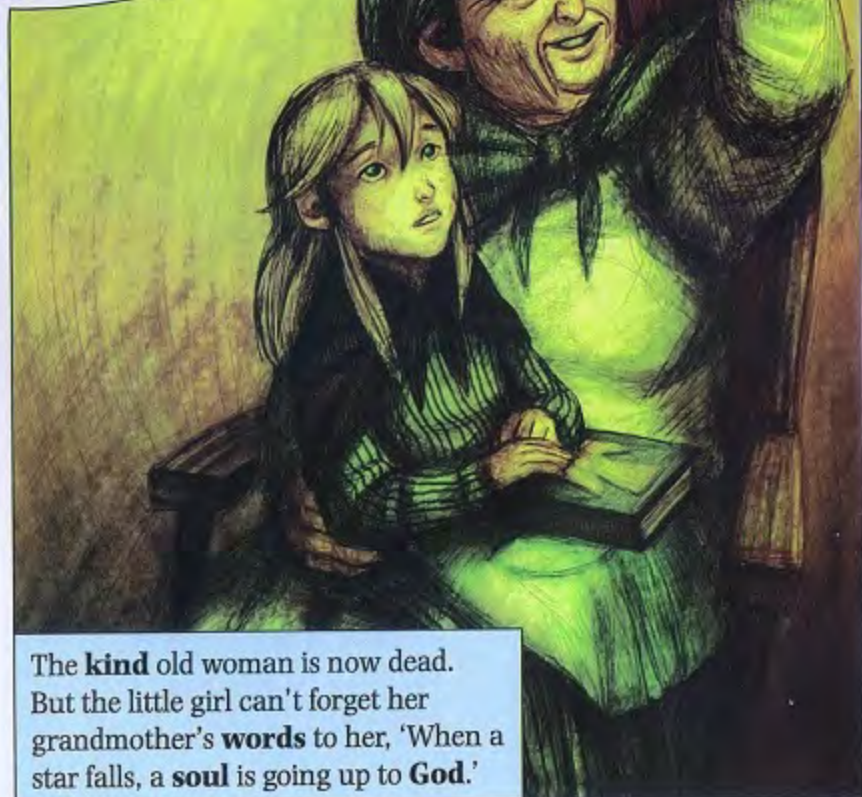
Just then, a star falls. It makes a yellow **line** across the sky.

**star** a far away sun that we see as a little light in the night sky

**line** a long, thin mark



'Someone is dying,' the little girl thinks. She remembers her grandmother, and the old woman's love for her.



The **kind** old woman is now dead. But the little girl can't forget her grandmother's **words** to her, 'When a star falls, a **soul** is going up to **God**.'

**kind** nice to people

**word** a thing that you say or write

**soul** the part of the person that is not the body; some people think it leaves the body when a person dies

**God** an important being who never dies, and who decides what happens in the world

## ACTIVITIES

### READING CHECK

Choose the correct pictures.

a What does the little girl see in the light of the third match?

- 1  a Christmas tree  
2  Father Christmas



b What does she see on the tree?

- 1  snow  
2  candles



c What does she put out her hand for?

- 1  black-and-white photos  
2  colour pictures



d What does the girl see when the third match dies?

- 1  the stars in the sky  
2  the wall



e Who does the girl remember when a star falls?

- 1  her grandmother  
2  her grandfather



### GUESS WHAT

What happens in the next chapter? Circle the words to complete the sentences.

- a The little girl sees her *grandfather* / *grandmother*.  
b She strikes *all the* / *no more* matches on the wall.  
c She doesn't want to *lose* / *see* her grandmother again.  
d The old woman takes the girl *home* / *up into the sky*.  
e The girl is very *happy* / *afraid* in the end.





