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ENGLISH READERS

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## Before Reading

1. Look at the cover and find where the boy is. Tick ☒ the right answer:

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2. Look at the title and at the boy:

1. What's his name?
2. Circle the reason why he is in the box:

the man put him in the box

he is afraid

he is hiding

he is speaking on the phone

3. What can you imagine about him?

**HELP BOX:** box, danger, hiding, afraid ...

4. Do you think the man is a policeman or a gangster?

5. Recap orally about the cover.



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## Sam's Holiday Plans



### What's Wrong, Terry?

Sam can't concentrate on his new computer game. He looks at his mobile. Then **he gets up**<sup>1</sup> from his desk and walks to the window. It's a super, sunny Friday morning and, **what's even better**<sup>2</sup>, it's the first day of the summer holidays.

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But Sam doesn't look happy at the moment. **He goes back to his desk**<sup>3</sup> and looks at his mobile again. No calls.

No text messages. **What's wrong with his friend**<sup>4</sup>, Terry? Then he

**1. he gets up** il se lève | **2. what's even better** ce qui est encore mieux | **3. he goes back to his desk** il revient vers son bureau | **4. what's wrong with his friend?** qu'est-ce qui ne tourne pas rond chez son ami ?

has an idea. Maybe there's an e-mail from him. He's just looking at **his mailbox**<sup>1</sup> when his mobile suddenly rings. Sam is really excited. It can only be Terry, about the trip.

"Hi, Terry! So what's happening? Can I come with you?"

- 5 "Hi, Sam" answers Terry. "Yes, it's all OK. But listen, I'm coming over to your house now so I can help you pack. We're going in the morning."

"What? In the morning!" says Sam. "But Terry, my dad isn't at home at the moment so I can't ask him."

- 10 "Oh! Don't worry, Sam. Let's talk in a few minutes. I'm near your house now. **See you!**<sup>2</sup>"

When Terry arrived, they start to plan the trip together. Terry is going to his cousins' in **Uxbridge**<sup>3</sup> for a week and he doesn't want to go alone.

- 15 "My little cousin, Lily, doesn't like computer games," says Terry, "and **she can be a real baby**<sup>4</sup> sometimes. Please, Sam, you must come with me. You must!"

- "I want to go with you, but **I don't know about my dad**<sup>5</sup>," says Sam. "He comes home in an hour and he has no idea about our plans. Let's try and **forget it**<sup>6</sup> for now! Let's play my new computer game until Dad comes."

"No, we can do that later! **Let's pack**<sup>7</sup> your things for the trip now," Terry answers. "Where's your bag, Sam?"

- 25 Later Sam leaves Terry in his room and goes downstairs. His dad and his grandmother are now in the kitchen.

"Oh, hi, Dad," says Sam. He tries **to look cool**<sup>8</sup> – like he isn't

1. **his mailbox** sa boîte de réception | 2. **see you!** à tout de suite ! |  
3. **Uxbridge** ville au nord-est de Londres | 4. **she can be a real baby** elle peut vraiment être un vrai bébé | 5. **I don't know about my dad** je ne sais pas ce qu'en pensera mon père | 6. **forget it** oublions ça | 7. **let's pack** emballons | 8. **to look cool** avoir l'air cool

there just to ask **the big question**<sup>1</sup>. He turns to his grandmother.

“Terry is still here, **Grandma**<sup>2</sup>. Can he please have lunch with us?”

“Yes, if he likes **chicken casserole**<sup>3</sup>,” his grandmother answers, “and if **that’s OK with you**<sup>4</sup>, Dave?”

Sam’s dad is reading his letters. He looks up and **nods**<sup>5</sup>, then says 5  
to his son, “Hello, Sam. Is everything OK?”

“Oh! Yeah, fine,” he answers. “Uh, Dad, Terry is going to visit his aunt and uncle in Uxbridge for a week.”

“That’s nice. Where is Terry?” his dad asks.

“Upstairs, he’s reading his mails on my computer,” answers Sam. 10  
He knows he must now ask the question.

“Dad, can I go with him? It’s not far. It’s in London so we can go on **the underground**<sup>6</sup> ...” So far, so good<sup>7</sup>, thinks Sam.

