

In the Year of the Dragon

pre-intermediate

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Activity Book

A. Complete the sentences with the correct name, Jason, Nicholas, Mr Norris or Mrs Norris.



Jason



Mrs Norris



Mr Norris



Nicholas

- 1 Nicholas wants to play a trick.
- 2 Jason is usually blamed for everything.
- 3 Mrs Norris can be strict at times.
- 4 Jason doesn't want to be in Hong Kong.
- 5 Mr Norris avoids trouble.
- 6 Nicholas is usually liked by everyone.

B. Read the following sentences. In each box, write T if the sentence is True, F if it is False and N if it is Not mentioned in the chapter.

- 1 Mrs Norris lost her children at the airport for a while.
- 2 Nicholas often followed Jason around.
- 3 Jason was angry at Nicholas because he choked on chocolate.
- 4 Nicholas is always disappearing.
- 5 Mr Norris felt sorry for Jason.
- 6 Mr Norris knew Mrs Pickles well.
- 7 Jason was jealous because Mrs Pickles paid more attention to Nicholas.
- 8 Nicholas bought the chocolates.

T

T

F

N

T

F

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F

C. Find words in Chapter 1 which mean the same as:

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1 driver | <u>chauffeur</u> | 6 manage to see | <u>spot</u> |
| 2 annoying person | <u>pest</u> | 7 toilet | <u>loo</u> |
| 3 kind of joke | <u>prank</u> | 8 laugh in a childish way | <u>giggle</u> |
| 4 make a face | <u>grimace</u> | 9 bags and suitcases | <u>luggage</u> |
| 5 make a remark | <u>comment</u> | 10 young man | <u>lad</u> |

D. Mrs Norris is talking on the telephone with Mrs Pickles. Complete their conversation with words or short phrases.

Mrs Pickles: Hello?

Mrs Norris: Hello. Could I please speak to Mrs Pickles?

Mrs Pickles: Speaking.

Mrs Norris: My name is Mrs Norris.

Mrs Pickles: Hello Mrs Norris. How nice to talk to you. I've been expecting your phone call.

Mrs Norris: I called to tell you that my family and I will be arriving at the airport tomorrow afternoon. Will you be there to pick us up?

Mrs Pickles: Of course Mrs Norris. I will be there with the chauffeur.

Mrs Norris: How will I recognise you?

Mrs Pickles: Let me see now. Oh, I know. I'll be wearing a flowery dress and a white hat. I'm not very tall but then again I'm not short.

Mrs Norris: Right then. I'll see you tomorrow. Goodbye Mrs Pickles.

Mrs Pickles: Goodbye Mrs Norris.



E. In Chapter 2, the Norris family get to their new home. Guess what will happen.

1 What will the Norris family's new home be like?

2 How will the boys feel about their new home?

3 What will the boys do in the evening?



A. Answer the following questions.

1 What is the Norris family's new home like?

It is a penthouse suite in the Mid-Levels.

2 How long do the Chinese New Year celebrations last?

Two weeks.

3 What kind of decorations are used during the New Year Celebrations?

Coloured lanterns and floral displays.

4 Why isn't Jason excited about starting school?

Because he doesn't know anyone in Hong Kong.

5 Why did Nicholas change his mind about the view?

Because Jason didn't like the view.

6 What was Jason doing when Nicholas got into his room?

Jason was counting his money.

B. Put the following events in chronological order. Write the numbers 1-8 in the boxes.

Nicholas is fascinated by the music.

6

Mr and Mrs Norris advise Jason to learn from their Hong Kong experience.

4

The Norris family and Mrs Pickles get into the car.

1

Nicholas says goodnight to Jason with a Cantonese greeting.

8

JC explains about the Chinese New Year to the Norris family.

2

Nicholas enters Jason's room without knocking.

5

Nicholas watches the parade from Jason's window.

7

Unlike Jason, Nicholas is excited about his new home.

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