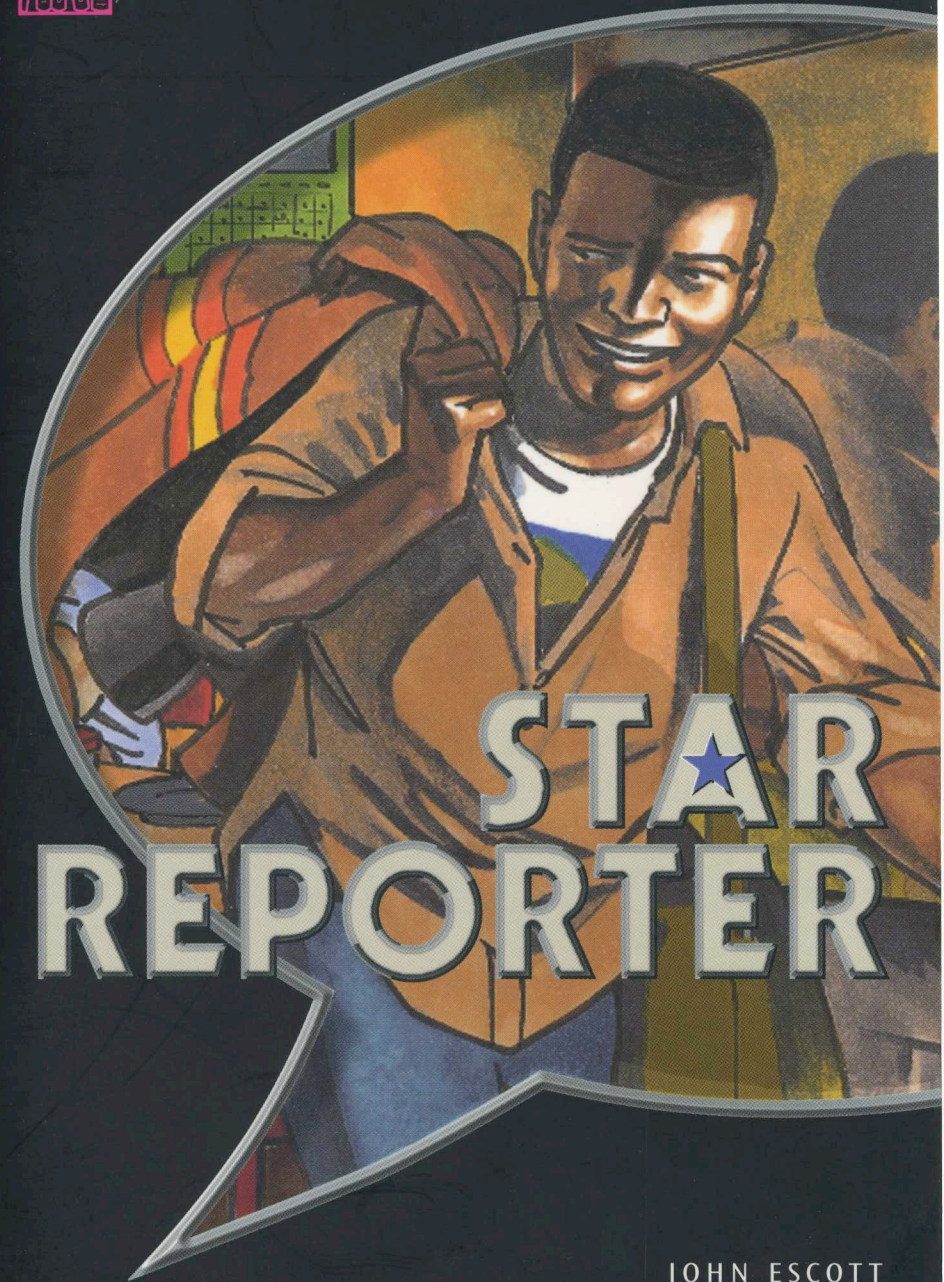




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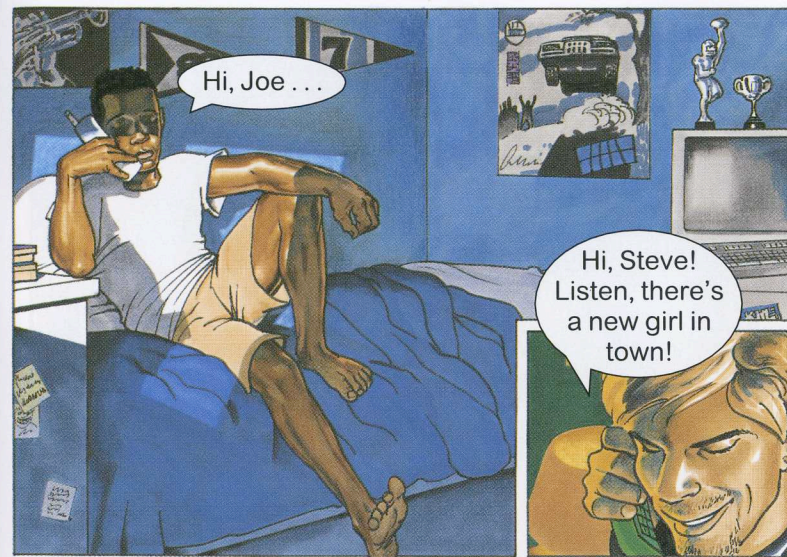
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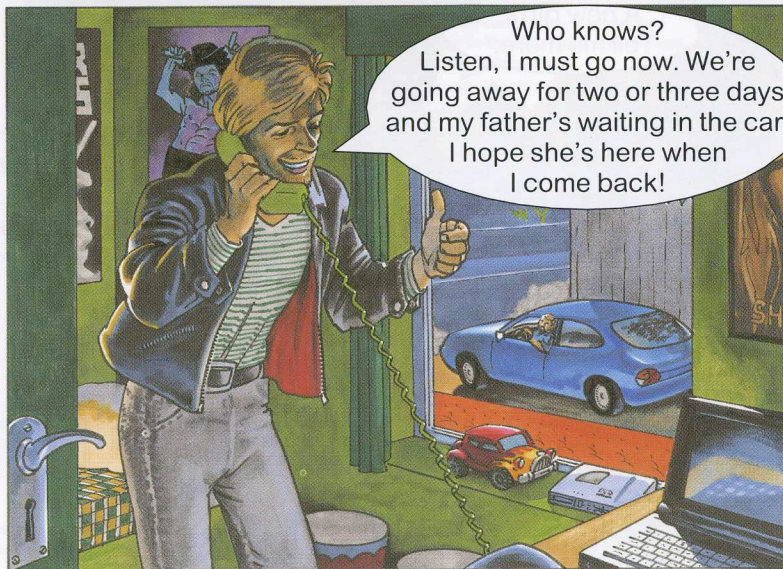
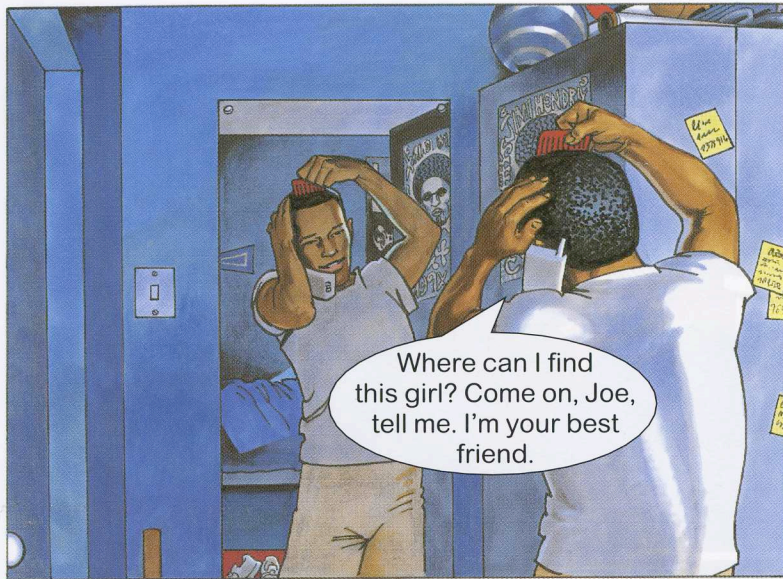
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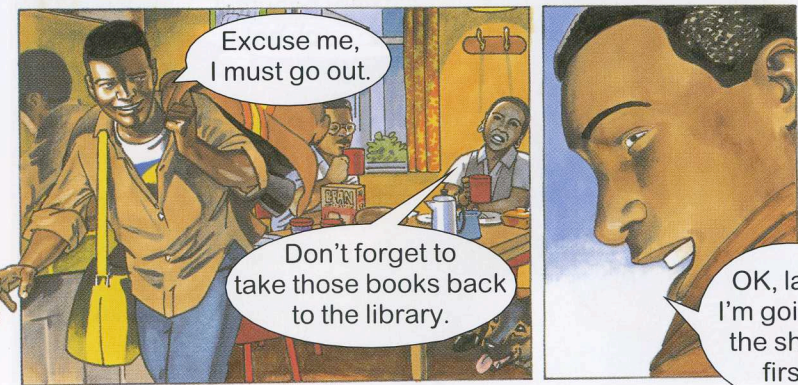
