While reading
Chapters 1–2
1 Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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a. The Prime Minister feels better when he thinks about people at the …………….
b. Billy makes a mistake while singing a song in a …………….
c. Jamie leaves Katya in his …………….
d. Karen gets a phone call from her brother when she is in her …………….
e. Mark films a video in a …………….
f. The Prime Minister meets the people who work for him before he goes into his …………….

2 Decide whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F). Correct the false ones.

a. Jamie meets his older brother in his home after the wedding.  
   [ ]

b. Daniel’s wife liked the Bay City Rollers when she was young.  
   [ ]

c. Sarah thinks Mark might be in love with Peter.  
   [ ]

d. Sarah fell in love with Karl one week after she began working at Fairtrade.  
   [ ]

e. The DJ in Watford likes Billy’s Christmas song.  
   [ ]

f. Billy plans to spend Christmas with his manager.  
   [ ]

3 Match each character (a–g) with two descriptions from the list (1–14).

a. Billy …..  
   1) is a busy mother.
   2) is the boss of a company.
   3) is interviewed on the radio.
   4) loves a colleague.
   5) needs to talk to someone.
   6) feels old and lonely.
   7) breaks a promise.

b. Katya …..

c. Daniel …..

d. Karen …..

e. Mark …..

f. Sarah …..

4 Underline the correct word(s).

a. The Prime Minister wants / doesn’t want a closer relationship with the United States.
   [ ]

b. Harry likes / doesn’t like Christmas.
   [ ]

c. Karen thinks Daniel should be more careful / cheerful.
   [ ]

d. Daniel is surprised / upset when he talks to his stepson.
   [ ]

e. Sarah is putting on her coat / make-up when Karl leaves the Fairtrade offices.
   [ ]

f. Sarah / Natalie has just left her boyfriend.
   [ ]

5 Choose the correct ending to each of these sentences.

a. The Prime Minister bangs his head on the table because he …..
   1) stays in his room.
   2) Billy behaves badly on TV.
   3) is wearing a sexy dress.
   4) can’t speak each other’s language.
   5) doesn’t want to fall in love with Natalie.
   6) is embarrassed about something.
   7) missed a chance to talk to Karl.
   8) is alone again.

b. Harry tries not to look at Mia because she …..
   1) stays in his room.
   2) Billy behaves badly on TV.
   3) is wearing a sexy dress.
   4) can’t speak each other’s language.
   5) doesn’t want to fall in love with Natalie.
   6) is embarrassed about something.
   7) missed a chance to talk to Karl.
   8) is alone again.

C. Read the text and answer the following questions:

- Who is Harry?
  - He is a stepfather.

- Does Daniel like Christmas?
  - Yes, Daniel likes Christmas.

- Is Karen careful or cheerful?
  - Karen is cheerful.

- Does Sarah cheat on her boyfriend?
  - No, Sarah doesn’t cheat on her boyfriend.

- Does Karl leave the Fairtrade offices?
  - Yes, Karl leaves the Fairtrade offices.

- Does the DJ in Watford like Billy’s Christmas song?
  - Yes, the DJ does like Billy’s Christmas song.

- Does Sarah put on her coat or make-up when Karl leaves?
  - Yes, Sarah puts on her coat when Karl leaves.

- Does Sarah or Natalie have just left her boyfriend?
  - No, neither Sarah nor Natalie has just left her boyfriend.

- Does Sam fall in love with someone who is a stepfather?
  - No, Sam doesn’t fall in love with someone who is a stepfather.

- Does Jamie look sadly at his typewriter because he falls in love with Natalie?
  - No, Jamie doesn’t look sadly at his typewriter because he falls in love with Natalie.

- Does Jamie and Aurelia have a problem because they are alone?
  - No, Jamie and Aurelia don’t have a problem because they are alone.
6 Look at these sentences. Say who is talking and who the person is talking to. Say why the person says the sentence.

a ‘But I have decided … not to.’

b ‘I’ll just wait under the mistletoe, hoping for a kiss.’

c ‘Well, that’s not as bad as I thought.’

d ‘… I could have him murdered.’

e ‘And now it’s time for the advertisements.’

f ‘But I think I recorded something else over it, so don’t get too hopeful.’

Chapters 5–6

7 Choose the correct answer.

a The Prime Minister becomes more confident because he is …..
   1) annoyed.
   2) afraid.
   3) anxious.

b Karen likes …..
   1) the Pointer Sisters.
   2) Joni Mitchell.
   3) the Beatles.

c Jamie is writing …..
   1) a love story.
   2) a crime story.
   3) a comedy.

d Sarah doesn’t go to work after the party because …..
   1) she drank too much.
   2) she spent the night with Mark.
   3) her brother isn’t well.

8 Complete the sentences with words from the box. One word is used twice.

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a Mark walks away from Juliet …….. he doesn’t want to be hurt.

b The Prime Minister wants Natalie to have another job …….. he likes her.

c Sam comes in …….. his father is staring at a photograph.

d Sam can’t sleep …….. Joanna is going back to America.

e Sam becomes a drummer …….. he sees Billy’s Christmas song.

f Sam thinks Joanna will like him …….. he is in a rock group.

g Sarah is talking to Mia …….. Karl asks her to dance.

