

MACMILLAN READERS

STARTER LEVEL

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The Macmillan Readers provide a choice of enjoyable reading materials for learners of English. The series is published at six levels – Starter, Beginner, Elementary, Pre-intermediate, Intermediate and Upper.

Level control

Information, structure and vocabulary are controlled to suit the students' ability at each level.

The number of words at each level:

Starter	about 300 basic words
Beginner	about 600 basic words
Elementary	about 1100 basic words
Pre-intermediate	about 1400 basic words
Intermediate	about 1600 basic words
Upper	about 2200 basic words

Vocabulary

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...³. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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POLLY SWEETNAM

In The Frame

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It is the end of Lisa and Alice's holiday. They are leaving the Hotel Oracle. They are leaving Greece. They are going to the airport. They are going home.

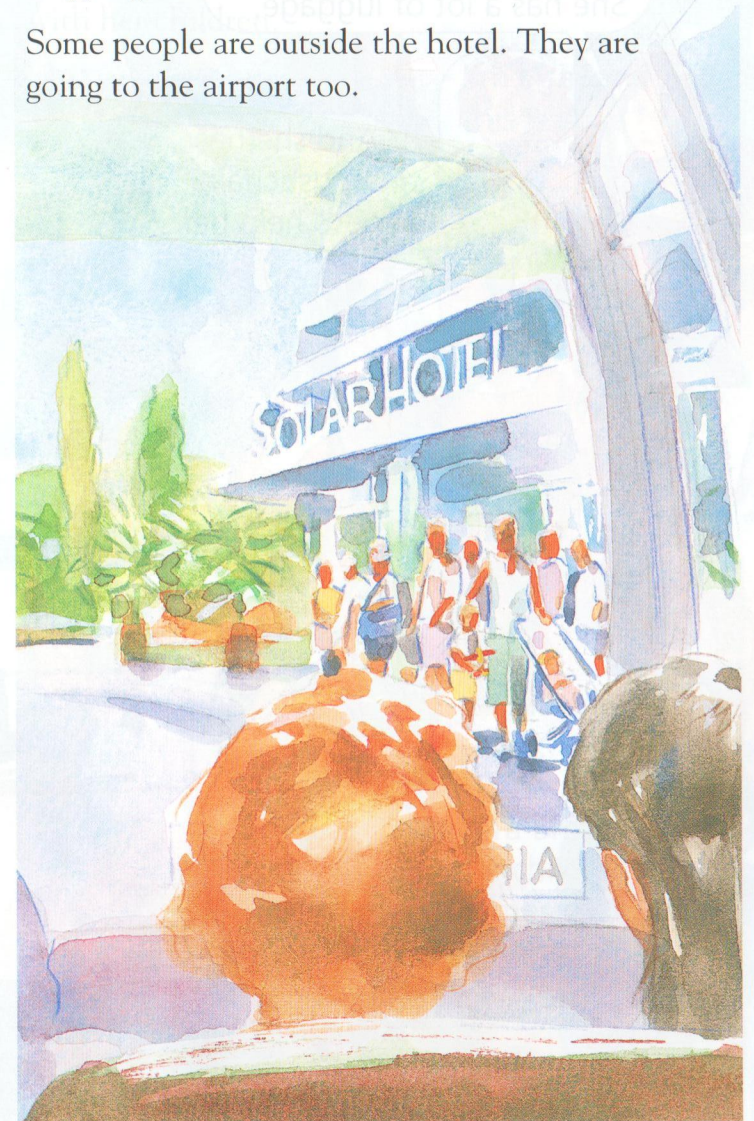
Goodbye, Kostas!
Goodbye, Eleni!


Thank you for
our wonderful
holiday!

Come back
to this island
next year!

Lisa and Alice are on the airport bus. The bus is stopping at another hotel.

Some people are outside the hotel. They are going to the airport too.




An illustration of a woman in a purple shirt and white hat pushing a blue stroller with a child inside. She has a large green bag and a red bag. Two other children are nearby. In the background, a sign reads 'AIRPORT BUS'.

Look at that poor woman!
She has two small children.
She has a lot of luggage.

And she has
a pushchair.
Let's help her.

Lisa and Alice help the woman with her luggage.
They help her with the pushchair. They help her
with her children.

An illustration showing Lisa and Alice helping the woman from the previous page. Lisa is holding a blue bag, and Alice is holding a red bag. The woman is smiling and holding hands with her children.

I'm Lisa, and
this is my
friend Alice.

Thank you, Lisa.
Thank you, Alice.
My name is
Vera Brown.
My children's
names are
Peter and Helen.



I'm very worried. My husband is ill. He is in England. I must go to him. I'm going home.

That's very sad news. I'm sorry, Vera.

We're going to England too. We'll help you.

Lisa and Alice are on the plane. Vera is on the plane too. She is sitting with her children.



Look at this newspaper. Do you remember this painting?

Yes. It's a painting from the island's museum! The artist is French. He's a famous, French painter.

The passengers are leaving the plane.



Here we are in England, Vera. We'll help you at the airport.

Thank you! You are very kind.

Lisa, Alice and Vera are in the airport. Alice is getting their luggage.



This is our last bag. Now we have everything. Now we must go to Customs.

Please - I must go to the toilet!