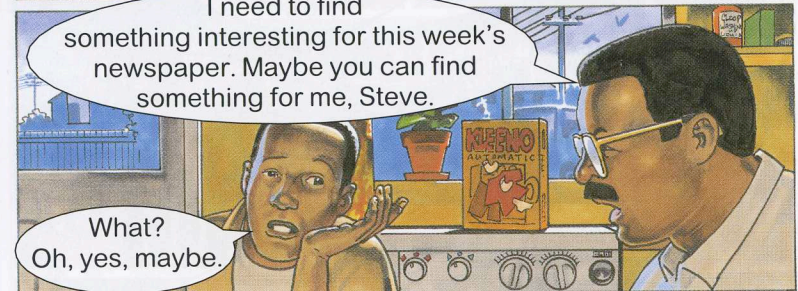
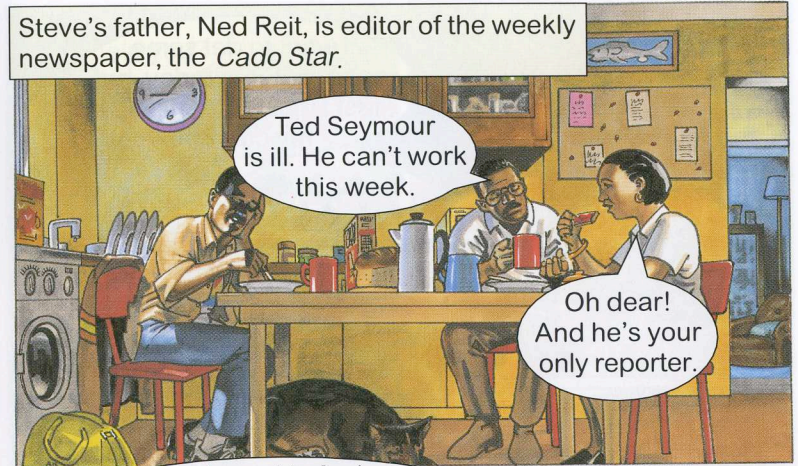
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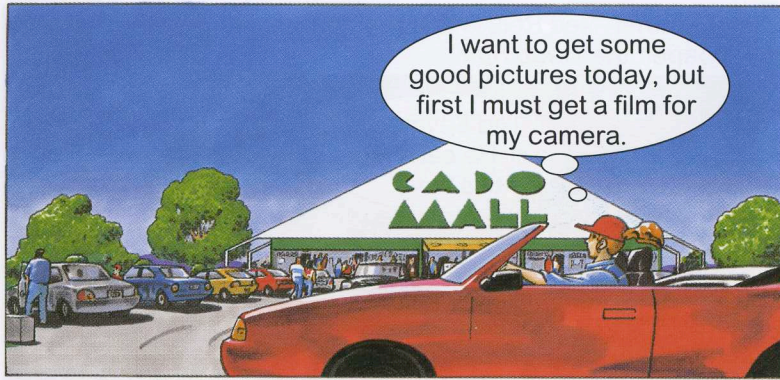
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Steve's father, Ned Reit, is editor of the weekly newspaper, the *Cado Star*.





