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# before reading

- 1 **Look** at the front cover of the book. **Choose** the answer you think is correct.

What colour is the car?

red    blue    green

Where do you think the family is going?

to the zoo    to the beach    to Grandma's house

How do you think Coco feels?

happy    frightened    excited

What is the title of the book?

A Cat's Life    Coco and Susan    A Dog's Life

- 2 This is the suitcase that Susan is taking on holiday. **Draw** what you think is in her suitcase.



# during reading

- 3 **Look** at the title page. **Fill in** the blanks and imagine what Coco is thinking in the car.

see Dad are Slow trees going

We \_\_\_\_ moving  
very fast!  
\_\_\_\_ down!



We can \_\_\_\_ lots  
of \_\_\_\_\_.

Hey \_\_\_\_\_!  
Where are we  
\_\_\_\_\_?

- 4 **Look up** these words in the dictionary and **draw** a picture to represent the word.



crab



sea urchin



shark



whale



mussel



jellyfish

# during reading

- 1 Have you ever been to the beach? **Describe** what you remember from the beach or how you imagine it. After that, **draw** a perfect day at the beach.

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- 2 What do these expressions mean? **Match** the words with the meanings.

Move house	When you sleep for a short while
No way!	Go to another house to live
Eyes in the back of her head...	A situation where something bad might happen
Catnap	I'm not going to do it!
Picnic	Crying
Mad	Run away quickly
Dangerous	Excellent, marvellous
Blubbing	People bring food to eat outside
Cool!	She can see everything
Scram	Crazy

**3** Use the expressions in the previous activity to **complete** the sentences.

We're going to the school party on Friday. \_\_\_\_\_

My brother was \_\_\_\_\_ because he lost the beach ball.

Stay out of the park at night. It's \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm making sandwiches for the \_\_\_\_\_.

My grandpa takes a \_\_\_\_\_ before lunch!

Yes, we are going to \_\_\_\_\_ and go to a new school.

The teacher is \_\_\_\_\_! He is talking to himself!

My mum has \_\_\_\_\_. She sees everything!

I'm not going to eat that. \_\_\_\_\_!

Oh-oh, here comes your sister! \_\_\_\_\_!

**4** Write **T** if you think the sentence is True and **F** if you think the sentence is false.

Coco and the family are moving house.

Coco likes water and sand.

Coco is hiding in the knitting box.

Mum takes the knitting box to the beach.

Coco is afraid of the motorway.

The dog in the woods is tied to a tree and crying.

Coco thinks the dog is clever.

Coco is happy that there is a dog in the family.

Dad is worried about Coco.

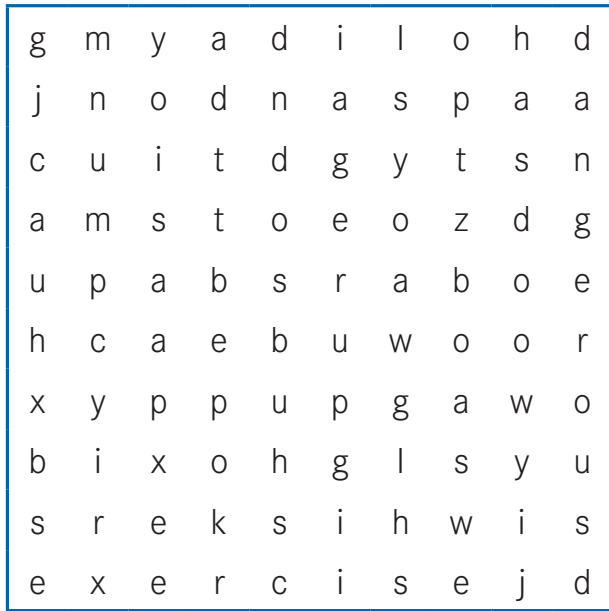
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- 5 **Put** the missing letters in each word and then **find** the words in the puzzle.

b\_\_ch      dang\_\_r\_\_us      dis\_\_ust\_\_ng

h\_\_l\_\_day      m\_\_t\_\_rw\_\_y      pu\_\_\_\_y      s\_\_nd

wh\_\_s\_\_ers      w\_\_\_\_d\_\_      ex\_\_rc\_\_se



- 6 **Answer** the questions.

Where are Susan, Mum and Dad going?

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Why is Coco hiding?

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Why is the puppy crying?

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Who sets the puppy free?

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1 **Write** the correct name.

Dad Mum Susan Coco The dog

\_\_\_\_\_ finds Coco in the knitting box.

\_\_\_\_\_ takes her knitting box to the beach.

\_\_\_\_\_ runs away.

\_\_\_\_\_ licks Coco's face.

\_\_\_\_\_ chases Coco into the woods.

2 **Imagine** Coco is being interviewed for the news.  
**Write** her answers. **Practise** the interview with a partner.

**Interviewer:** Good morning Coco.

**Coco:** Good \_\_\_\_\_. How \_\_\_\_\_ you?

**Interviewer:** Can you tell us about the dog you rescued?

**Coco:** \_\_\_\_\_ was a bit sad.

**Interviewer:** Do you like dogs?

**Coco:** Usually I \_\_\_\_\_ them.

**Interviewer:** How did \_\_\_\_\_ rescue the dog?

**Coco:** Well, Dad chases me into the \_\_\_\_\_. He sees the \_\_\_\_\_ and undoes the knot.

**Interviewer:** Well done Coco. Now there's a dog in the family. That's \_\_\_\_\_! How do you feel?

**Coco:** No comment.



- 3 Susan is writing a postcard from the beach. Help her **decide** what to write.

Dear Jack,

I'm at the beach. The weather is *sunny and warm / cold and snowing*.

*In the morning / At night* we go to the swimming pool.

Coco *likes / doesn't like* the water much and just sits in Mum's knitting box. Yesterday I saw a *jellyfish / flower* in the water.

Good news! Dad rescued a *dog / cat* and now it is part of the family.

See you in *2 weeks / years*.

Big hug,

Susan

- 4 **Listen** to the story on the CD. Now **write** a book report.

The title of this story is \_\_\_\_\_.

The main character of the story is \_\_\_\_\_.

The main action in the story: **Dad rescues the dog.**

First, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Second, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Third, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_