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Million Dollar Theft in San Francisco

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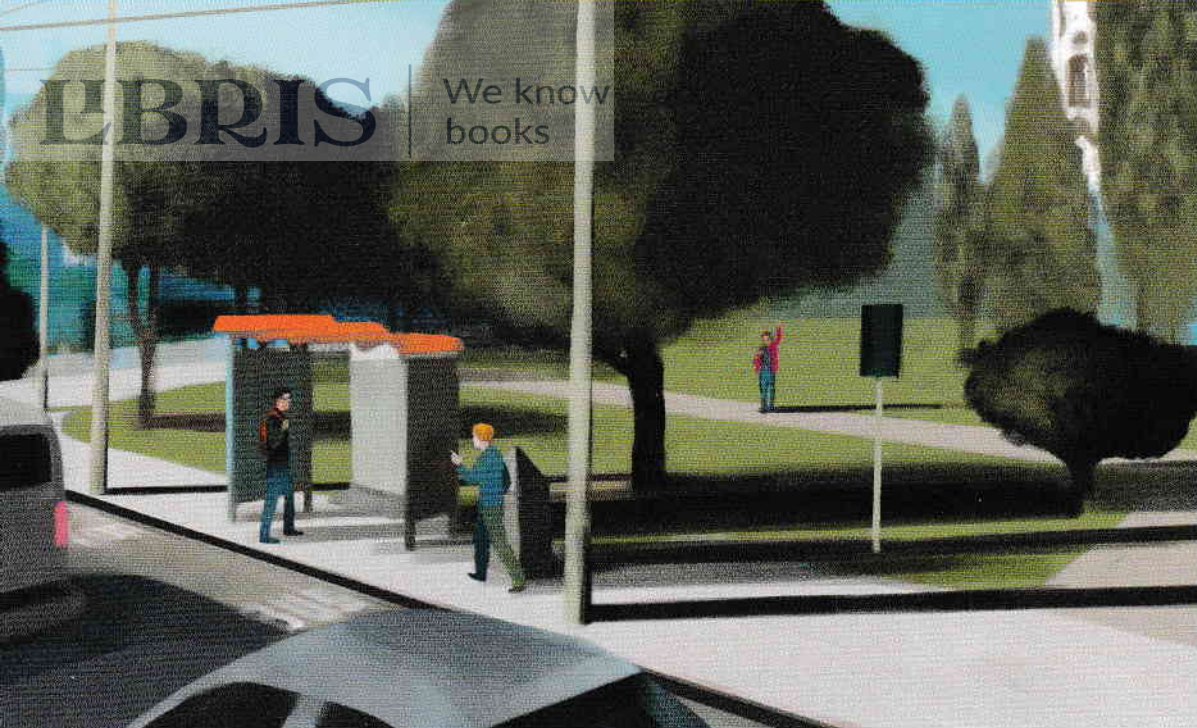
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CHAPTER ONE

WASHINGTON SQUARE



It was a sunny morning at the end of June and Jim Reilly was getting ready to go to work. He had a summer job at a supermarket downtown. 

He recently bought a new motorcycle and now he was working to pay for it.

Jim was a tall, thin boy of sixteen and wore glasses. He had brown hair, blue eyes and a friendly smile. Science was Jim's favorite subject and he wanted to become a biologist. He lived on Telegraph Hill with his grandfather because his mother died when he was a young boy and his father lived in another city.

"Bye, grandpa!" said Jim, running to the front door. "I'm going to meet Brian at the bus stop, and I'm already late."

"OK, Jim," said Mr Reilly, a friendly man of about sixty-five. "Don't be late for dinner!"

Jim ran down Telegraph Hill all the way to Washington Square, a

1. **grandpa** : short form for grandfather.

beautiful park, where he met his best friend, Brian Wilson, who was standing at the bus stop.

Brian was a tall boy of sixteen, with blond, curly hair and green eyes. He lived with his parents, who owned a grocery store in North Beach, a colorful neighborhood near Telegraph Hill.

Brian and Jim were classmates at Galileo High School and they both played basketball on the school team. Brian was the best player and he wanted to become a professional basketball player.

He and Jim often did their homework together, and Jim helped Brian with math, a subject he didn't like.

"Hi Brian!" said Jim. "I thought I was late, but the bus isn't here yet."

"You're not late, but the bus is late this morning," said Brian, looking at his watch. "I don't want to be late on my second day of work at the hotel."