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!

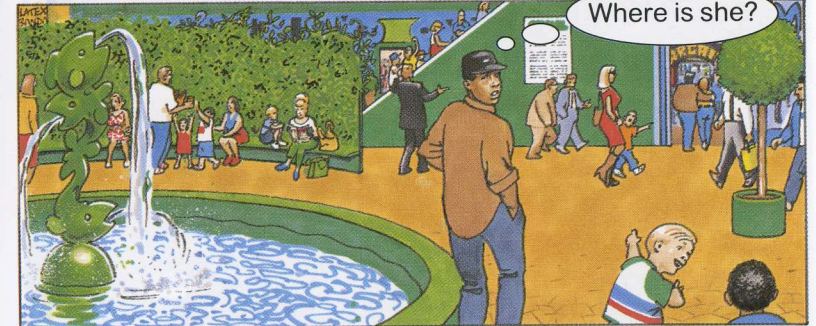


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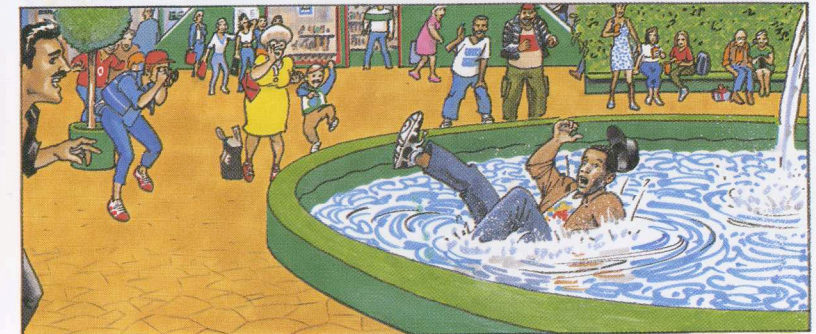
I need some film for my camera.

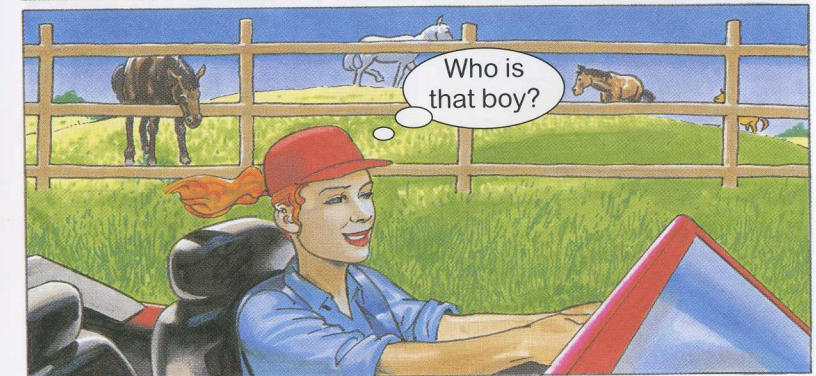
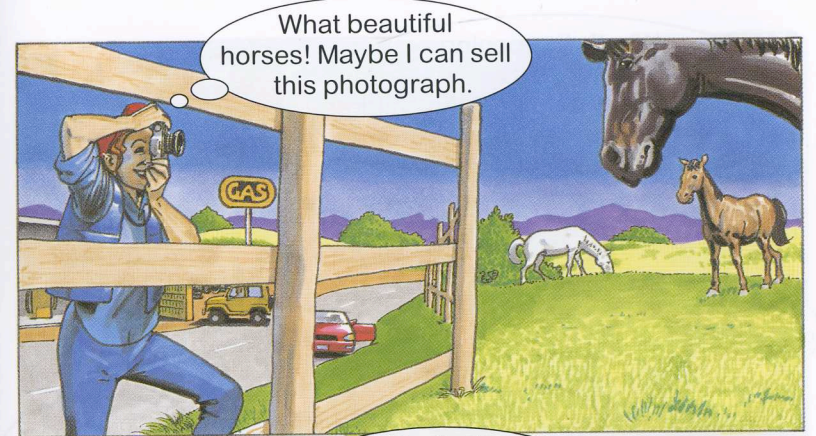
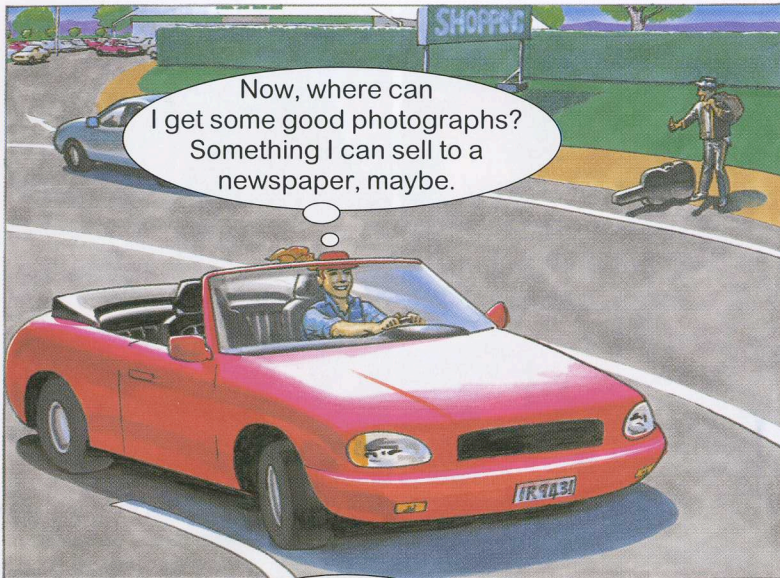