“Sam, please, not so fast. We don’t know the family ...”

“Yes, but you’re friends with Terry’s dad and they’re his **relatives**<sup>8</sup>,” 15  
Sam says quickly.

“Dave, Sam is right,” says Grandma. “Maybe you can talk to Terry’s dad and think about it again.”

Sam sees his grandma wants to help him. He thinks, thank you, Grandma, but he says, “But, Dad, we haven’t got time. Terry is 20  
leaving early in the morning!”

“OK, OK, Sam. Let’s just speak to the Jacksons first. Then maybe I can drive you and Terry to Uxbridge. It’s better if I meet the family. But now, Sam, please go up and bring your friend down to lunch. We don’t want your grandmother’s famous chicken casserole 25  
**to go cold**<sup>9</sup>!”

1. **the big question** la vraie question | 2. **grandma** (abréviation de *grandmother*) grand-mère | 3. **chicken casserole** le poulet à la casserole | 4. **if that’s OK with you** si tu es d’accord | 5. **(he) nods** il fait oui de la tête | 6. **the underground** le métro | 7. **so far so good** jusqu’à là tout va bien | 8. **his relatives** des parents à lui | 9. **to go cold** refroidir

**SAM'S HOLIDAY PLANS****What's Wrong, Terry?**

1. What's the weather like? Read and circle the correct picture:



2. What season is it? Circle the correct picture:



3. Can you name the seasons in English?

4. Circle the day of the week in the story:

Saturday

Monday

Tuesday

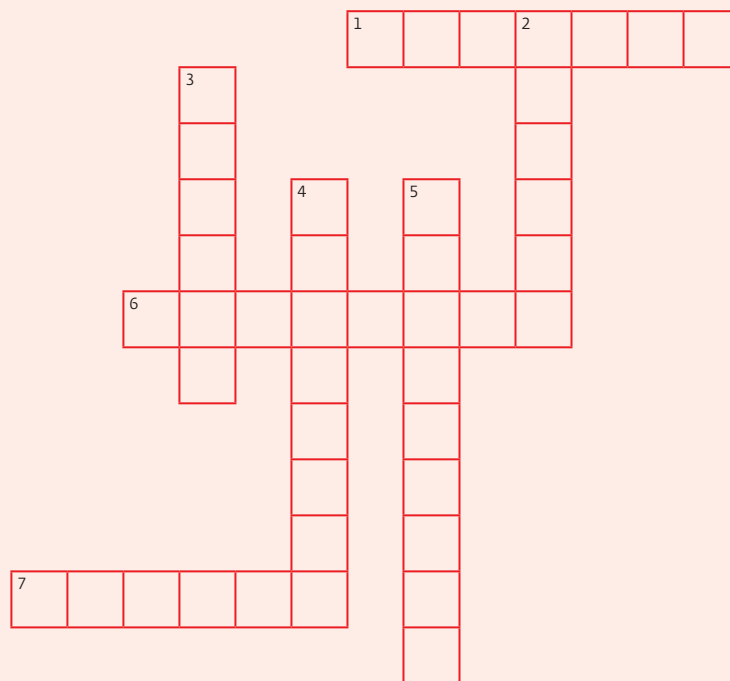
Thursday

Sunday

Friday

Wednesday

5. Say the days of the week in the correct order.

**6. Now fill in the criss-cross puzzle:****Across**

- 1. the day before Wednesday
- 6. the beginning of the weekend
- 7. the day after Thursday

**Down**

- 2. nobody works
- 3. the first day of the week
- 4. the fourth day of the week
- 5. it's the middle of the week





7. What's the name of the hero? Tick ☒ the right answer.

☐ Sam    ☐ Terry

8. What's the name of his friend?

☐ Sam    ☐ Terry

9. Where are they?

☐ at Sam's house    ☐ at Terry's house    ☐ at school

10. What does Sam plan to do for the holidays?

- ☐ go to Terry's house
- ☐ go to Terry's cousin's house
- ☐ go to his grandmother's house

11. Does his father agree?

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## Sam's New Uxbridge Friends

1. Who is who? Listen and match the two columns:

Lily

Cindy

Josh

Lily's dog

Terry's cousin

Lily's brother