

## People in the story

**Fizza McIntyre:** a fifteen-year-old girl from Birmingham

**Fletcher McIntyre:** a fifteen-year-old boy from the small island of Sark

**Imran McIntyre:** Fizza's dad

**Rubel McIntyre:** Fizza's mum

**Richard McIntyre:** Fletcher's dad

**Babs:** Fizza's best friend

**Billy Adams:** one of the most popular boys at Fizza's school

**Robert Scully:** a rich businessman

## BEFORE YOU READ



- 1 Look at the cover and the pictures in the first two chapters. Answer the question.

Do you think that Fizza is the Country Cowboy?

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## ACTIVITIES

- 1 Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 4.
- 2 Complete the summary of Chapters 1 and 2 with the words in the box.

Felicity	Greece	Babs (x2)	boys	Billy
Rubel	Imran	judo	Birmingham	

Fizza, whose real name is <sup>1</sup>.....*Felicity*....., lives with her parents in a big, busy city in the middle of England called <sup>2</sup>..... . Her mum, <sup>3</sup>....., works for the local council. Her dad, <sup>4</sup>....., loves two things in life – fish curry, which Fizza hates, and his favourite sport, <sup>5</sup>....., which he teaches Fizza in the garden. Fizza, however, prefers spending time working on her computer. It's her best subject at school, but her mum thinks she spends too much time on it. Fizza's best friend, <sup>6</sup>....., is very different. She's more interested in fashion and boys, especially <sup>7</sup>..... Adams, who goes to the same school. On the last day of school, everyone is talking about the exciting places they are going to in the summer. <sup>8</sup>....., for example, is going sailing in <sup>9</sup>..... . Fizza, however, is too embarrassed to tell everyone that she is only going to <sup>10</sup>....., a quiet island with no cars.

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

- 1 Fizza is looking forward to her holiday. ☒
- 2 Fizza's dad doesn't think she's good at judo. ☐
- 3 Babs and Fizz don't wear the same kind of clothes. ☐
- 4 The other girls at school look older than Fizza. ☐
- 5 Fizza was working when Billy came into the classroom. ☐
- 6 Fizza had her hair cut for Billy.
- 7 Billy was interested in Fizza when he saw her at the shopping centre. ☐

**4** Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Fizza doesn't want to join a judo club because ☒
  - 2 Fizza wants to be cool although ☐
  - 3 Babs is very embarrassed when ☐
  - 4 Fizza is surprised when ☐
- a she doesn't admit it to anyone.
  - b Billy speaks to her and the other girls.
  - c Billy says she is cool.
  - ~~d~~ it's not cool.

**5** Answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Sark a good place for Rubel to go on holiday?  
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- 2 Why are the other girls surprised that Billy spoke to Fizza?  
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## LOOKING FORWARD

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**6** Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next four chapters.

- 1 Billy becomes Fizza's boyfriend. ☐
- 2 Billy becomes Babs' boyfriend. ☐
- 3 Fizza has a good time on holiday. ☐

## ACTIVITIES

1 Check your answer to *Looking forward* on page 17.

2 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Rubel      Fizza (x2)      Fletcher (x3)      Richard (x2)

- 1 ..... *Rubel* ..... thinks that Sark is exciting.
- 2 ..... changes her opinion of Sark.
- 3 ..... shows Fizza and her parents the island.
- 4 ..... falls out of a tree.
- 5 ..... has a judo lesson.
- 6 ..... shows Fizza the island's secrets.
- 7 ..... is the Bullring Kid.
- 8 ..... is the Country Cowboy.

3 Underline the correct word in each sentence.

- 1 Fizza doesn't buy a newspaper because they *aren't sold* / *hadn't arrived* on Sark.
- 2 On the first night of the holiday, Fizza sees someone watching her from *a tree* / *a horse*.
- 3 Fizza doesn't go to the restaurant with her parents because she *is tired* / *has a reason for staying at home*.
- 4 Fizza *wants* / *doesn't want* to visit the pot-maker.
- 5 Before going to Sark, Fizza *was afraid of* / *didn't like* horses.
- 6 Her first horse riding lesson helps Fizza stop thinking about *Sark* / *Birmingham*.
- 7 Fletcher gets *ice cream* / *a bat* out of Fizza's hair.

- 4 What do the underlined words refer to in these lines from the text?

- 1 'Isn't this exciting, Fizza!' (page 18) *Sark; being on holiday there*
- 2 'It's a beautiful little beach' (page 24) .....
- 3 It was a tall boy wearing jeans (page 26) .....
- 4 She didn't want to see that rude boy! (page 29)  
.....
- 5 'Yeah, but don't tell him, he doesn't know that!' (page 33)  
.....
- 6 'I mean, that will be great!' (page 36) .....
- 7 'How do you do that?' (page 38) .....