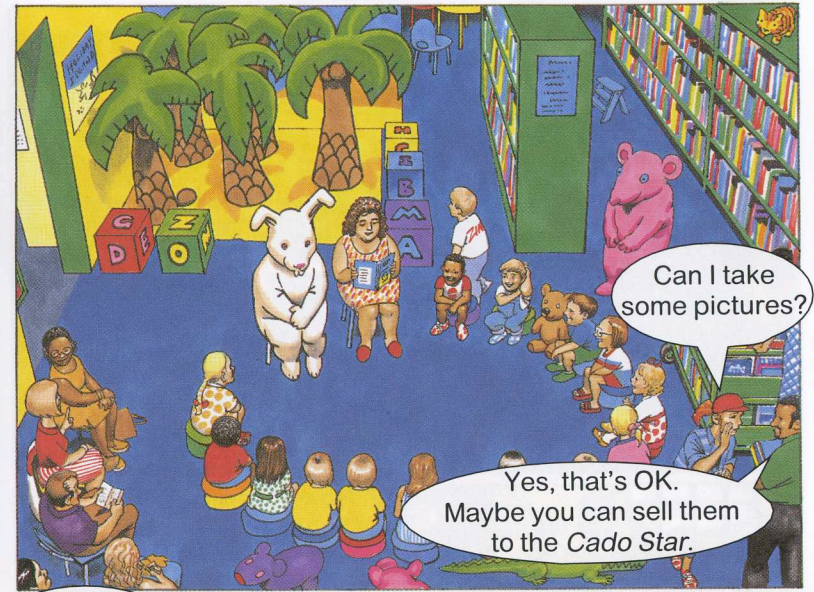
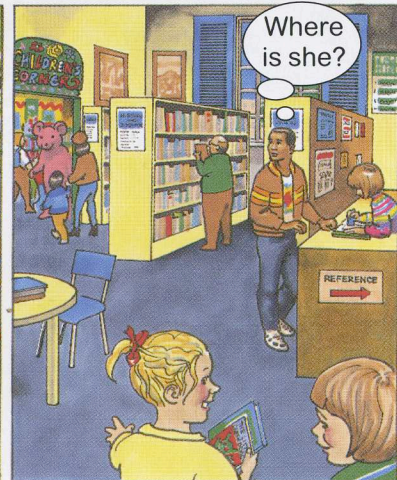
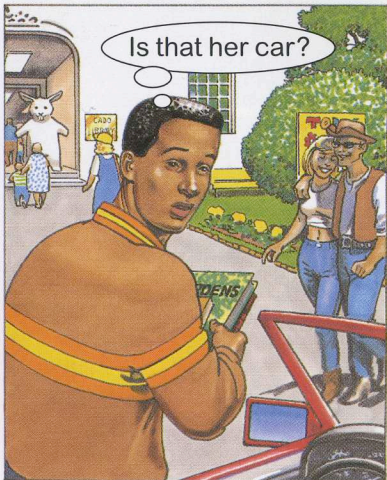
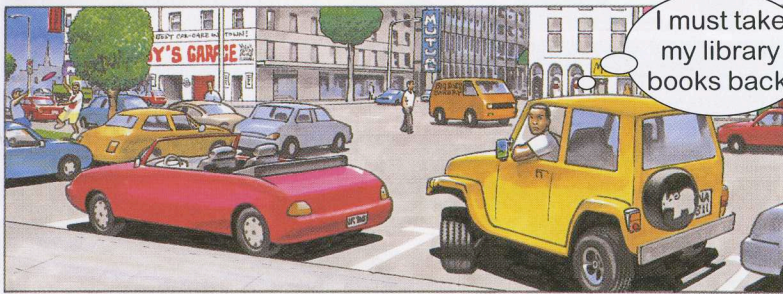
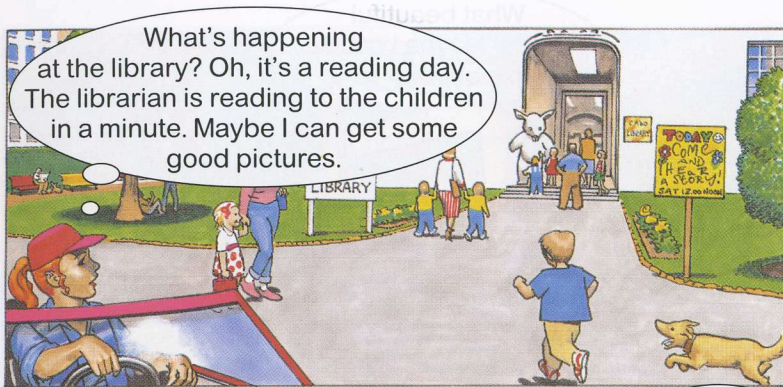
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Where is she?



