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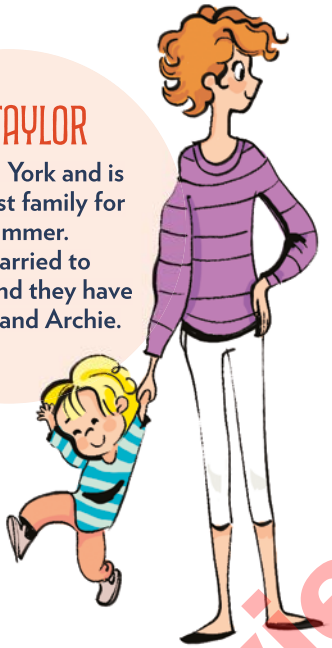
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Main Characters

MRS TAYLOR

She lives in York and is Jenny's host family for the summer. She's married to Mr Taylor and they have twins, Ava and Archie.



MEI

Mei is from China. She is friendly and always positive. She loves photography and history.



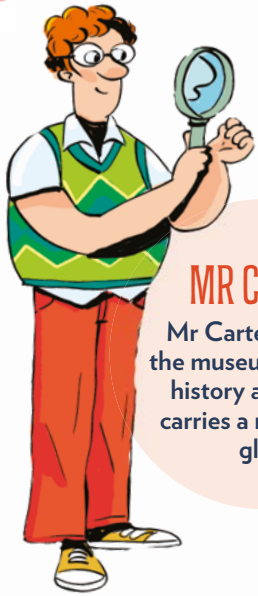
JENNY'S GRANDPA

Jenny's Grandpa is from Spain. He's gentle and fun and he loves telling Jenny stories in Spanish.



MR CARTER

Mr Carter works at the museum. He loves history and always carries a magnifying glass.

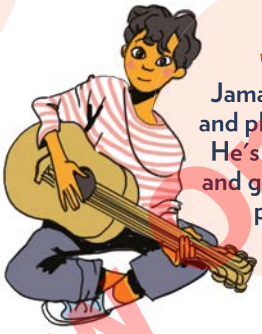


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JENNY

Jenny is a little bit shy, but also brave and curious. She loves writing stories and poetry.



JAMAL

Jamal loves music and plays the guitar. He's calm, helpful and good at solving problems.

MR THOMAS

Mr Thomas is a teacher at the York School of Arts. He is kind and patient, so all the students love his singing lessons!





LUCA

Luca is from Italy. He is energetic and fun, and he loves sports and making people laugh.

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Before you read

Vocabulary and Writing A1

1 These words are in Chapter 1 of *The Lost Coin*. Look at the pictures and match the words with the correct definition. Be careful! There are two extra words.



a hug



b wave



c diary



d scared



e laugh



f cathedral



g lounge



h coin

1 ☐ A type of notebook with a page for every day. _____

2 ☐ An action you do with your hand to say hello or goodbye. _____

3 ☐ A large room in a college where you can relax. _____

4 ☐ A round piece of metal you can use to buy something. _____

5 ☐ Feeling nervous, worried or afraid. _____

6 ☐ A very big and important church. _____

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Speaking and Writing

2 **In this story, a girl called Jenny goes on holiday to the city of York. Work with a partner and do some research. Go online and find the answers to these questions.**

- Where is York?
- How many people live there?
- What is the name of the river in York?
- Why is York famous?
- What can you see and do in York? (find at least three things)

Reading and Writing A1

3 **Read Jenny's email. Choose the correct word from the box and write it on the line.**

are • haven't • can • am • live • got

Hello!
My name is Jenny O'Reilly. I (**1**) _____ 14 years old and I live in Dublin. I've (**2**) _____ a brother called Jack. He's 10. I (**3**) _____ got any sisters.
My mum's name is Lucia and my dad's name is David. My mum's parents (**4**) _____ Spanish. They come from Seville, but now they (**5**) _____ in Dublin.
I (**6**) _____ speak English and Spanish. I also study French at school. I love music and I can sing quite well. I also like writing poems and stories.
Please write and tell me about your home in York.
See you in July!
From Jenny

Write a short email to Jenny. Tell her:

- where you live
- about your family
- which languages you can speak
- what you like doing

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Chapter 1

A New Adventure

2 Jenny O'Reilly walked into Dublin Airport with her small green backpack on her back and her suitcase[1] next to her. She felt nervous[2]. Lucia, Jenny's mum, stood next to her.

