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Level 2

# Answer Key

# *Parties and Presents:*

## *Three short stories*

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## BEFORE YOU READ

**1** Look at the pictures in the book.

1 Who are the main people in the first story?
(sample) Four sisters.

2 Where do the people go in the second story?
(sample) To a ball.

3 What do the people play with in the third story?
(sample) A doll's house.



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# ACTIVITIES PAGES 4–12

## 1 Put the sentences in order.

1 Mrs. Sheridan wants Kitty to wear her lovely hat. [7]
2 Mrs. Sheridan, Laura, and Meg listen to Jose singing and playing the piano. [10]
3 Laura tells Laurie that she loves parties. [5]
4 Jose says that she wants to sing at the garden party. [9]
5 Laura forgets about her telephone call. [6]
6 The workmen arrive to put up the marquee. [1]
7 A man brings many pink lily flowers to the house. [8]
8 One of the workmen smells the flowers. [3]
9 Laura watches the workmen and feels happy. [4]
10 Laura goes out to speak to the workmen. [2]

## 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

1 There are hundreds and hundreds of *karaka trees* / *roses* in the garden.
2 *Mrs. Sheridan* / *Meg* asks Laura to go out and speak to the workmen.
3 The tall man says to put the marquee *in front of the karaka trees* / *on the grass*.
4 Laura thinks that the workmen *are nice* / *don't like smelling flowers*.
5 Sadie asks *Laura* / *Mrs. Sheridan* about the lilies.
6 Mrs. Sheridan wants to have lots of lilies for the *garden party* / *living room*.
7 Jose sings a *sad* / *happy* song.



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# ACTIVITIES PAGES 13–20

## 3 Are the sentences true (*T*) or false (*F*)?

1 The Sheridan girls write out the names for the sandwiches. F
2 Laura learns from Cook that a young man is dead. F
3 Jose doesn't want to stop the garden party. T
4 The dead man's family lives far from the Sheridans. F
5 The Sheridan girls went to the cottages when they were children. F
6 Laura decides to think about the dead man after the garden party. T
7 Laura enjoys herself at the garden party. T

## 4 Who or what do the underlined words refer to in these lines from the text?

1 I must say, I feel a little afraid of her this morning! (page 13) Cook
2 "Have one each, my dears," (page 13) cakes
3 They were listening to the man from Godber's. (page 15) Sadie and Hans
4 Why didn't she understand? (page 15) Jose
5 She was starting to get really angry now. (page 16) mother
6 She wanted to tell him about it. (page 19) Laurie
7 "Is it?" (page 19) the hat
8 Laura thought they were like beautiful birds visiting her family's garden for the afternoon. (page 19) the people



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# ACTIVITIES PAGES 21–28

## 5 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

| | | |
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| Laura (x3) | Laurie | Mrs. Scott's sister |
| Mrs. Scott | Mrs. Sheridan | Mr. Sheridan |

1 Laura and Mrs. Sheridan say good-bye to all their guests as they leave.
2 Mrs. Sheridan is tired after the party.
3 Mr. Sheridan is sad for the dead man's family.
4 Laura takes the party food to the dead man's wife.
5 Mrs. Scott's sister invites Laura into the cottage.
6 Mrs. Scott doesn't want to talk to Laura.
7 Laurie feels afraid at the cottage.
8 Laura meets Laurie on the way home from the cottage.

## 6 Answer the questions.

1 Why does Laura think about the party again when she's going to the cottage?
She didn't want to think about going to the dead man's cottage.

2 Why does Laura think the people outside the cottage are looking at her?
Because she's dressed for a party.

3 What does Laura do when she sees the dead man's body?
She begins to cry.

4 How does Laurie show he understands how Laura feels?
He agrees with her even though she doesn't explain how she feels.



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# ACTIVITIES PAGES 32–38

## 1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

1 Leila has never been to a ball [d]
2 The Sheridan girls aren't very excited about going to the ball [a]
3 Leila wants to read the names of all the dances in the program [c]
4 Leila didn't want to come to the ball [e]
5 Leila doesn't answer the fat man's question [b]

a because they always go to balls.
b because he leaves when the music starts.
c but there isn't any time.
~~d~~ because she lives in the country.
e but she isn't afraid anymore.