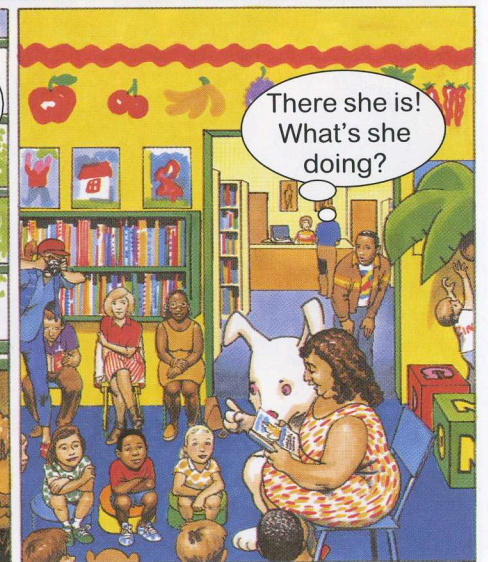




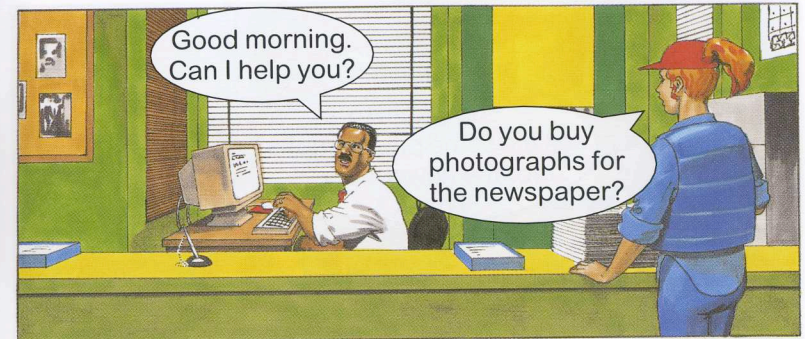
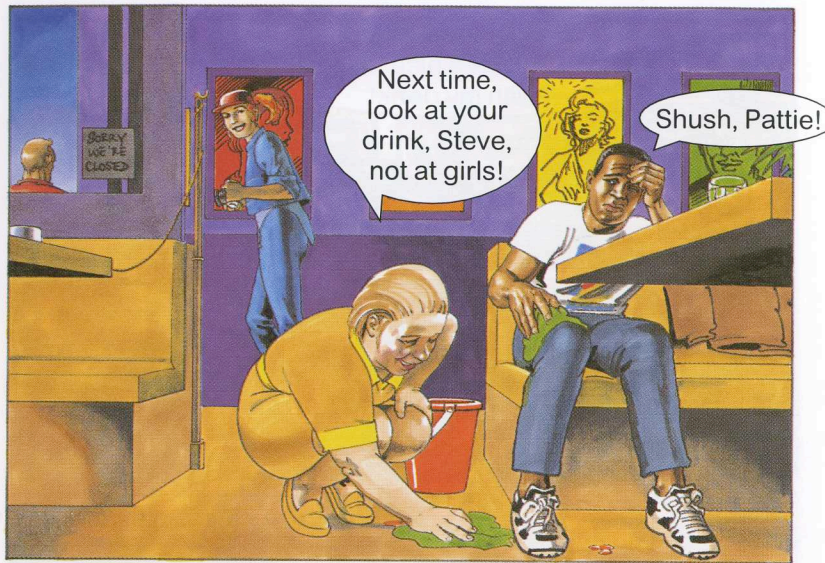
Yes, that's OK. Maybe you can sell them to the Cado Star.

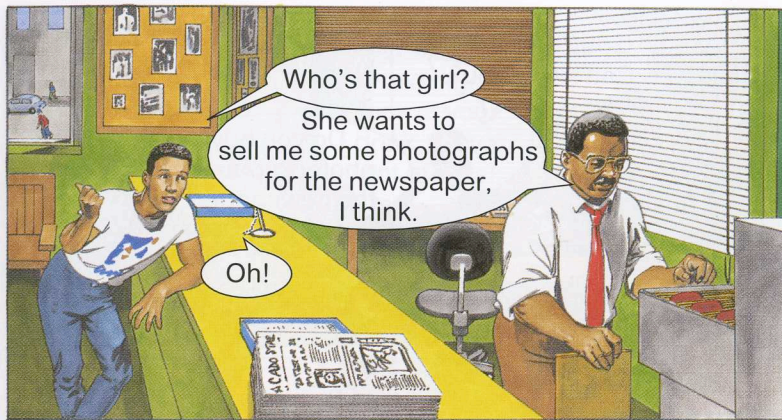


That's interesting.









Who's that girl?
She wants to sell me some photographs for the newspaper, I think.

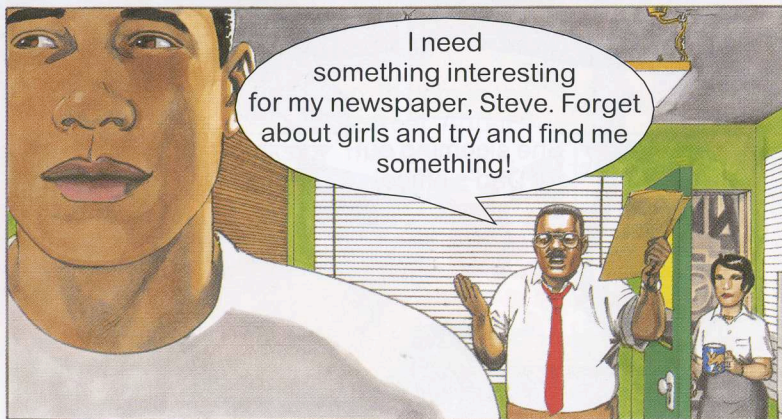
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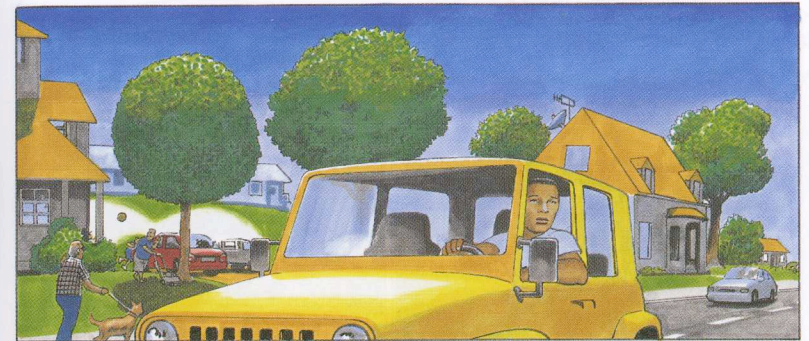
Is she coming back?

How do I know? Why?

Oh, nothing. It doesn't matter.



I need something interesting for my newspaper, Steve. Forget about girls and try and find me something!



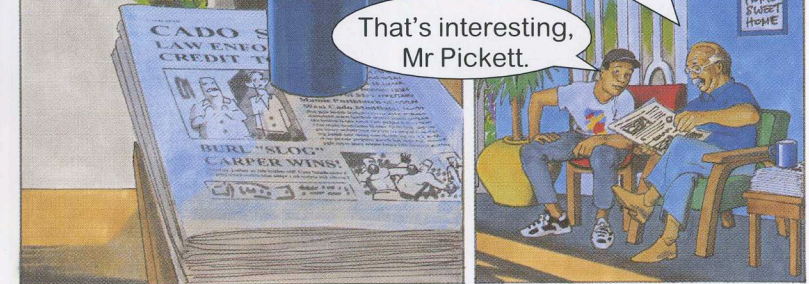
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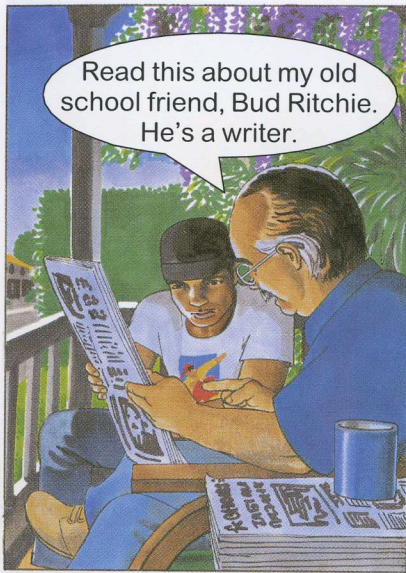
Hi, Steve. Come and talk to me for a minute. There is something I want you to see.



