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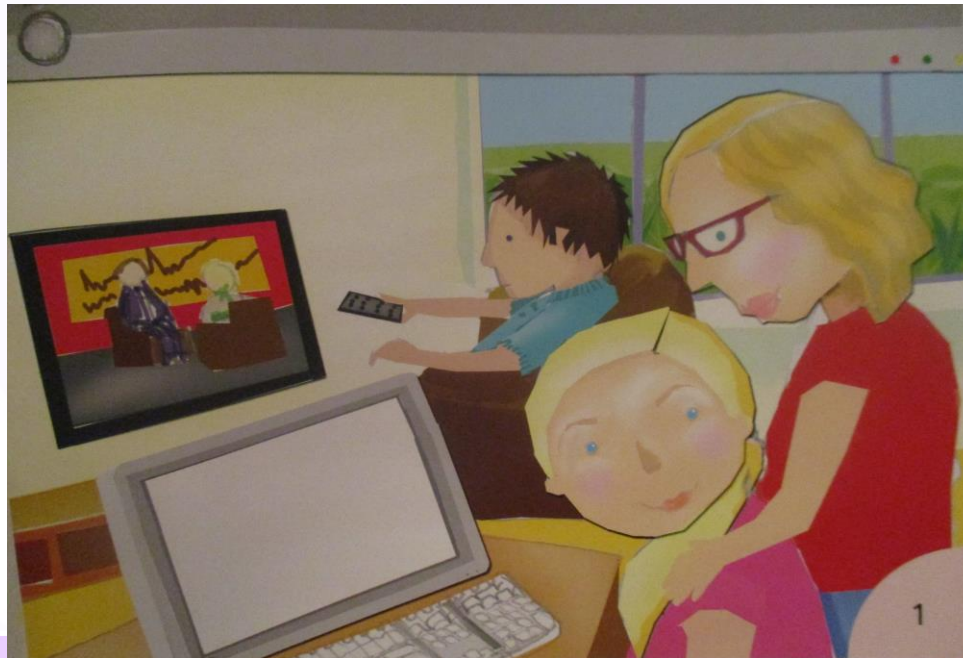


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Hi Megan

I am your American pen-pal. My name is Joan and I am nin. Next May twenty kids from my school will be visiting the UK. Can I stay with you?

Best wishes, Joan



Hi Joan

I am glad we are pen-pals. Yes, you can stay with us in May. I am nine as well, and I like animals. I have a dog. His name is Rex. Have you got a pet?

Best wishes,
Megan



Hi Megan

No, I don't have a pet. Dogs make me sneeze. I like playing tennis. I hope you like tennis too.

Joan



Hi Joan

I'm afraid I don't play tennis. I read a lot.
Do you like reading?

Megan

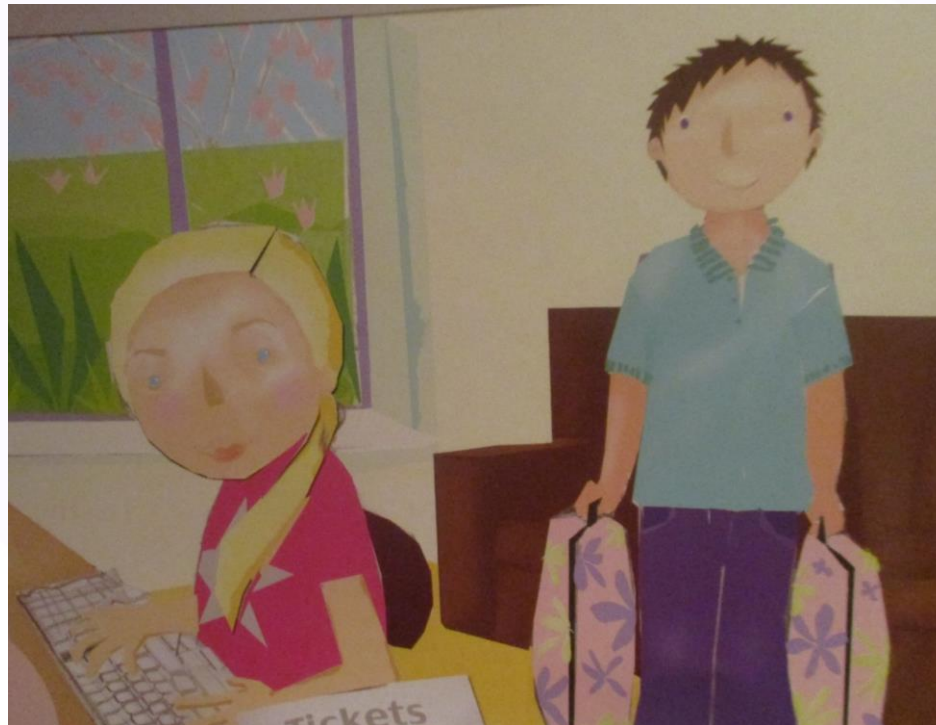


Hi Megan

I don't read much but I like TV. My plane gets in at eleven on Friday. Will you meet me?

I hope we will get on.

Joan



Hi Joan

Yes, we can meet when you get off the plans. Sorry but we don't have a TV. We did have one but it got broken.

See you on Friday!

Megan



May 1st

We met Joan when she got off the plane. She is very quiet. I think she is shy.



May 2nd

Rex made Joan sneeze. He had to go and stay with Granny.



May 3rd

Joan was sad today. I think she is missing home.



May 4th

I went swimming with Joan and it was fun.



May 5th

Joan can play Dad's drums! We sang lots of songs. I like Joan a lot.



May 6th

We went swimming again. Joan made up a game. I was a fish and she was a crocodile. Back home, we told lots of jokes.



May 7th

Joan and I had a midnight feast! I will be sad when she goes home.



May 8th

*Joan had to go home. We got rex back from
Granny's house but I am still missing Joan.*



Hi Megan

I got home safely. I had such a fab time with you. I can't wait until you come and stay with me next May!

Lots of love,
Joan



Use the text to help you answer these questions. Remember to be a Rocket Retriever or a Crimson Clue Hunter.

Match up these speech bubbles to the correct person.

I have a
dog called
Rex.

I like
playing
tennis.

I like
reading

I don't
have a TV.

I don't
have a pet.

I am nine.

I live in
America.

Megan



Joan



1. Why did the dog have to go to Granny's house?

6. Name two things that Joan and Megan did together

7. Why do you think Megan said she would be sad when Joan goes home?

8. Did Joan enjoy her stay with Megan?
How do you know?

Can you keep a diary of your week?
Don't forget to share it with us. We would love to
hear what you have been doing 😊