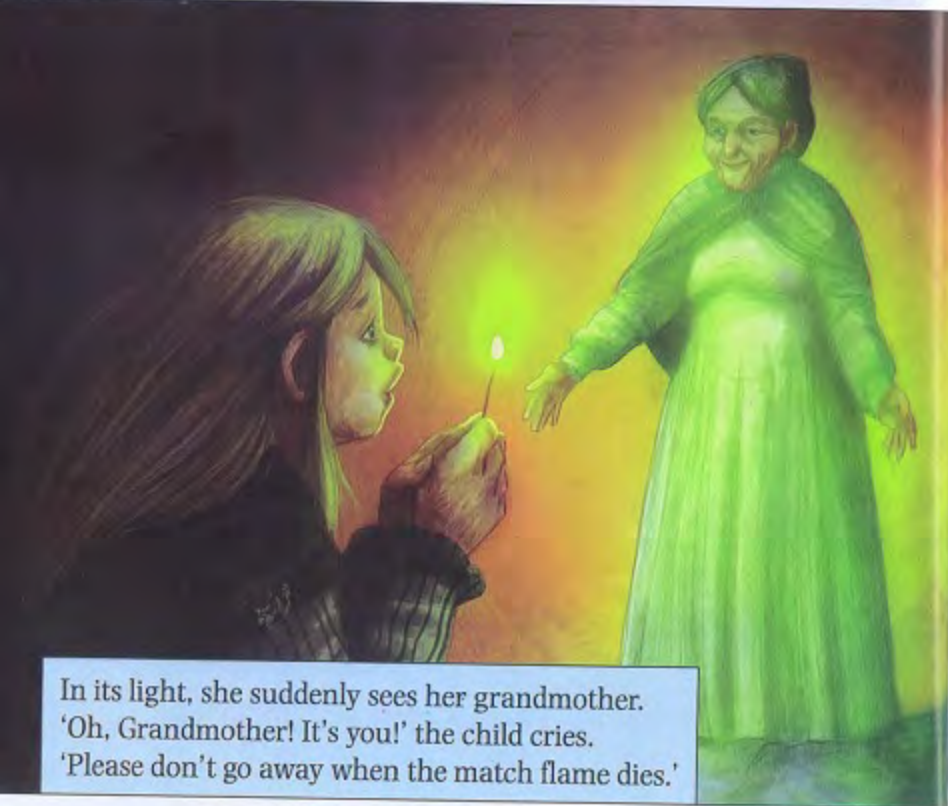


Again the little girl strikes a match on the wall.

She quickly lights lots of matches. She doesn't want to lose her grandmother again. And all the matches make a big, yellow flame – lighter than the day.



Now the old woman is taller and more beautiful than before. 'Grandmother, please take me with you!' the girl cries.



In its light, she suddenly sees her grandmother. 'Oh, Grandmother! It's you!' the child cries. 'Please don't go away when the match flame dies.'



Then the grandmother takes the little girl in her arms. They **fly** up happily into the sky. They aren't cold, or hungry, or afraid now – because they are with God.



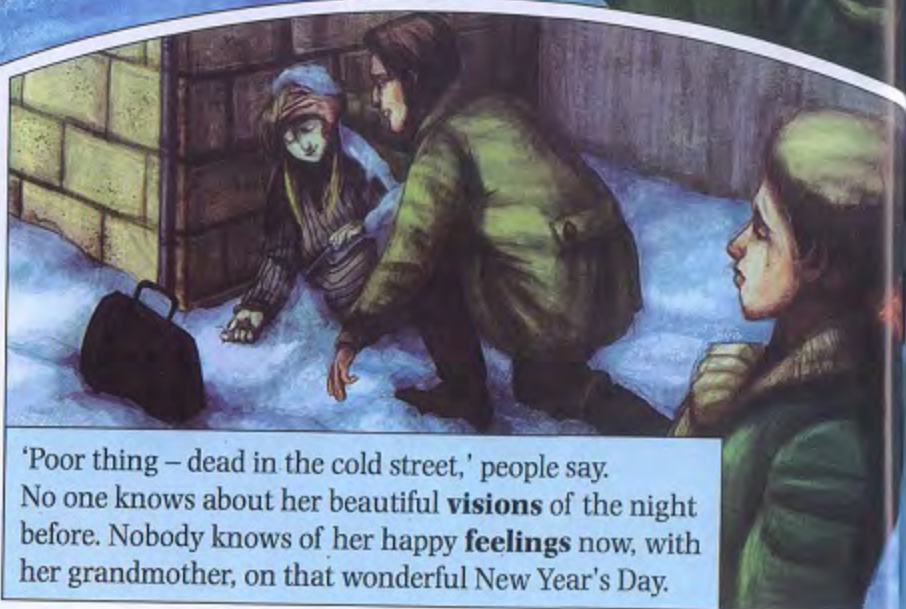
**fly** to move through the air



In the corner, against the wall, the little girl sits. Her mouth is smiling. But she is cold and dead – **frozen** on the last night of the Old Year.



The New Year's sun looks down on her sad little body the next morning. In one hand, she's got lots of burnt matches.



'Poor thing – dead in the cold street,' people say. No one knows about her beautiful **visions** of the night before. Nobody knows of her happy **feelings** now, with her grandmother, on that wonderful New Year's Day.

**frozen** not moving because very cold (under 0°C)     **feeling** something that you feel in you

**vision** something that you see in your head

# ACTIVITIES

## READING CHECK



Are these sentences true or false? Tick the boxes.