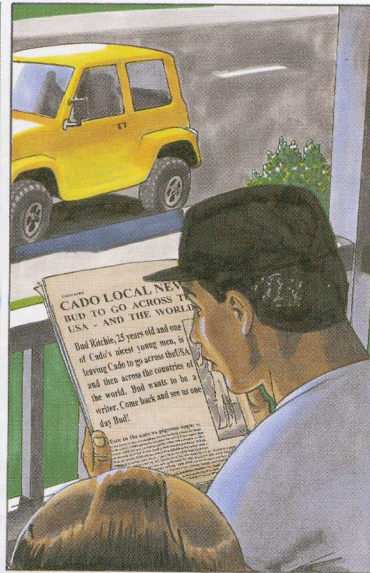
Look, Steve. This an old *Cado Star*, from 1970. I've got a lot of old *Stars* and I like to read them sometimes.

That's interesting, Mr Pickett.

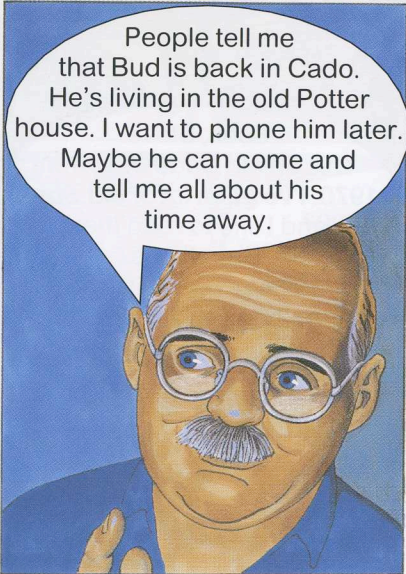




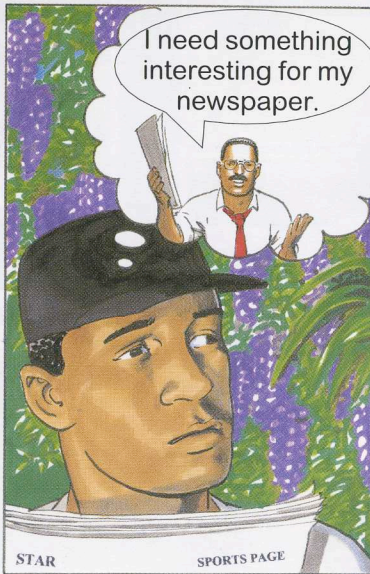
Read this about my old school friend, Bud Ritchie. He's a writer.



CADO LOCAL NEWS: BUD TO GO ACROSS THE USA - AND THE WORLD!
Bud Ritchie, 25 years old and one of Cado's smart young men, is leaving Cado to go across the USA and then across the countries of the world. Bud wants to be a writer. Come back and see us one day Bud!

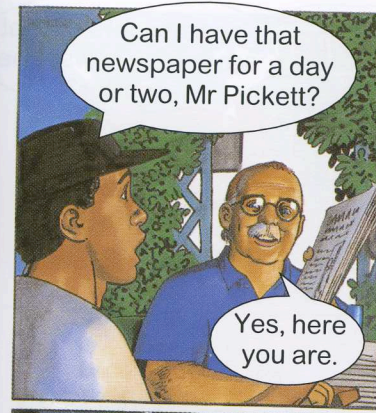


People tell me that Bud is back in Cado. He's living in the old Potter house. I want to phone him later. Maybe he can come and tell me all about his time away.



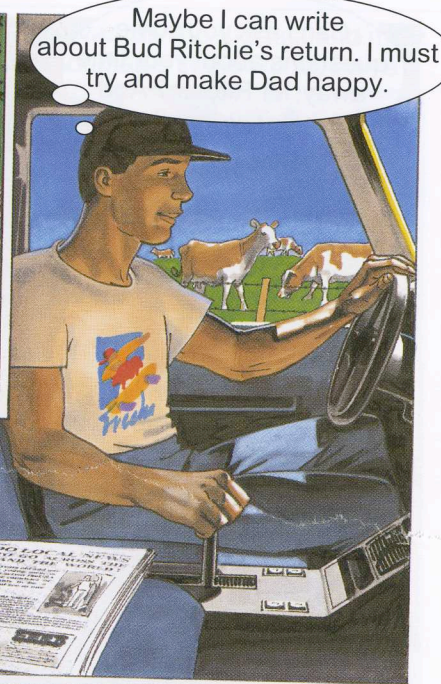
I need something interesting for my newspaper.

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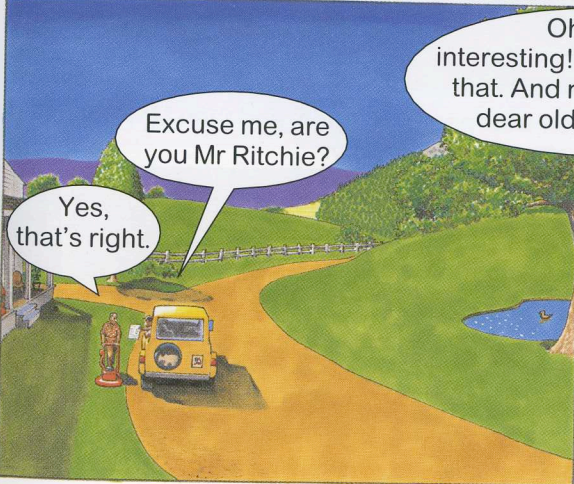


Can I have that newspaper for a day or two, Mr Pickett?