## 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

1 The Sheridan girls *know* / *don't know* it's Leila's first ball.
2 Leila wants to keep the *paper* / *gloves* so she can remember everything about the ball.
3 *Laura's* / *Leila's* special name is Twig.
4 The Sheridan girls and Leila go into the ladies' room *before* / *after* they go into the ballroom.
5 The girls and the men *are* / *aren't* on the same side of the room.
6 Meg *tells* / *doesn't tell* people in the ballroom that Leila is from the country.
7 Leila's first dance partner is *a young* / *an old fat* man.
8 The *young man* / *fat man* asks Leila about the floor.



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# ACTIVITIES PAGES 39–45

## 3 Are the sentences true (*T*) or false (*F*)?

1 Leila tells her first dance partner that she's never been to a ball. T
2 Leila and her first dance partner talk a lot after the music stops. F
3 Leila's second dance partner asks her about the floor. T
4 Leila doesn't tell her second dance partner that it's her first ball. F
5 Leila dances again with her first partner. F
6 The fat man doesn't know it's Leila's first ball. F
7 The fat man says his first dance was 30 years ago. T
8 Leila feels sad after dancing with the fat man. T
9 After Leila dances with a young man she feels happy. T

## 4 Answer the questions.

1 Who doesn't seem interested in Leila's first ball?
The second partner.

2 Who is waiting for Leila when she goes back inside the hall with her second dance partner?
The fat man.

3 Who doesn't ask Leila about the floor?
The fat man.

4 How does Leila feel at the end of the story?
Leila feels happy.



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# ACTIVITIES PAGES 48–53

## 1 Match the two parts of the sentences.

1 Aunt Beryl puts the doll's house in the yard [c]
2 The Burnell girls think that the doll's house [f]
3 Kezia really likes [e]
4 Nobody speaks to the Kelvey girls at school [b]
5 At school, the Kelvey girls wear [a]
6 All the girls stand close to Isabel and listen to the story except for [d]

a clothes that other people give them.
b because they're poor.
c because she doesn't like the smell.
d the Kelvey girls.
e the lamp.
f is beautiful.

## 2 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

1 The doll's house is *in the yard* / *inside the house*.
2 *Lottie and Kezia* / *Isabel* will tell everybody first at school about the doll's house.
3 *Isabel* / *Mrs. Burnell* is going to choose who comes to see the doll's house first.
4 Mr. and Mrs. Burnell *like* / *don't like* the school.
5 The school has *only rich* / *rich and poor* girls.
6 Mr. and Mrs. Burnell *want* / *don't want* their daughters to speak to the Kelvey girls.
7 The Kelvey girls' mother *is a washerwoman* / *is in prison*.
8 Isabel forgets to talk about *the lamp* / *the carpets, the beds, and the stove*.



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## ACTIVITIES PAGES 54–59

**3** Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

| Kezia | The Kelvey girls (x3) | Else | One of the girls |
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1 The Kelvey girls have jam sandwiches at lunchtime.
2 The Kelvey girls are the only girls from school who haven't come to see the doll's house.
3 One of the girls says terrible things to the Kelveys at lunchtime.
4 Kezia speaks to the Kelvey girls.
5 Else wants to see the doll's house.
6 The Kelvey girls run from the Burnell yard.

**4** Answer the questions.

1 Why does Kezia feel sorry for the Kelvey girls at lunchtime?
The other girls were unkind to them.

2 Why doesn't Mrs. Burnell want the Kelvey girls to come and see the house?
They are poor. They are the washerwoman's daughters.

3 List two things Lena tells Lil Kelvey.
You are going to be a servant. Your father is in prison.

4 Who tells the Kelvey girls to leave the yard?
Aunt Beryl.

## LOOKING BACK

**5** Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 3.



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