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Mr Alcott's history class is having a ...

## COSTUME PARTY

Friday 29 February  
7 pm  
in the school hall

Come dressed as  
people from history!

Tickets £10 at the door  
Food, music & dancing

*It's for our history trip!*



## The costume shop

It's Thursday afternoon. Abbie is at her friend Dean's house.

'You can't wear that to the party,' she says.

'Yes, I can,' says Dean. He's wearing a sheet from his bed. 'I'm Julius Caesar.'

On Friday night at Abbie and Dean's school, there is going to be a big party – a costume party.

The students from Abbie's history class are organising the party. In April, the class is going on a school trip to France and Italy. They need money for the trip. They're selling tickets to the costume party. The tickets cost £10. There's going to be food, music and dancing. Lots of people are coming. They have to come dressed as people from history.

'Everyone is getting their costumes from costume shops,' says Abbie. 'I'm going to be dressed as Cleopatra. My costume is very nice. You can't wear an old sheet. There's a costume shop near the school.' She looks at her phone. 'The shop closes at five thirty. Come on!'

Kit's Costumes is a small shop in an old building. There's a Dracula costume in the window. Abbie opens the door and they go inside.

'This place isn't very big,' says Dean.

'This is only the front room,' says Abbie. 'There's another room at the back.'

A young man is standing behind the counter. He is short and thin. He's talking on a mobile phone. 'No. I can't ...

Tomorrow? ...' He looks up and sees Abbie and Dean. 'I have to go now.' He puts down his phone but doesn't smile at them. 'Can I help you?'

'Yes, please,' says Dean. 'I need a costume.'

The man doesn't move. 'I have to close the shop soon,' he says.

'Can't we look?' asks Abbie.

'Oh ... okay. Quickly.' The man takes them to a room at the back. The costumes are hanging on three long racks. There are shoes on the floor. Hats are hanging on the walls. Red and blue, green and yellow, black and white – it's very colourful.

'I have to close soon,' the man says again.

Dean sees a black hat on the wall. It has a long feather. 'I like that hat!'

'That's from the musketeer costume. Here.' The man takes a costume from the rack. It has a blue cape with a white cross. There's a white shirt and black trousers too. There's a long sword and a small bag. Dean takes the sword. The man gives the bag to Abbie.

'You need black boots,' he says to Dean. He gets them. Then he opens the door to a small room. 'You can change in here.' He puts the costume in the room and goes.

Dean goes into the room, changes and comes out. He is wearing the musketeer costume. He lunges with his sword. '*En garde!*'

Abbie opens the bag and takes out a long wig. 'You have to wear this too.'

Dean takes off his hat and Abbie puts the wig on his head. She takes out a moustache and a small beard. Dean puts them on his face.





## Where is Dean?

Abbie is standing in front of the costume shop. She goes to the shop window. Inside, behind the Dracula costume, the shop is dark.

Abbie looks at the other shops. She looks across the road. Where is Dean?

She looks inside the shop again. Maybe there's a door at the back.

Yes, isn't there an alley behind these shops?

She runs along the road and into a small street. Behind the shops, she finds the alley. She runs along the alley and sees an open door.

She goes to the door and listens. She hears a voice. It's not Dean's voice. Who is it? Is Dean in there too?

She creeps inside.

Near the door, there are coats on a rack. Abbie hides behind the coats and looks into the room. She sees *two* musketeers!

Dean is sitting on a chair. He can't move. He's tied to the chair!

The other musketeer is speaking on a mobile phone. 'I have to talk to Kenny.' He takes off his beard and moustache – it's the costume shop man! 'Kenny, it's Troy. I've got your money, Kenny. You can come and get it ... No, no, I have it. I can give it to you tonight. Yeah, the costume shop ... Ten minutes ... No, no, no.'

He takes off his hat and wig and walks into the front room.

Abbie can't see him in there but she can hear him.





‘No, no, no,’ Troy is saying. ‘You don’t have to hurt me, Kenny. I’ve got the money ... Okay, Kenny ... Okay...’

Abbie creeps out and quickly goes to Dean.

‘Abbie!’