Yes, here you are.



Maybe I can write about Bud Ritchie's return. I must try and make Dad happy.



Excuse me, are you Mr Ritchie?

Yes, that's right.



Oh, that's interesting! I can remember that. And now I'm back in dear old Cado again.



Can I ask you some questions about your time away, Mr Ritchie? And your writing?

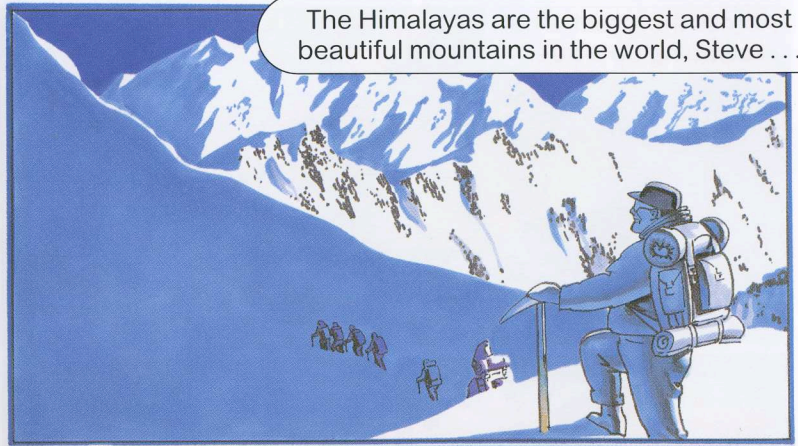
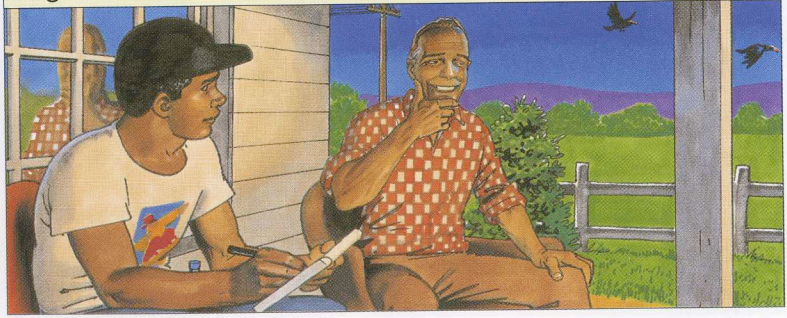
Yes, of course. What are you? A newspaper reporter?



My father is editor of the *Cado Star*. His only reporter is ill, and he needs something interesting for this week's paper.

Am I interesting? Yes, maybe I am.

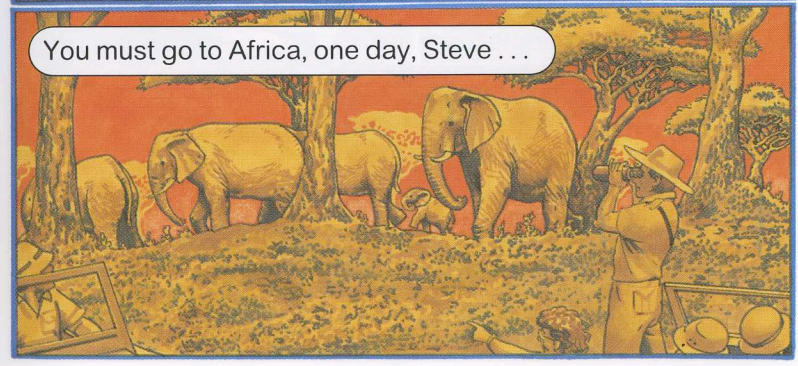
Steve asks Mr Ritchie for paper and pen, and then Mr Ritchie begins to tell him about his time away.



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

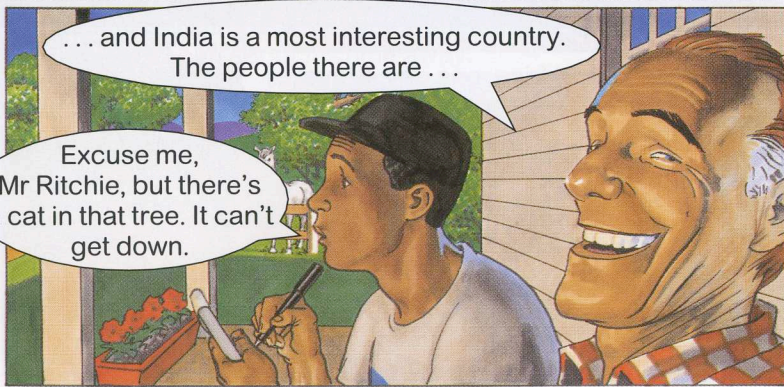
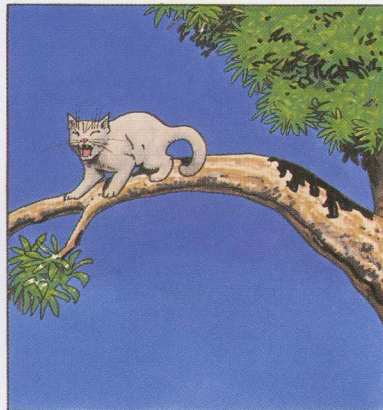
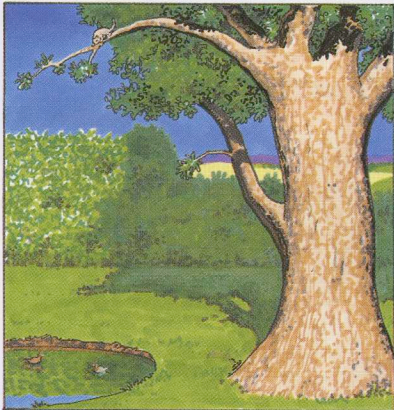
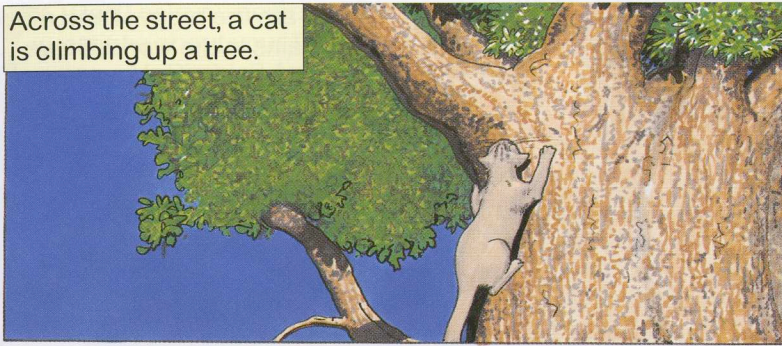


I like Paris. It's exciting . . .