- a The little girl strikes a match against the ground.
- b She sees her grandmother in the light of the match.
- c The girl doesn't want to lose the old woman again.
- d The little girl lights lots of candles.
- e The grandmother is taller and more beautiful than before.
- f The grandmother takes the girl in her arms.
- g They fly up sadly into the sky.
- h The next day, people find the dead grandmother in the street.
- i They are happy for her.

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## GUESS WHAT

What does the girl's soul do after the story finishes? Tick the boxes and add your own ideas.

- a  It stays with her grandmother up in the sky.
- b  It plays all day and never works again.
- c  It talks to God.
- d  It visits her old home.
- e  It tells her father, 'Never hit a child again!'
- f  It tells her mother, 'Money isn't everything.'
- g  It helps different street children.
- h  .....
- i  .....





## Project A Famous children's stories

1 Read the text about *The Little Match Girl* and complete the table with notes.



*The Little Match Girl* (1845) is a story by Hans Christian Andersen, a Danish writer (1805–1875). People know him all over the world today for his wonderful fairy tales. Odense in Denmark is Andersen's home town. There are different films of the story. These include a short film made by Walt Disney in 2006. These days you can visit a *Little Match Girl* attraction in the Fairy Tale Forest. This is part of the Efteling theme park, in the Netherlands.



Story and date	
Author's name, nationality, and dates	
Famous for	
Home town	
Film versions of the story	
Things to do connected with the story	

2 Read the notes about the story *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, and complete the text about the story.

Story and date	<i>The Wonderful Wizard of Oz</i> , 1900
Author's name, nationality, and dates	Lyman Frank Baum, American, 1856–1919
Famous for	Stories about Oz
Home town	Village of Chittenango in New York State, USA
Film versions of the story	A movie - <i>The Wizard of Oz</i> - starring Judy Garland, 1939
Things to do connected with the story	'Oz-Stravaganza', a three-day festival every June, in Chittenango to celebrate Baum's writing

The ..... is a story by ..... an ..... writer. He was born in ..... and he died in .....

People know him all over the world today for his ..... about ..... The village of ..... in ..... State, is Baum's ..... town.

There are different films of the story including a movie made in ..... which starred .....

These days you can go to the ..... - a ..... -day ..... every ..... in the village of ..... It celebrates ..... 's writing.



3 Find out more about one of these stories and write a short text about it.

*Peter Pan*

*The Little Prince*

*The Snow Queen*

*The Adventures of Pinocchio*

*Heidi*



## Project B Writing a monologue

A **monologue** is a play, or part of a play, when only one character speaks.

### 1 Read this monologue. Which part of *The Little Match Girl* story is it about?

**ANDERS:** It's late afternoon. I'm at home. I'm not working these days. I can hear and feel the cold December wind. It's coming through the thin walls of our little house. I'm sitting at the table with my wife, Anna. I can smell her dirty old dress and long, dirty hair. I'm tired and angry. I can see our daughter, Anne Marie. She's standing at the front door. She's opening it, and she's going out into the street. I'm thinking about finding work and making some money.

Part of story (chapter, page, and picture):

.....

### 2 Write notes about the monologue in the table.

Who is the speaker?	
Where is he?	
What is he doing?	
What is happening around him?	
What can he hear, see, smell and feel?	
What are his feelings?	
What is he thinking about?	

### 3 Think of a different part of the story of *The Little Match Girl*. Write notes for a monologue about it in the table below.

Who are you?	
Where are you?	
What are you doing?	
What is happening around you?	
What can you hear, see, smell, and feel?	
What are your feelings?	
What are you thinking about?	

### 4 Write a monologue using your notes from Activity 3. Read it aloud. Your classmates must guess which part of the story it comes from.





## WORD WORK 1

1 Find words in the shoes to match the pictures.



..... coach .....



.....

2 Complete the sentences with words from Chapters 1 and 2.

- Can you hear the noise of the ..... wind ..... tonight?
- Why do apples ..... from trees?
- The street's all white. It has ..... on it.
- How much is this book? I'd like to ..... it.
- My dad wants to ..... his car. He needs the money.
- I give her a ..... when she does something wrong.

## WORD WORK 2

1 Look at the pictures. Complete the crossword with words from Chapters 3 and 4.

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2 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

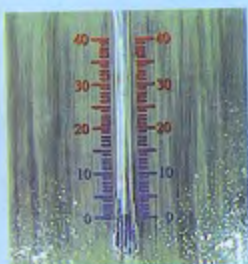
against burnt corner jumping light roast smell strike

- This ..... roast ..... goose is wonderful!
- That bread is ..... Look! It's all black.
- I can't see a thing in the dark. I need a .....
- Ugh! There's a ..... of smoke in the house!
- She's sitting over there in the ..... of the room.
- Children, stop ..... up and down on your beds!
- Let's put our bicycles ..... the wall.
- Can you ..... a match?