Jenny is travelling alone for the first time. She's worried but her mum makes her feel better.

'I'm a little worried[3],' Jenny said quietly, looking up at her mum. 'I've never been away from home alone before.'

'I know that you'll be fine,' her mum said kindly. 'You are clever, kind, and brave[4]. And we are only a phone call away.'

Jenny smiled at her mum. 'You're right. This will be an adventure!'

Her mum gave her a long hug. 'Jenny, everyone will feel nervous on the first day, so don't worry. Soon, you'll have lots of new friends.'

'I hope so,' Jenny said. She looked at her ticket one more time and waved goodbye as she walked to the plane.

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1 **suitcase** a big bag for taking clothes on holiday
2 **nervous** worried, frightened
3 **worried** scared, nervous, frightened
4 **brave** able to do difficult or scary things

A big hug from mum.



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The journey to Manchester was nice. It took about an hour. Jenny sat next to the window on the plane, watching the clouds in the sunny, blue sky. She wrote some sentences in her diary.

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Today I am flying to England. I feel excited but also nervous. I want to make friends and write some new poems[1] and stories.

She smiled[2]. She felt better already.

Jenny arrives in Manchester. A man called Mr Thomas is waiting to meet her. He is very friendly.

When the plane arrived in Manchester, Jenny got her suitcase and looked for the way out. It was hot and noisy[3] and Jenny didn't know where to go. She had so many questions! Where will I go? Who will be here to meet me? Will my host family[4] be nice? Will I really be okay?

Just then she saw a friendly man holding a big piece of yellow paper with her name: *JENNY O'REILLY – YORK SCHOOL OF ARTS*.

'Hello Jenny! I'm Mr Thomas,' he said, giving her a big smile. 'Welcome to England.'

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1 **poem** a short piece of writing with special words, sometimes about feelings, people or places
2 **smile** what we do when we feel happy
3 **noisy** loud, with lot of people talking
4 **host family** a family you stay with when you are on holiday

Jenny meets Mr Thomas.

'Hello,' Jenny said, feeling happy. 'I'm Jenny.'

'How was the journey[1]?' asked Mr Thomas.

'It was good, thanks,' said Jenny.

'It's nice to meet you,' Mr Thomas said. 'Now, we have to drive to York. It usually takes about two hours to get there. It's a beautiful city, you know. I think you'll love it!'

* * *

Jenny and Mr Thomas talk about Jenny's family.

They walked outside to the minibus. The sun was shining[2], and Jenny felt warm and happy. On the journey, Mr Thomas asked Jenny about her family. Jenny told him she had a brother called Jack and that her parents were called Lucia and David.

'Lucia isn't an Irish name!' said Mr Thomas, 'Is your mum Spanish?'

'My mum is Irish, but her parents are Spanish. They come from Seville. They went to live in Dublin after they were married', Jenny said.

'Ah, that's very interesting!' said Mr Thomas, 'And can you speak Spanish?'

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1 **journey** travelling from one place to another

2 **shine** make a strong light, like the sun

Jenny sees the city of York for the first time. She thinks it's wonderful!

'Yes, I can. My grandpa taught me when I was a baby!' Jenny smiled, thinking about her family in Ireland.

'It's very green here,' Jenny said, looking out of the window.

'Yes,' Mr Thomas smiled. 'It rains quite often.'

'Just like Ireland!' Jenny laughed.

After about two hours, they arrived in York. Jenny looked at the old white walls around the centre of the city.

'That's the city wall,' Mr Thomas said. 'The Romans made it a long time ago, to keep the city safe[1].'

* * *

They drove past a very tall church. It was very old and very beautiful.

'That's York Minster,' Mr Thomas said. 'One of the largest cathedrals in Northern Europe.'

'It's wonderful[2],' Jenny said. She looked at the city through the window, trying to see everything.

They soon arrived at a small house with lots of flowers in the garden. A smiling woman with

1 **safe** not dangerous, secure

2 **wonderful** really great, amazing, incredible

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short red hair looked out of the window. She waved at Jenny and Mr Thomas.

Jenny meets her host family and looks around her new home. She feels happy there.

