

People in the story

Gemma: a fifteen-year-old schoolgirl

Mum: Gemma's mother

Shop assistant: an old man who works in a phone shop

Amy: Gemma's best friend

Robert: the best-looking boy in school

Mrs Hawkins: Gemma and Amy's music teacher at school

BEFORE YOU READ



1 Look at the pictures in Chapter 1. Answer the questions.

1 What do Gemma and her mum want to buy?

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2 What is special about Gemma's new phone?

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LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 4.

ACTIVITIES

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

the old man (x2) Gemma (x2) Mum Amy (x2)

- 1 Gemma wants a cool new phone.
- 2 doesn't want to buy an expensive new phone.
- 3 has to tell about the phone after two weeks.
- 4 has to write a report for the phone makers.
- 5 can find the phone if it gets lost.
- 6 takes Gemma's phone from her at school.
- 7 likes Gemma's hair.

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

- 1 Gemma wants the same kind of phone as her friends. ☒
- 2 Gemma's new phone doesn't cost anything. ☐
- 3 The new phone changes colour. ☐
- 4 The old man puts Gemma's name into the phone. ☐
- 5 The new phone knows Gemma's name. ☐
- 6 Gemma has got a new bag. ☐

4 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Gemma wants / needs the most expensive phone in the shop.
- 2 Gemma wants to be *different from* / like her friends.
- 3 The old man in the shop is *friendly* / unfriendly.
- 4 Gemma thinks *everyone* / no one at school will want a phone like hers.
- 5 Gemma *can* / can't find lots of special things about the phone.
- 6 Gemma *wants* / doesn't want to tell Amy about the phone.
- 7 At school, Gemma puts the phone in her *pocket* / bag.
- 8 Gemma's shoes are *old* / new.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Gemma angry with her mum in the shop?
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- 2 Why are Gemma and her mum surprised about the new phone?
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- 3 Why does Gemma get bored with her new phone?
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- 4 Why does everyone want to see Gemma's phone?
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LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) the things you think are true in the next two chapters.

- 1 Gemma works really hard at school. ☐
- 2 Gemma makes a new friend. ☐

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 15.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Gemma was surprised about the history test ☒ f
 - 2 Everyone wants to listen to Gemma's story ☐
 - 3 Gemma's mum is pleased with her ☐
 - 4 Gemma has to play tennis with Robert ☐
 - 5 Gemma gives the English teacher her phone ☐
 - 6 Gemma forgets about the phone ☐
- a because they think it's amazing.
 - b because she can't use it in class.
 - c because she's playing so well.
 - d because the English lesson is so interesting.
 - e because she thinks she's working hard.
 - f because she got twenty out of twenty.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Gemma and Amy both love *history* / music.
- 2 Amy gets *twenty* / *six* out of twenty in the history test.
- 3 The history teacher is *happy* / *angry* with Gemma.
- 4 Gemma studies *a lot* / *a little* for the maths test.
- 5 *Robert* / *Amy* wants to play tennis with Gemma again.
- 6 *The teacher* / *Gemma* has the new phone in her pocket in the English lesson.
- 7 Everyone thinks the English lesson is really *interesting* / *boring*.

4 Who or what do the underlined words refer to?

Gemma and Robert	Gemma and Amy	Gemma (x2)
Amy	the history teacher (x2)	

- 1 They were like each other in lots of ways. *Gemma and Amy*
- 2 She wasn't interested in things that happened long ago.
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- 3 'Why did you give me twenty?'
- 4 Perhaps he was trying to be kind.
- 5 Why did he email her mother?
- 6 When she got her paper back she had an A.
- 7 'Maybe we can practise at the weekend.'

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why is Gemma surprised about getting twenty out of twenty in the history test?
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- 2 Why doesn't Gemma do much maths homework?
.....
- 3 What happens to the English teacher when she has the phone?
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- 4 What happens to the English teacher when she gives the phone back to Gemma?
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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in Chapters 5, 6 and 7.

- 1 Gemma loses the phone. ☐
- 2 Gemma gets a new phone. ☐
- 3 Gemma enters a music competition. ☐

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 29.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Put the sentences in order.

1 Mrs Hawkins tells the class about the music competition. ☐

2 Gemma goes shopping with Amy and some other girls. ☒

3 Robert and Gemma play tennis again. ☐

4 Gemma and Amy go to the phone shop. ☐

5 Amy tells Gemma she likes her jeans. ☐

6 Gemma and Amy practise for the music competition. ☐

7 Gemma can't find her phone. ☐

8 Gemma's friends don't like how she looks. ☐

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

1 Gemma does really well at school. ☒

2 The old man in the shop has got Gemma's phone. ☐

3 Gemma wants to have a different phone. ☐

4 Gemma helps Amy with her school work. ☐

5 Gemma isn't usually good at singing. ☐

6 Gemma likes playing tennis with Robert. ☐

7 The winners of the music competition will be on TV. ☐

8 Gemma is going to practise a lot for the music competition. ☐

4 Complete the sentences with the names from the box.

Gemma's new friends the old man Amy (x3)
Gemma (x3)

- 1 want to go shopping by themselves.
- 2 finds Gemma's phone.
- 3 gets a D for the English homework.
- 4 plays the piano really well.
- 5 and make a great team.
- 6 helps learn the new song.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why don't Gemma's new friends want to go shopping with her when they see her?
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- 2 Why does Amy say she likes Gemma's jeans?
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- 3 Why can't Gemma help Amy with her work?
.....
- 4 Why doesn't Gemma practise the piano at home?
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LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the last three chapters.

- 1 Gemma and Amy stop being friends. ☐
- 2 Gemma loses the phone again. ☐
- 3 Gemma plays in the music competition. ☐

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 43.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Put the sentences in order.

- 1 Gemma plays the piano and sings for Robert. ☐
- 2 Gemma pretends to have a cold. ☐
- 3 Gemma goes back to the phone shop. ☒
- 4 The old man looks at Gemma's phone. ☐
- 5 Gemma goes to Robert's house. ☐
- 6 Gemma and Amy do the music competition. ☐
- 7 Gemma plays tennis badly. ☐
- 8 Gemma practises the piano for hours. ☐

- 3 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Amy is sad ☒
 - 2 Gemma is angry ☐
 - 3 Gemma goes to the phone shop ☐
 - 4 Gemma is afraid in the phone shop ☐
 - 5 On Sunday Gemma gets tired playing tennis ☐
 - 6 Gemma practises the piano a lot on Sunday ☐
- a because she thinks the old man is going to take the phone.
 - b because she wants to do well in the competition.
 - c because she thinks her voice isn't as good as Gemma's.
 - d because she can't hear her voice the way other people can.
 - e because she doesn't usually have to work hard.
 - f because she gets a message on her phone.

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

- 1 Gemma hears Amy practising at school without her. ☒
- 2 Mrs Hawkins thinks Gemma practises a lot. ☐
- 3 The old man in the shop does something to Gemma's phone. ☐
- 4 At the weekend Gemma speaks to Amy on the phone. ☐
- 5 Gemma spends Sunday with Amy. ☐
- 6 When they play tennis, Robert thinks Gemma is ill. ☐
- 7 On Monday, Gemma has a really bad cold. ☐
- 8 At the competition Gemma plays really badly. ☐

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why doesn't Gemma think the phone is great any more?
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- 2 Why does Gemma start to play tennis badly?
.....
- 3 Why doesn't Gemma need to practise her singing?
.....
- 4 Why does Gemma pretend to have a cold?
.....
- 5 Do you think Gemma wants to win the competition? Why or why not?
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