‘Ssh.’

‘Get the money!’ says Dean. ‘It’s there.’

The money tin is on a small table. Abbie grabs it.

‘He’s coming!’ says Dean.

On the floor, Abbie sees Dean’s sword. She grabs it and quickly hides behind a long rack of costumes.

Troy comes into the room with a big smile on his face. ‘Kenny’s coming and I can give him his money. Then I never have to see him again.’ He looks at the table and stops smiling.

‘Where’s the money?’ He runs to the table. Then he turns to Dean. ‘Where’s the money? Where is it? I have to give the money to Kenny. He’s coming to get it. Where is it?’ He looks on the floor. ‘Oh, no, no, no, no. He’s going to kill me. He’s going to kill me.’ Troy is very scared. He goes to Dean and grabs his shirt. ‘Listen to me! A man is coming here – Kenny Kray. He’s a very dangerous man. He’s coming here very soon and I *have to* give him that money. Where is it?’

‘I haven’t got it,’ says Dean. ‘I’m tied to this chair.’

‘Yeah,’ says Troy. ‘Yeah. You’re tied to that chair. *You* haven’t got the money.’ Then he looks at the costumes on the racks. ‘Who’s here with you?’

Dean doesn’t answer.

‘Is your friend here? That girl? Is she here? Does she have the money?’ Troy’s hand goes under his cape. He takes out a knife. Abbie can see it. It’s a real knife. ‘Where



# Activities

## Chapter 1

### Before you read

A. Look at the poster on page 4 and circle the correct answers.

1. When is the party going to be?  
a. 7 February   b. 10 February   c. 29 February
2. What kind of party is it going to be?  
a. a birthday party   b. a costume party   c. a dinner party

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.

organise   costume   counter   ticket

1. How much is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the concert?
2. The clown is wearing a funny red and yellow \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In a shop, you can ask for help at the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I'm going to \_\_\_\_\_ a birthday party for my best friend.

C. Listen to Track 3 on the CD and answer these questions.

1. What do Abbie and Dean see in the window of the costume shop?  
a. a Dracula costume   b. a Julius Caesar costume
2. What does Dean say about the shop?  
a. It's very big.   b. It isn't very big.
3. What does the man in the shop tell them?  
a. The shop is closed.   b. He has to close the shop soon.

### After you read

#### COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

1. Where is the costume party going to be?  
a. in a classroom   b. in the school hall   c. at a costume shop
2. Why do the history students want to make money?  
a. to buy books   b. to pay for their trip   c. to help their teacher
3. What is Abbie going to wear to the party?  
a. a Cleopatra costume   b. her school clothes   c. an old sheet
4. Where do Abbie and Dean go on Thursday afternoon?  
a. to the school hall   b. to Abbie's house   c. to the costume shop

## Chapter 2

### Before you read

A. Look at the picture on page 11 and circle the correct answers.

1. What are Abbie and the girl beside her doing?  
a. buying tickets   b. selling tickets   c. dancing at the party
2. What is the teacher wearing?  
a. a sheet   b. a hat   c. black boots

B. Find these words in your dictionary. Use them in the sentences.

tin   cupboard   key   storeroom

1. All the cups and glasses are in the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There are some biscuits in this \_\_\_\_\_. Would you like one?
3. We need more paper. I'll go and get some from the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. I can't get into my house because I can't find my \_\_\_\_\_.

C. Listen to Track 4 on the CD and answer these questions.

1. Who is Megan dressed as?  
a. Marie Antoinette   b. Cleopatra
2. Why doesn't Megan want to let Jarrod Munson into the party?  
a. Because Sherlock Holmes is not a real person from history.  
b. Because Jarrod doesn't have the money for a ticket.
3. Who says that Jarrod can go into the party?  
a. Dean   b. Abbie

### After you read

#### COMPREHENSION

A. Circle the correct answers.

1. Where do Abbie and Megan sell tickets to the party?  
a. in the history classroom  
b. at the front door of the school hall   c. inside the school hall
2. Who buys a ticket just before Dean?  
a. Rosie   b. Mr Alcott   c. Megan
3. Who is Rosie dressed as?  
a. Marilyn Monroe   b. Pocahontas   c. Joan of Arc
4. Who is Mr Alcott dressed as?  
a. Julius Caesar   b. Abraham Lincoln   c. Napoleon