## WORD WORK 3

1 These words don't match the pictures. Correct them.



a Christmas

frozen



b candle



c frozen



d line



e fly



f star

2 Complete the sentences with words from Chapters 5 and 6.

- He buys and sells things in Venice. He's a merchant.
- Is this Danish? I can't understand a \_\_\_\_\_ of it.
- My grandfather helps me a lot. He's very \_\_\_\_\_ to me.
- When things are very bad, we sometimes ask \_\_\_\_\_ for help.
- Let's buy this house! I have a good \_\_\_\_\_ about it.
- Sometimes I see \_\_\_\_\_ of things before they happen.
- Some people say that when you die, your \_\_\_\_\_ leaves your body.

## GRAMMAR CHECK

### Adjectives and adverbs of manner

We use adjectives to describe things or people. They tell us more about nouns.

It's a cold night. The sky is dark.

We use adverbs of manner to talk about how we do things. They tell us more about verbs.

The girl's mother talks to her coldly.

Her father looks at her darkly.

To make regular adverbs, we add **-ly** to the adjective.

cold - coldly

Adjectives that end in **-y**, we change to **-ily**.

angry - angrily

Some adverbs are irregular.

He runs fast. (adjective fast) He speaks French well. (adjective good)

1 Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.



- The girl answers her mother and father nice / nicely.
- She's a quietly / quiet girl.
- Two coaches go past very fast / fastly.
- She looks careful / carefully for her shoes in the snow.
- She walks slow / slowly through the streets on bare feet.
- The merchant has a beautiful / beautifully Christmas tree.
- The girl looks at the roast goose hungrily / hungry.
- Sudden / Suddenly the girl sees her grandmother.
- She remembers the old woman good / well.
- The girl is happy / happily when her soul is with God.
- People are sad / sadly when they see her dead body.
- She has a wonderful / wonderfully time with her grandmother.



## GRAMMAR CHECK

**To + infinitive or -ing form of verb**

After the verbs *forget*, *learn*, *need*, *remember*, *want* and *would like*, we use **to + infinitive**.

She'd like **to have** a Christmas tree.

After the verbs *finish*, *go*, *like*, *love* and *stop*, we use **verb + -ing**.

She loves **looking** into the flames.

With the verbs *begin* and *like*, we can use **to + infinitive** or **verb + -ing**.



**2 Complete these sentences about the story with the to + infinitive or -ing form of the verbs in brackets.**

- a Anne Marie would like to play (play) all day.  
 b She learns ..... (sell) matches from her mother.  
 c She begins ..... (make) money when she's very little.  
 d Her father likes ..... (hit) her.  
 e She leaves when her father finishes ..... (talk) to her.  
 f She needs ..... (wear) her mother's shoes.  
 g She remembers ..... (put) some matches in her apron.  
 h She doesn't forget ..... (close) the door behind her.  
 i She loves ..... (look) in shop windows.  
 j She doesn't want ..... (go) home with no money.  
 k She stops ..... (walk) when she sees a corner out of the wind.  
 l She doesn't like ..... (be) cold and hungry.  
 m She doesn't want ..... (lose) her grandmother.  
 n In the end, she goes ..... (fly) up into the sky.

## GRAMMAR CHECK

**Present Simple: Negative**

We make most Present Simple verbs negative with **doesn't (does not)** or **don't (do not)** + **infinitive without to**.

The little girl **doesn't (does not)** live in a big house.

With the verbs *be*, *have got* and *can*, we add **n't (not)** to the verb.

They **aren't (are not)** very nice to her.

Her mother and father **haven't (have not)** got lots of money.

**3 Write a negative and an affirmative sentence each time. Change the underlined words.**



- a Anne Marie has got a new apron.  
Anne Marie hasn't got a new apron. She's got an old apron.  
 b She's wearing her mother's coat.  
 .....  
 c Two cars go past.  
 .....  
 d The matches fall in the road.  
 .....  
 e She's got black hair.  
 .....  
 f It's Christmas Eve.  
 .....  
 g The doors have got lights in.  
 .....  
 h She stands in a corner.  
 .....  
 i There are candles on the table.  
 .....  
 j A plane falls from the sky.  
 .....  
 k There are burnt pictures in her hand.  
 .....