

ESL
EXTRAS

Six Stories from HOPE STREET



SAMPLE PAGES



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1.

Where are my keys?

I'm Natasha. I live at Number 15 Hope Street, with my son Alex and my daughter Ivana. This is what happened last week...



It was Monday morning.

I was in a hurry.

"Where are my keys?" I said.

"Here they are, Mum," said Alex.

"No, not those keys,"
I said.

"Those are Ivana's keys.
I need my car keys."



“Here they are, Mum!” said Ivana.

She held up some keys.



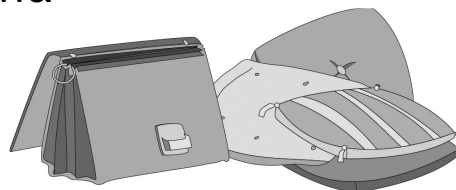
“Sorry, love, not those keys,” I said.

Those are the back door keys.

I want my car keys.”

We looked everywhere.

I looked in my bag and
under the cushions.

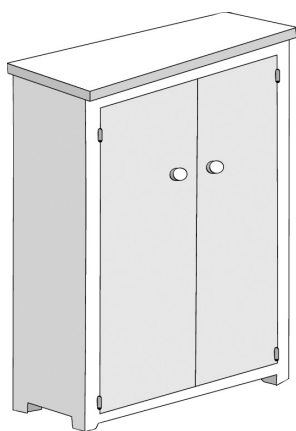
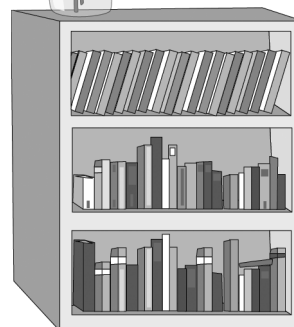


Alex looked on the bookcase
and behind the flowers.



Ivana looked on top of
the cupboard.

We couldn't find the keys.



“I have to go to work,” I said.

I ran for the bus, but I missed it,
so I walked to work.

I was late.



I got home at 7 p.m.

“Mum,” said Ivana. “Come with me!”

We went outside to my car.

There were my keys—in the car.

QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS TO ASK

STORY 1

> **Before reading**

Learners have begun work with past tense, and understand location (under, on, on top of)

Vocabulary hurry, key, hold/held up, cushions

> **Picture prediction**

- Who are the people?
- What is the boy holding?
- What is the girl holding?
- What's happening?
- What are they doing?

> **After reading: questions**

- What day was it?
- What did Natasha want?
- What did her son have?
- What did her daughter have?
- Where did they look?
- Did they find the keys that morning?
- How did Natasha get to work?
- Why was she late?
- What time did she get home?
- Where were the keys?

> **Language to note**

in a hurry, hold up, have to, miss (the bus, rather than miss a person), get home

> **Discussion: extending the text**

- Is it safe to leave keys in the car?
- Was Natasha lucky that no one stole the car?
- What will Natasha do next?

> **Discussion: about learners' lives**

- Where do you keep your keys?
- Do you ever lose your keys?
- Have you got spare keys?
- Where's the best place to keep keys? (Don't tell us your secret place, just in general.)

> **Extra work on spelling/sounds**

Short vowel sounds:

- **a:** Alex, ran, bag, have to
- **e:** went
- **i:** in, with, missed
- **o:** got, top
- **u:** hurry, cupboard, Mum, bus, under

Surprising spellings:

- **e** sound: said
- **o** sound: was
- **u** sound: Monday, son, come
- **u** spelling: cushion (short **oo** sound)

Next page: Where are my keys? >>

First check you have all the items listed on the cards (bag, sunglasses, water bottle, chair, table, book). Learners pick a 'cut up' card (without showing it to the others) and must put a bunch of keys in the place specified on the card. The other students in the group then say where the keys are. The first student shows the card, to check they are right.



Cut up cards: Where are my keys?

on the chair	under the chair
behind the chair	in front of the chair
on the table	under the table
next to the book	under the book
on top of the book	near the book
under the bag	in the bag
next to the bag	in front of the bag
behind the bag	under the sunglasses
near the sunglasses	behind the water bottle
in front of the water bottle	next to the water bottle

1 Quiz

Circle the correct answer.

1. The story starts on:

- Monday evening.
- Monday morning.
- Tuesday morning.

3. Alex looked:

- under the bookcase.
- behind the bookcase.
- on the bookcase.

