



The Battle of Newton Road

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While reading

Pages 1–8

1 Circle the word that is different.

- a teacher school student engineer
- b Saturday August June September
- c big machine clever important
- d good happy beautiful water
- e say talk ask go
- f people friend men children
- g think famous right bad
- h your our my they
- i school town hall garden house

2 Answer the questions.

- a Who asks people to the meeting?
.....
- b Who teaches Stephen and Catherine?
.....
- c What can knock down houses?
.....
- d Who gets angry with Sally?
.....
- e Who goes to the telephone?
.....
- f Who visits Newton Road?
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3 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

- a page 2: Who are they listening to?
.....
- b page 3: Why is he unhappy?
.....
- c page 4: Who is Sally talking to?
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- d page 5: Who are listening to Sally and her students?
.....
- e page 6: What are the yellow machines going to do?
.....
- f page 7: Why are the people in the road?
.....
- g page 8: Who is Sally talking to?
.....

Pages 9–15

4 Read the sentences. One word in every sentence is wrong. Make it right.

- a Mr Wood thinks Sally is wrong.
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- b Sally thinks new roads are bad.
.....
- c The battle starts in July.
.....
- d The meeting is on Friday.
.....
- e Sally and her neighbours can stay in their old houses.
.....
- f The new road is called Robson Road.
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5 Match A with B.

| A | B |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| a Sally Robson | 1 is going to build a new school. |
| b Catherine | 2 is Sally's neighbour. |
| c Mr Wood | 3 is in the newspaper. |
| d Mr Morgan | 4 has an idea. |
| e Helen Taylor | 5 is the headmaster. |

After reading

6 Put the sentences in the right order to make the story. Write the numbers 1–12.

- a ☐ Mr Wood builds a new school.
- b ☐ Sally telephones the newspaper man.
- c ☐ Mr Wood talks to Stephen and Catherine.
- d ☐ Newton Road doesn't have electricity.
- e ☐ Sally and Mr Wood are friends.
- f ☐ Sally goes to a meeting at the school.
- g ☐ Mr Wood shows the new houses to Paul and Helen.
- h ☐ Sally goes to a meeting in the Town Hall.
- i ☐ Stephen and Catherine help Sally.
- j ☐ Stephen and Catherine see their photographs.
- k ☐ The neighbours sit in the road.
- l ☐ Sally hears about the new road.

7 Work with another student. Ask and answer the questions.

- a Do you like this story? Why (not)?
- b Who is your favourite character in this story? Why?
- c Are there any 'good' and 'bad' characters in this story? Who are they? Why are they 'good' or 'bad'? Why do you think this?



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1 Choose the right words in *italics*.

- a Sally is a *teacher* / *student*.
- b Mr Wood *is* / *isn't* Sally's neighbour.
- c Mr Wood wants to build a *road* / *house*.
- d *Sally* / *Paul* likes Mr Wood's idea.
- e Mr Wood stops *the new road* / *electricity*.
- f The students visit the *newspaper office* / *Town Hall*.
- g Mr Morgan's meeting is at the *Town Hall* / *school*.
- h The new road's name is *Mr Wood's* / *Sally's* idea.
- i The new school has a *new* / *the same* headmaster.

2 Match the words with their opposites.

| | |
|-------------|--------------|
| a old | 1 stay |
| b go | 2 knock down |
| c bad | 3 morning |
| d build | 4 new |
| e afternoon | 5 goodbye |
| f hello | 6 good |

3 Write the words from the box in the right places.

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|-----------------------------------|
| about on down in to (x 2) with at |
|-----------------------------------|

- a Please think the problem.
- b Look the new house.
- c Please come here. I want to talk you.
- d Can I stay you, please?
- e Don't knock the school.
- f I live an old house.
- g We go Newton Road School.
- h There's a meeting Saturday.

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Catherine's photo is in the newspaper. ☐
- b Mr Wood thinks Sally is wrong. ☐
- c Sally doesn't like new roads. ☐
- d Stephen and Catherine visit Mr Wood. ☐
- e Mr Wood wants a battle. ☐
- f Sally and her neighbours have new houses. ☐
- g After the battle, Sally and her neighbours live in Newton Road. ☐

5 Which is right, 1, 2 or 3?

- a Sally Robson
 - 1) lives in Newton Road.
 - 2) lives near Newton Road.
 - 3) wants to live in Newton Road.
- b Paul Johnson thinks
 - 1) Mr Wood is a bad man.
 - 2) the new houses are good.
 - 3) big gardens aren't important.

- c Stephen and Catherine
 - 1) telephone the newspaper man.
 - 2) go to the electricity company.
 - 3) talk to Mr Wood.
- d Mr Wood
 - 1) wants to have a new meeting.
 - 2) gets angry with Stephen and Catherine.
 - 3) doesn't do anything.
- e After the battle, Mr Wood
 - 1) visits Stephen and Catherine.
 - 2) has a new battle.
 - 3) is Sally's friend.

6 Match A and B.

| A | B |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a Sally works | 1 in front of the machines. |
| b Mr Wood talks | 2 at the school. |
| c Stephen and Catherine visit | 3 to a new school. |
| d The neighbours sit | 4 Sally. |
| e The newspaper man writes | 5 in new houses. |
| f The people live | 6 to Paul and Helen. |
| g The children go | 7 about the battle. |

7 Who says or thinks these sentences? Write the names from the box in the right places.

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| Mr Wood Paul Johnson Sally Robson Stephen and Catherine |
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- a 'I like big gardens.'
- b 'I'm going to knock down those houses.'
- c 'I build roads.'
- d 'Houses aren't important.'
- e 'You can have gas now.'
- f 'We like our school.'
- g 'Let's call it "Robson Road".'

8 Write questions for the answers.

- a?
She lives in Newton Road.
- b?
They are Sally's students.
- c?
He's a civil engineer.
- d?
He wants to build a new road.