- 5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Sark 'the island that time forgot'?  
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- 2 How does Fizza feel when she says 'It's a date!?' (page 36)  
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- 3 Why does Fletcher prefer animals to people?  
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- 4 What happens at the end of Chapter 6?  
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## LOOKING FORWARD

- 6 What do you think? Answer the questions.

- 1 What do Fizza and Fletcher do to try and get the horses back?  
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- 2 Fizza takes the blame for something at school – what is it?  
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- 3 In Chapter 10 there's a new student at Fizza's school – who is it?  
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## LOOKING BACK



1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 41.

2 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Only one policeman works on Sark. ☒
- 2 Fletcher hasn't seen his mum for ten years. ☐
- 3 The men are going to kill the horses. ☐
- 4 Richard called the police in Guernsey and told them to come to Sark. ☐
- 5 The headmaster is surprised that it was Fizza who changed the photos. ☐
- 6 Rubel shares lots of secret information from her work with Fizza. ☐
- 7 A new student arrives in Fizza's class. ☐
- 8 Fizza forgets an arrangement she made. ☐

3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Horses have been stolen from *two* / three islands.
- 2 Fizza and Fletcher use Cloudy because she's a *light colour* / *good horse*.
- 3 *Fizza* / *Fletcher* stops the fat man who's trying to steal Cloudy.
- 4 At the end of the holiday, Fizza *wants* / *doesn't want* to leave Sark.
- 5 Fizza and Billy have to *talk* / *write* to their teachers to say sorry.
- 6 Fizza goes for a walk in the park with *Babs* / *Billy*.
- 7 Fletcher finds being at his new school *difficult* / *easy*.
- 8 *A teacher* / *Fizza* stops the fight between Billy and Fletcher.

**4** What do the underlined words refer to in these sentences from the text?

- 1 'I've never spoken to anyone about it before,' (page 44)  
.....
- 2 'That's the sign! They're here!' (page 47) .....
- 3 And this had made them local heroes. (page 50)  
.....
- 4 'It was cool.' (page 52) .....
- 5 'Sir, it was my idea,' (page 54) .....
- 6 'That would be nice,' (page 57) .....
- 7 'We were really lucky to get it,' (page 59) .....
- 8 she wasn't sure if she liked it. (page 63) .....

**5** Answer the questions.

- 1 Why did Fletcher's mum leave?  
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- 2 How does Fizza think that Fletcher feels about her leaving Sark?  
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- 3 What do Fizza's friends think of Fletcher?  
.....
- 4 Why do you think Fletcher and Billy fight?  
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## LOOKING FORWARD



**6** Tick (✓) what you think happens in the final chapters.

- 1 Fizza chooses Billy to be her boyfriend. ☐
- 2 Fletcher goes back to Sark to live. ☐
- 3 Fizza goes to Sark to live. ☐

## LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 65.

## ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the sentences with the names in the box.

Billy	Scully (x3)	Babs (x2)	Fizza	Fletcher
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- 1 ..... *Scully* ..... wants the land where the stables are.
- 2 ..... is frightened by a dog.
- 3 ..... is taken shopping by some new friends.
- 4 ..... apologises for not being nice.
- 5 ..... interviews someone.
- 6 ..... has the name of a dog as a password.
- 7 ..... destroys a mobile phone.
- 8 ..... sends an email from a mobile phone.

- 3 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Fizza discovers Scully's password. ☐
- 2 Fletcher phones Fizza. ☐
- 3 Babs phones Fizza. ☐
- 4 Fletcher and Billy manage to escape from the factory. ☐
- 5 The police go to Scully's factory. ☐
- 6 Babs goes to interview Scully. ☐
- 7 Fizza gets into Scully's email account. ☐
- 8 Fizza finds an interesting email. ☐



4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Scully's drivers make lots of noise with their lorries ☒ h
  - 2 Billy's father lost his job with Scully before ☐
  - 3 When Fizza reads Scully's emails, she discovers that ☐
  - 4 When Fizza and Fletcher go to Park Hill, they see ☐
  - 5 Scully puts Fizza's mum's phone in the mug of tea because ☐
  - 6 Scully says Golden may disappear if ☐
  - 7 They manage to get the horse and carriage out because ☐
  - 8 Scully loses his business after the police see ☐
- a anyone calls the police.
  - b he could find out any secrets.
  - c Billy moves the lorry.
  - d he had told his drivers to get rid of rubbish in Park Hill.
  - e he wants to destroy Fizza's video.
  - f Scully's men getting rid of rubbish there.
  - g the video Fizza made.
  - h to frighten the horses.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 How does Fletcher help Billy with the black dog?  
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- 2 How does Fizza feel about Fletcher becoming more popular?  
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- 3 What does Babs think of Scully's wife?  
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- 4 How do Fizza and Fletcher get back to the stable from Park Hill?  
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- 5 What's going to happen to Richard's green taxi service in Birmingham?  
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- 6 How does Fizza feel about Fletcher leaving Birmingham?  
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