2. Alex had:

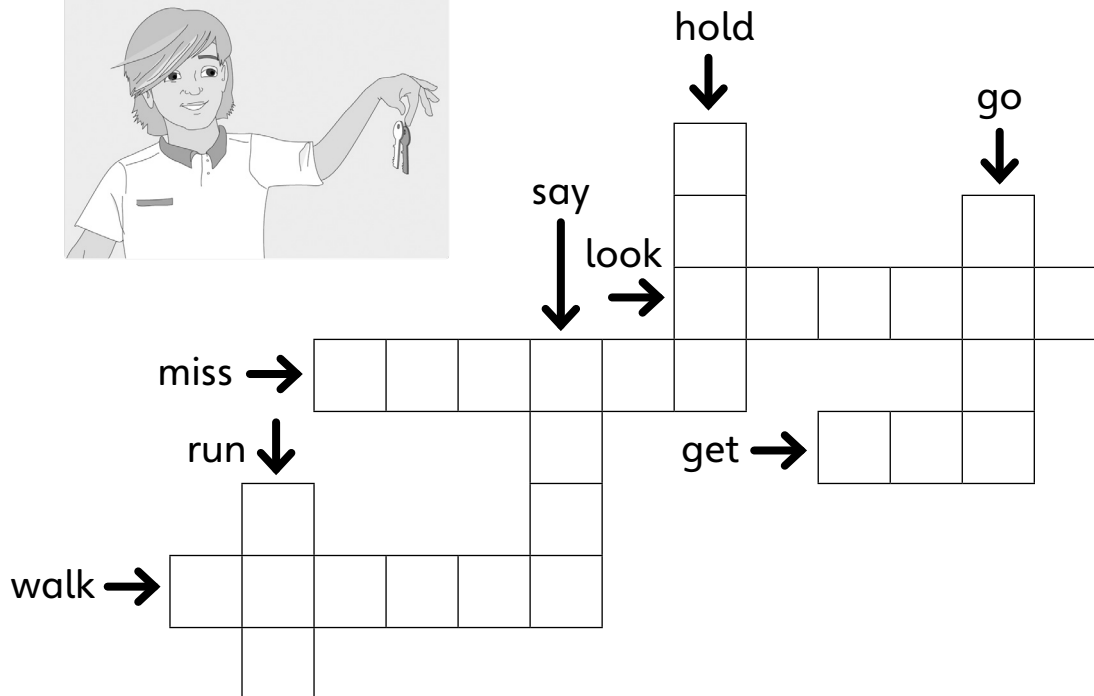
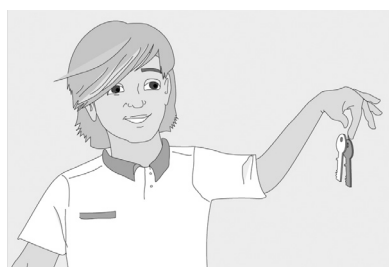
- his sister's keys.
- the back door keys.
- the car keys.

4. The keys were:

- behind the door.
- in the car.
- in Natasha's bag.

2 Past tense crossword

Write the past tense of the verb. All the answers are in the story.



(Turn the page for some help.)

ran	held	looked	went
walked	said	got	missed



3

Missing words

Write the missing words.

It was _____ morning.

I was in a _____ .



car
they
hurry
keys
those
Monday

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“Here _____ are, Mum,” said Alex.

“No, not _____ keys,” I said.

“Those are Ivana’s keys. I need my _____ keys.”

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Son and daughter, brother and sister

Which words are male? Which words are female?

Mum brother Dad Mr ~~daughter~~ sister Ms him
her Mrs he mother ~~son~~ his father she

Male	Female
son	daughter

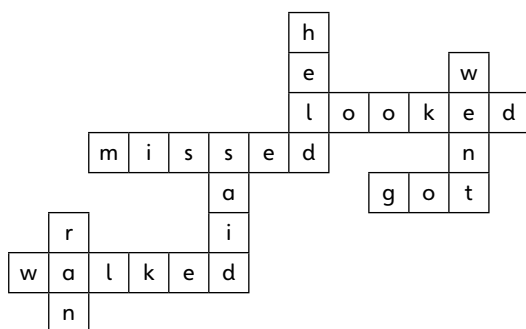
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WORKSHEET ANSWER KEY

STORY 1 ANSWERS

1 QUIZ

1. Monday morning.
2. his sister's keys.
3. on the bookcase.
4. in the car.

2 PAST TENSE CROSSWORD



3 MISSING WORDS

Monday, hurry, keys, they, those, car

4 SON AND DAUGHTER, BROTHER AND SISTER

Male	Female
son	daughter
brother	Mum
Dad	sister
Mr	Ms
him	her
he	Mrs
his	mother
father	she

STORY 2 ANSWERS

1 QUIZ

1. cheese biscuits.
2. sister.
3. salt.
4. too big.

2 PAST TENSE CROSSWORD

