

Next Door to Love

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Before reading

1. Look at the title of the book. What does it mean if you are next door to something?
2. What do you call a person who lives next door to you?
3. Look at the photos of the people on the front cover. What are they like?
4. Turn to page 3. Look at *People in the story*. Who do you think the photographs on the cover are?

Check your reading

CHAPTER 1

1. Look at the picture on page 4. Who are the two women? Who is the man? What are the women doing?
2. Read and/or listen to Chapter 1. Who says these things?
 - a 'You need to meet new people.'
 - b 'Come away from the window.'
 - c 'Your neighbour looks nice.'
 - d 'Good to meet you, Stella.'
 - e 'You can't do this, Kathy.'
 - f 'Well, are you all right?'
3. Stella looks at Tony in his garden and thinks, 'You're sad.' Later she hears his phone call with Kathy and thinks, 'I *knew* he was afraid of something.' Why do you think Tony is sad and what is he afraid of?

CHAPTER 2

1. Put these events in order.
 - a Stella meets Daisy.
 - b Stella meets Janet in town.
 - c Stella has tea with Tony and Daisy.
 - d Stella sits in the garden.
 - e Tony tells Stella about Kathy.
2. True or false?
 - a The weather is very hot.
 - b Tony has got a cat.
 - c Stella works in an Indian restaurant.
 - d Tony works with computers.
 - e Cameron is Daisy's father.
 - f Stella meets Kathy in town.
3. Correct the false sentences (e.g. Tony hasn't got a cat, Daisy has.)

CHAPTER 3

1. Match the beginnings and the endings.

1 Klaus was in England	a to go for a drink with him.
2 Klaus asked Stella	b for a drink after the film.
3 Tony asked Stella	c for six months.
4 Klaus and Stella went	d to her house.
5 Klaus walked Stella	e to go to a film with him.
2. Complete the sentences with an adjective.
 - a The weather was still
 - b The kitchen was very
 - c James made Stella
 - d Klaus was always
 - e The film they saw was very
3. How does Klaus feel about Stella? How does Stella feel about Klaus?

CHAPTER 4

1. Which happened first, second, third, fourth and fifth?
 - a Stella went to tea with Tony and Daisy.
 - b Stella saw Tony with another woman.
 - c Tony and Stella go for a drink at the Tree House Bar.
 - d Klaus asked Stella to go to the cinema again.
 - e Stella talked to Janet.
2. Match the things people did in 1. with the times below.

the next evening	on Sunday	the next day
at lunch	one evening in October	
3. Who is describing whom?
 - a 'You look nice.'
 - b He looked good too.
 - c 'But he had lots of girlfriends.'
 - d They were laughing, and they looked happy.
 - e She was beautiful.

CHAPTER 5

1. Choose the correct answer.
 - 1 The next day Stella didn't want to talk to ...
 - a Tony, b Klaus, c anyone
 - 2 That evening Stella went to talk to ...
 - a Tony, b Klaus, c Kathy
 - 3 Tony told Stella that he ...
 - a hated Kathy, b loved Kathy, c loved her (Stella)
 - 4 Tony tells Stella that ...
 - a Cameron has a new job, b he (Tony) is moving to Scotland, c Kathy has a new job in Scotland
 - 5 Stella says they need help from ...
 - a a teacher, b a lawyer, c Daisy's mother
2. Why is Tony so sad when Stella visits him?
3. What does Stella think they can do? Does Tony think the same thing?

CHAPTER 6

1. What happened at these times?
a on Tuesday, b at the weekend, c in January
2. Finish what the judge said in the court:
'I'm sorry, Mr Bryant . . .'
3. Look at the picture on page 28 and say who the people are.
4. Which of these are true?
a Stella, Tony and Daisy watched a film about horses.
b Daisy has got a horse in Scotland.
c Cameron wants Tony to teach him to ride.
d Daisy wants Tony to teach her to ride.
e Tony knows a lot about horses.
f In the end Daisy teaches Tony about horses.

After reading

1. Does the story have a happy ending? If so, what is it?
2. Do you think that Kathy and Tony are bad parents to Daisy? Why/why not?
3. Look at the pictures on pages 6, 10, 18, 22, 26 and 30 and say what is happening in each one, without looking at the text.
4. Put a name from the story by each of these jobs. Say what you do in the jobs.
a chef, b teacher, c lawyer, d judge
5. In the book it says that Tony works with computers and got a good job with computers in Scotland. What do you think he does?
6. What do you think happens to Stella and Tony in Scotland?
7. Make up a new title for the story and new chapter titles.
8. You are Daisy. Write a letter to your grandmother telling her about your new life in Scotland.
9. At the end of the story Daisy is teaching Tony about horses. Write down 5–10 things you could teach someone about horses.
10. Write some true/false sentences as a quiz for another student.