Vera is taking Peter to the toilet.



Don't worry, Vera. I'll stay here. I'll stay with your luggage.

Oh, thank you, Alice! Lisa, please go through Customs with Helen. Wait for Alice and me in the café.

OK.


Vera is at Customs. A customs officer is searching her luggage. Alice hears two customs officers talking. She is surprised.



That is Vera Brownlow. She's an art thief! She steals paintings.

Yes. But there are no paintings in her luggage.

Oh! A painting is missing from the island museum. And Vera is a thief! I must talk to these men.



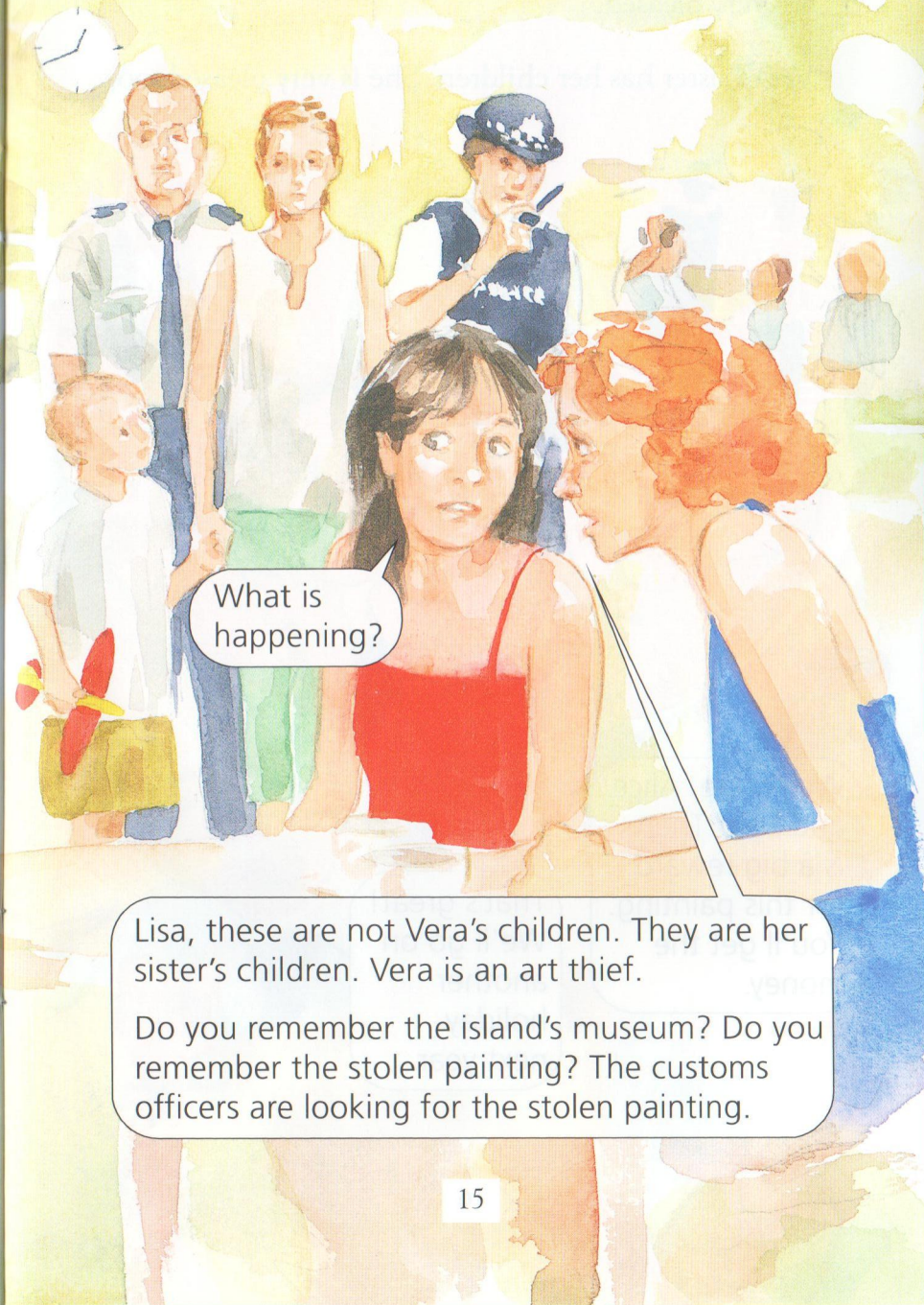
There's Alice! But where is Vera? Is she all right? Is Peter all right?

Vera comes into the café. She is holding Peter's hand.



Here we are at last! The customs officers are searching many travellers today. I'll take Helen and the pushchair now. My sister is going to meet me. She will help me with my luggage.

Suddenly, there are customs officers and police officers in the café. One officer is searching the pushchair. He is looking in the frame.



What is happening?

Lisa, these are not Vera's children. They are her sister's children. Vera is an art thief.

Do you remember the island's museum? Do you remember the stolen painting? The customs officers are looking for the stolen painting.

The customs officers have the stolen painting. They are very pleased.

Vera's sister has her children. She is very pleased too.



Well done, Alice and Lisa! There is a big reward for this painting. You'll get the money.

That's great! We'll go on another holiday next year.



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