Brian had a summer job at the reception desk of the historic Barbary Coast Hotel and he was excited about it.

The hotel was a city landmark² because it was built during the California Gold Rush of 1849, and now it was one of the city's best and most expensive hotels.

"How was your first day at work?" asked Jim, who was curious.

"Well, there was a lot to learn," replied Brian, laughing. "The phones were always ringing and the guests of the hotel were asking a lot of questions, but I liked it. Today I start work at 9 o'clock, but tomorrow I have to be there at 6 in the morning—ugh! I'll have to use two alarm clocks to wake up at 5! I certainly don't have time for basketball practice this week."

"Look, there's Susan," said Jim, waving to a pretty African-American girl of sixteen who was crossing the park.

"Hi Susan!" Brian and Jim shouted.

2. **landmark** : an important building or place in a city or town.

PRELIMINARY

1 COMPREHENSION CHECK

Read the sentences below and choose the correct answer – A, B, C or D.

1 During the summer Jim worked at a supermarket downtown

- A but he didn't like the job.
- B because he wanted to buy a motorcycle.
- C because he needed money.
- D because his grandfather needed money.

2 Brian and Jim

- A wanted to become professional basketball players.
- B lived on Telegraph Hill.
- C helped Susan with her math homework.
- D were in the same class in high school.

3 Brian didn't like

- A reading books.
- B basketball practice.
- C math.
- D working in the summer.

4 Brian was worried

- A because he did not want to be late for work.
- B because he did not want to get up at 5 o'clock.
- C because he did not like the job at the hotel.
- D because the hotel was too far from his home.

5 Susan had a summer job at Happy Hounds,

- A a volunteer organization.
- B a pet shop on Union Street.
- C because her mother was vet.
- D a trendy clothes shop for teenagers.

6 Susan, Brian and Jim decided

- A to meet at the Barbary Coast Hotel.
- B to meet at the bus stop the next day.
- C to meet for the Fourth of July celebrations
- D to go to basketball practice next week.

2 VOCABULARY

A Circle the odd words out and explain why.

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|---|------------|----------|------------|--------------|
| 1 | pool | pond | lake | park |
| 2 | hobby | position | job | work |
| 3 | pretty | plain | attractive | good-looking |
| 4 | basketball | football | volleyball | swimming |
| 5 | son | grandpa | friend | daughter |
| 6 | boring | exciting | wonderful | amazing |

B Complete the sentences with the odd words.

- 1 "History lessons are, " said Brian.
- 2 Washington Square is the best in the neighborhood.
- 3 Susan's is collecting CDs and Mp3 files.
- 4 Jim's new T-shirt is
- 5 "Brian's my best, " said Jim.
- 6 Susan's favorite sport is

3 WRITING

Read the following information about the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) and fill in the gaps with the words in the box.

There is an example at the beginning.

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In 1866 Henry Bergh (0) founded the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in New York City. He was a (1) man who loved animals. He (2) that many owners were cruel and mistreated their animals. In 1867 there was the first ambulance for injured horses in New York City. Bergh later (3) an animal hospital and several animal shelters.¹

In the early 1900s there were SPCA (4) in most American cities. People who worked at the SPCA were usually (5)

In Great Britain, Richard Martin opened the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in London in 1824. And in 1840 Queen Victoria gave her (6) to call it the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (RSCPA).

1. **shelters** : (here) a small building or covered place to protect animals in danger.

Today the RSCPA has animal hospitals and shelters all over Great Britain. Although the British and the American SPCA have the same title, they are different organizations.

Today the SPCA works with the American government to make laws that (7) animals and improve their lives. People from the SPCA (8) zoos, national parks, pet shops, farms, circuses, labs and homes to make sure the animals are treated (9) They also go to schools to teach (10) towards all animals. The SPCA shelters look after homeless animals and find them a loving (11)

Today more than one million Americans support this wonderful society.



4 SPEAKING

- 1 Is there a society like the SPCA in your country? If so, what is it called and how does it work?
- 2 Give examples of how animals help us.

T: GRADE 4

5 WORK

Susan wants to become a vet and Jim wants to become a biologist. What kind of work do you want to do? Talk to your partner about the work you are interested in. Use these questions to help you.

- 1 Why do you like this kind of work?
- 2 How can you prepare for it?
- 3 Is this kind of work interesting, exciting or dangerous? Why?
- 4 Do you know someone who does it?