'Here we are,' said Mr Thomas. 'Your host family's house. This is Mrs Taylor. Mr Taylor will be home later.'

'Hello, Jenny!' Mrs Taylor said as she opened the door. 'Welcome! It's great to meet you.'

'Hello,' Jenny replied, feeling a little shy[1].

The house was small but very nice. A boy and a girl with blonde hair smiled at Jenny.

'These are my twins[2], Ava and Archie,' said Mrs Taylor. 'Say hello.'

'Hi Jenny, welcome to York!' said the twins together.

'Let me show you to your room,' Mrs Taylor said.

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Mrs Taylor opened the bedroom door. Jenny's room was small but very nice, with a single bed, a big desk, and a window looking out onto the garden. There was a bookcase full of books, and a little box with snacks and drinks on the desk.

1 **shy** when you feel worried because you don't know someone

2 **twins** brothers or sisters who have the same birthday and who look very similar

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'I hope you'll feel happy here,' Mrs Taylor said. 'Dinner is at six o'clock. Tonight Mr Taylor is cooking roast chicken and vegetables.'

'Thank you,' Jenny said, 'I love roast chicken. It's my favourite!'

She opened her suitcase and put her clothes in the wardrobe. Then, she put her diary, her family photo, and her silver coin on the desk. She picked up the coin and looked at the strange writing. She remembered her grandpa's voice when he gave this coin to her: 'This is from the time when people travelled between Spain and England. Maybe you can learn more about it in York.'

Jenny unpacks her things. She looks at the special coin from her grandpa and she thinks about her family.

Jenny put the coin back into its little red pouch[1] and put it in her backpack to keep it safe.

* * *

The next morning, Jenny walked to York School of Arts with Mrs Taylor and Ava.

Jenny goes to York for her first day at summer school.

In the school, Jenny found the lounge and she sat down on a chair with on orange cushion. Then a girl with long black hair and glasses sat opposite her.

1 **pouch** a small bag, like a pocket

The friends chat in the school lounge.

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Jenny is nervous, but she makes friends quickly and has a fun first day!

'Hi! I'm Mei. I'm from China,' she said.

'I'm Jenny, from Ireland,' Jenny answered. She was happy to talk to Mei.

A tall boy with curly hair sat down next to them. 'Hello, I'm Jamal. I'm from Egypt.'

'And I'm Luca!' said another boy with a big smile. 'I'm from Italy. It's my second year here.'

Mr Thomas arrived. He told them about singing, writing, and music lessons.

That morning, they had a singing lesson; they sang a pop song. Jenny felt shy, but she loved singing and the lesson was fun!

The friends talk about what they want to do in York.

The new friends had lunch together. They talked about what they wanted to do that week.

'I want to see the Shambles[1],' said Mei.

'I want to eat fish and chips,' said Luca.

'I want to buy gifts[2] for my family,' said Jenny. She put her hand in her backpack and felt the coin.

She didn't know it yet, but this was just the beginning of Jenny's summer adventure[3].

1 **Shambles** the name of a famous street in York
2 **gift** presents, something that you give to someone
3 **adventure** an exciting time or experience

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Grammar A1

1 A Read the text about Chapter 1 and write the verb in the past tense on the line.

Jenny travelled from Dublin to Manchester by plane.
She (**1**) _____ (feel) excited and nervous about her holiday.
A teacher, called Mr Thomas met Jenny at the airport. On the journey to York, Jenny (**2**) _____ (talk) to Mr Thomas about her family. When they (**3**) _____ (arrive) in York, Jenny met her host family, Mr and Mrs Taylor and their twins.
The next day, Jenny (**4**) _____ (go) to the York School of Arts. She made friends with Mei, Jamal and Luca. In her first lesson, Jenny (**5**) _____ (sing) a pop song with her classmates.

Grammar – Pair Work

1 B Which verbs are regular and which are irregular? How do you know? Check your answers with your partner.

Writing

2 Answer the questions.

1 Where is Jenny from?
2 Who meets Jenny at Manchester airport?
3 What are the names of Jenny's new friends?
4 What was Jenny's first class?
5 What special thing does Jenny keep in her backpack?

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Listening

3 **3 Listen to the beginning of Chapter 2. What does Jenny need on Saturday? Circle the correct objects.**

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