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

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

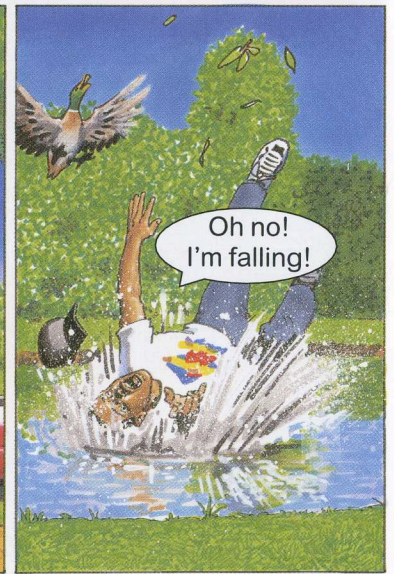
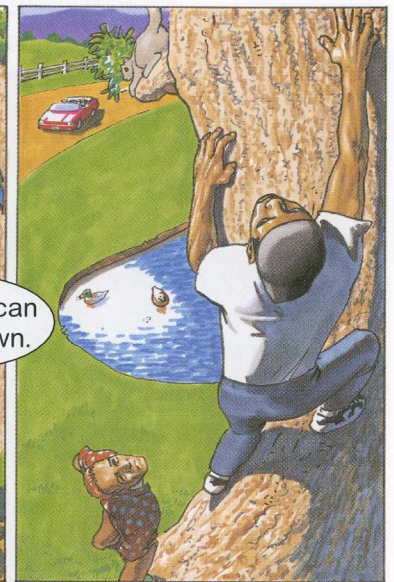


Excuse me, Mr Ritchie, but there's a cat in that tree. It can't get down.

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



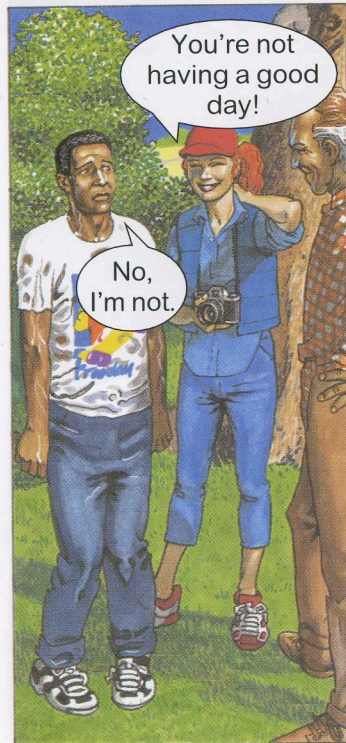
It's OK, I can get it down.





Here, give me your hand.

Oh! Thanks

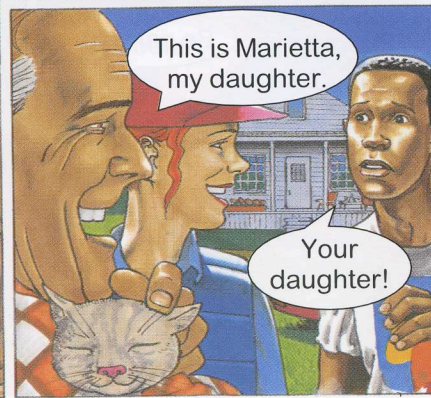


You're not having a good day!

No, I'm not.

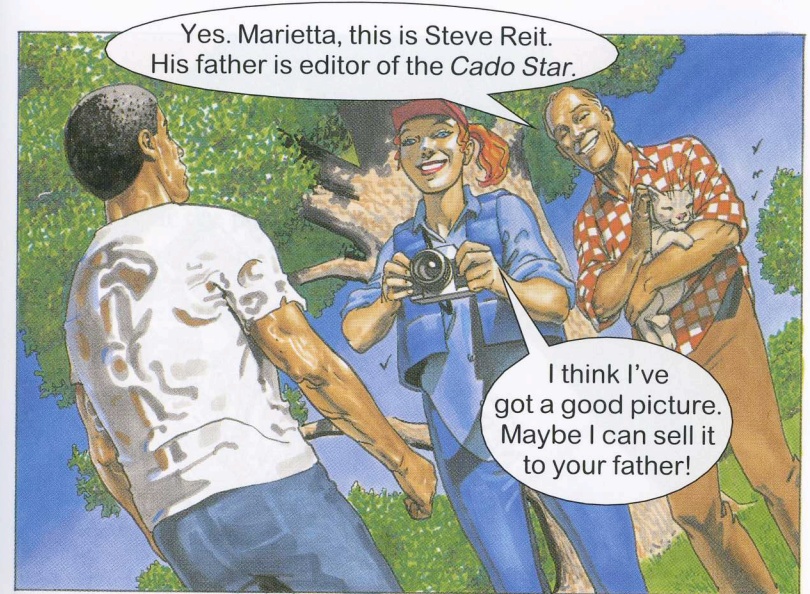


The cat is OK.



This is Marietta, my daughter.

Your daughter!



Yes. Marietta, this is Steve Reit. His father is editor of the *Cado Star*.

I think I've got a good picture. Maybe I can sell it to your father!



A week later ...

You take good photographs, Marietta.

And you're a good newspaper reporter, Steve.



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.

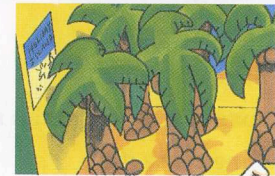
Whose arm is this?
What happens next?



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
- world** every country is in the world