B. Circle T for true or F for false for these sentences.

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| 1. Dean catches the other musketeer in the street.         | T / F |
| 2. Dean follows the other musketeer into the costume shop. | T / F |
| 3. Dean sends a text message to Megan.                     | T / F |
| 4. When Abbie reads Dean's text, she understands it.       | T / F |

C. Complete these sentences.

1. When he is running along the street, Dean's legs \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The musketeer runs from the street into an \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Megan asks Abbie for the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Megan tells Mr Alcott that Abbie and Dean have got the \_\_\_\_\_.

D. Write short answers to these questions.

1. What does Dean see when he looks inside the door of Kit's Costumes?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. At the school hall, who does Abbie try to find?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Does Abbie tell Megan where the money is?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How is Megan able to read the text from Dean?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES

A. Circle the correct verb forms in these sentences.

1. I'm going to **say** / **saying** hello.
2. The other musketeer **don't** / **doesn't** answer.
3. The other musketeer **has** / **have** a tin.
4. The other musketeer **run** / **runs** along the street.

B. Match the phrases that go together in Chapter 3.

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. a black hat   | on her hips        |
| 2. a blue cape   | with a feather     |
| 3. her hands     | on the chair       |
| 4. Abbie's phone | with a white cross |

#### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Who do you think the other musketeer is? Why do you think this?

\_\_\_\_\_



# Glossary

*adj.* adjective; *adv.* adverb; *n.* noun; *pl.* plural; *prep.* preposition;  
*v.* verb

<b>across</b> /ə'krɒs/ <i>prep.</i>	durch, über
<b>alley</b> /'æli/ <i>n.</i>	Gasse
<b>another</b> /ə'nʌðə/ <i>adj.</i>	ein/e andere/r/s
<b>back</b> /bæk/ <i>n.</i>	hinterer Teil; Rücken
<b>beard</b> /biəd/ <i>n.</i>	Bart
<b>behind</b> /bi'haɪnd/ <i>prep.</i>	hinter
<b>between</b> /bi'twi:n/ <i>prep.</i>	zwischen
<b>boot</b> /bu:t/ <i>n.</i>	Stiefel
<b>bossy</b> /'bɒsi/ <i>adj.</i>	bestimmerisch
<b>building</b> /'bɪldɪŋ/ <i>n.</i>	Gebäude
<b>buy</b> /baɪ/ <i>v.</i>	kaufen
<b>call</b> /kɔ:l/ <i>v.</i>	anrufen
<b>cape</b> /keɪp/ <i>n.</i>	Umhang
<b>change</b> /tʃeɪndʒ/ <i>v.</i>	sich umziehen
<b>cheer</b> /tʃiə/ <i>n.</i> <i>v.</i>	Hoch, Hurraruf jubeln
<b>class</b> /kla:s/ <i>n.</i>	Kurs
<b>close</b> /kləʊz/ <i>v.</i>	schließen
<b>coat</b> /kəʊt/ <i>n.</i>	Mantel
<b>colourful</b> /'kʌləfl/ <i>adj.</i>	bunt, farbenfroh
<b>come on!</b> /,kʌm 'ɒn/	komm schon!
<b>counter</b> /'kaʊntə/ <i>n.</i>	Ladentisch, Theke, Tresen
<b>creep</b> /kri:p/ <i>v.</i>	schleichen
<b>cross</b> /krɒs/ <i>n.</i>	Kreuz
<b>cupboard</b> /'kʌbəd/ <i>n.</i>	Schrank
<b>dangerous</b> /'deɪndʒərəs/ <i>adj.</i>	gefährlich
<b>dark</b> /dɑ:k/ <i>adj.</i>	dunkel
<b>desk</b> /desk/ <i>n.</i>	Schreibtisch
<b>down</b> /daʊn/ <i>prep.</i>	nach unten, weg