9 There are mistakes in these sentences. Write the correct information.

a The Prime Minister says that the American President is very clever.

b Jamie dived into the lake to get the papers and then Aurelia dived in as well.

c Sarah thinks her brother looks better than he did before.

d Harry is worried because the shop assistant is so quick.

e Jamie is learning Portuguese from a teacher.

f Sam always asks his stepfather about his love life.

Chapters 7–9

10 What happened first? Put the sentences in order and number them, 1–8.

a Joanna kisses Sam.

b Sarah visits her brother.

c Aurelia meets Jamie’s friends.

d The Prime Minister kisses Natalie.

e Karen goes to the school play.

f Jamie meets Aurelia’s family.

g Elton John invites Billy to a party.

h Juliet kisses Mark.

i Daniel drives Sam to the airport.

j The Prime Minister meets Natalie’s family.

11 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)?

a Karen likes her Christmas present.  
   □

b Billy expected his song to be Number One.  
   □

c Sarah feels cheerful when she rings her brother.  
   □

d Mark tells Juliet that he loves her.  
   □

e Joe isn’t invited to Elton John’s party.  
   □

f Aurelia lives in Portugal.  
   □

12 Look at these sentences. Say who is talking and who the person is talking to. Say why the person says the sentence.

a ‘It’s carol singers.’

b ‘And, sadly, it is clear to me that you are, in fact, the person I love.’

c ‘This is not quite as private as we’d hoped.’

d ‘Choose England.’

e ‘They’ve got time.’
1 Choose the correct answer.
   a Joe and Billy agree that his new song is …..
       1) great.
       2) sad.
       3) silly.
   b Katya wants Jamie to …..
       1) go.
       2) stay with her.
       3) say that he loves her.
   c At the wedding, Peter and Juliet are surprised by …..
       1) a pop song.
       2) Brazilian dancers.
       3) traditional wedding music.
   d Natalie is embarrassed because she …..
       1) did not recognise the Prime Minister.
       2) forgets the Prime Minister’s name.
       3) calls the Prime Minister ‘David’.

2 Complete the sentences with names from the box.
   Sarah  Mike  Mia  Mark  Jo  Chris
   a ………….. says he wants to borrow some old CDs.
   b At the funeral, Daniel shows pictures of …………..
   c Sarah and ………….. dislike the DJ at the wedding.
   d ………….. always receives a lot of phone calls.
   e ………….. is listening to Billy’s song on the radio.
   f ………….., a radio DJ, likes Billy’s answer.

3 Underline the correct words.
   a The Prime Minister thinks that the United States is very fair / strong.
   b Harry tells Mia not to invite boyfriends and girlfriends / children to the Christmas party.
   c Karen doesn’t think Daniel should cry / worry.
   d The Prime Minister finds out that Natalie’s home is near Karen’s / Sarah’s home.
   e Natalie tells the Prime Minister she lives with her boyfriend / parents.

4 Complete these sentences in your own words.
   a The American President did not want to hear the British ministers’ …………..
   b The Prime Minister changes when he sees the American President touch …………..
   c The Prime Minister’s sister thinks that he has gone …………..
   d The Prime Minister is embarrassed because his secretary sees him when he is …………..
   e Aurelia refuses to eat cake because she doesn’t want to be …………..

5 Choose the correct ending to each of these sentences.
   a When Juliet visits Mark, he makes her feel …..
       1) nervous.
       2) happy.
       3) hurt.
       4) confused.
       5) sad.
   b When Natalie works for someone else, the Prime Minister feels …..
   c After Daniel and Sam watch the scene from Titanic, Sam feels …..
   d At the beginning of the Fairtrade Christmas party, Sarah feels …..
   e When Mia tells Harry she wants a Christmas gift, Harry feels …..
       1) nervous.
       2) happy.
       3) hurt.
       4) confused.
       5) sad.

6 Match the speakers with the words.
   1) Billy
   2) Joe
   3) Sarah
   4) Mark
   5) Harry
   a ‘Is it party time down there?’
   b ‘Enough … Enough now.’
   c ‘To continue your emotional improvement.’
   d ‘Thanks, man. I feel very proud.’
   e ‘Send an embarrassingly big car and I’ll be there.’

7 What happened first? Put the sentences in order and number them, 1–6.
   a Natalie and the Prime Minister wave at the parents.
   b The Prime Minister introduces Natalie to his sister.
   c The Prime Minister meets Natalie’s parents.
   d The Prime Minister reads Christmas cards.
   e Natalie and The Prime Minister kiss.
   f The Prime Minister sings a Christmas carol.

8 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false ones.
   a Karen is worried that her husband loves someone else. □
   b Sam suggests that he and Daniel drive to the airport. □
   c Joanna and her family are watching Billy Mack on TV at the airport. □
   d A crowd of people follow Jamie and Aurelia’s father through the streets. □
   e The Prime Minister runs to meet Natalie. □