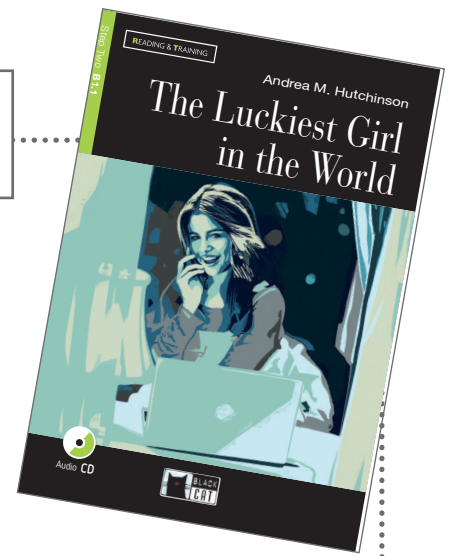


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THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD

Read the excerpt from **THE LUCKIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD** and then do the activities below.

‘Remind me again,’ says my best friend Richie. ‘Why are we spending Saturday morning painting views of Paris on huge pieces of cardboard? Especially when they are showing all eight Harry Potter films at the Liverpool One Theatre?’ ‘Paris in Spring,’ I say as I look out of the classroom window at the school playing fields. The rugby players still haven’t come out onto the pitch. Where are they? I thought practice started ten minutes ago. ‘Paris in Spring is the theme for our high school prom. We volunteered to help with decorations, remember?’ ‘So your sudden interest in art has got nothing to do with a certain rugby player?’ he says.

‘I don’t know what you’re talking about.’

‘Come on, Lola. You were lucky to get a grade C in Art last year. You said, and I quote, “Going to the dentist is more fun than painting”. And you’re a bigger Harry Potter fan than I am.’

‘Stop complaining and paint, Richie.’

‘So it’s got absolutely nothing to do with the fact that the art classroom has a perfect view of the school playing fields? Where Matt is practicing rugby for tomorrow’s match.’

I look up just in time to see Matt run onto the pitch. His hair is blonder than usual in the sunshine. The colour of sand on a Caribbean beach.

‘Extracurricular activities, Richie,’ I say. I cross my fingers and hope I sound convincing. ‘It will look good on our university application form.’

‘We don’t even apply to university for another three years!’

‘I’m happy to help the school however I can. That’s all there is to it.’

‘So you don’t fancy Matt? You don’t want him to ask you to go to the prom with him?’

‘Matt who?’

‘You know. The guy whose name you wrote in little hearts in your diary.’

‘You read my diary?!’

How could he! Richie’s supposed to be my best friend!

‘No, I didn’t. But I knew it! You do fancy Matt!’



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'We need more red paint,' I say, getting up. my face is redder than the paint I need.

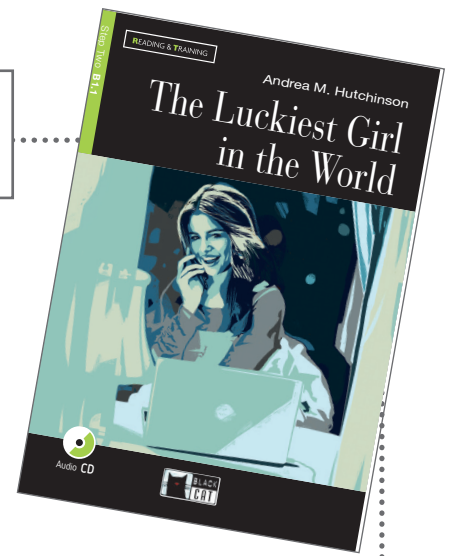
'You know, guys like Matt don't even know people like you and me exist,' Richie says when I get back. He offers me a bar of chocolate. My favourite. Richie always knows what I need. And now I need chocolate.

I look out of the window and see Nadine running from the edge of the fields towards Matt. She looks even slimmer, and prettier, than usual in her little cheerleading dress. She gives Matt a huge smile that shows every one of her perfect white teeth.

I hate Nadine. I hate cheerleaders.

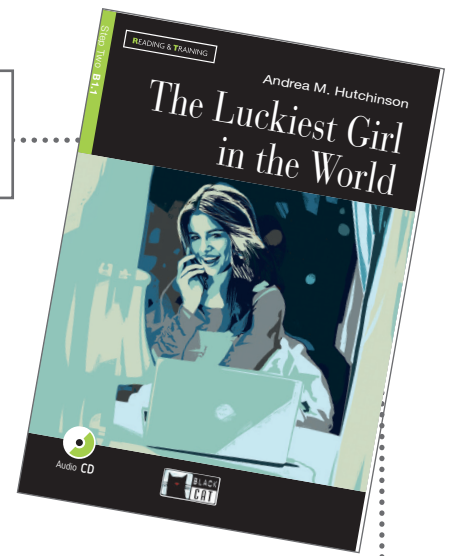
I finish the chocolate in a few bites, and I instantly regret eating it. But who cares? Richie's right. Matt doesn't even know I exist.

(from Chapter One)



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ACTIVITIES

2. Choose the correct answer a, b, or c.

1 On Saturday morning Lola and Richie

- a are going to see a Harry Potter movie.
- b are painting views of Paris.
- c are watching a rugby game.

2. Paris in Spring is

- a the name of a new movie.
- b the name of a famous painting.
- c the theme of the high school prom.

3 Matt is a

- a a handsome rugby player that Lola likes.
- b a young man from a Caribbean beach.
- c Richie's older brother.

4 Richie gives Lola

- a some red paint.
- b a chocolate bar.
- c a huge smile.

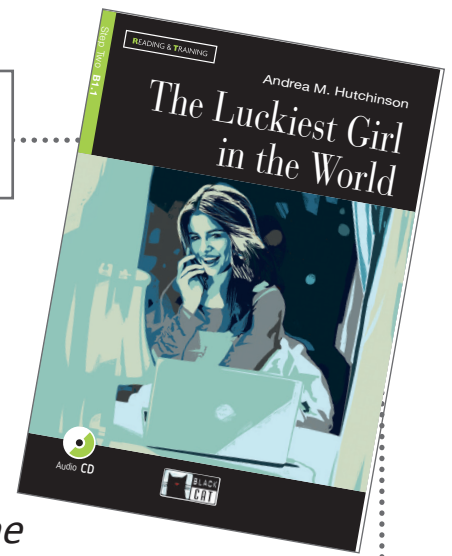
5. Nadine is

- a Matt's sister.
- b the best student in the art class.
- c a pretty cheerleader.



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2. Circle the right word.

1 Lola and Richie are *painting/drawing* views of Paris on big pieces of cardboard/paper.

2 The art classroom has a perfect view of *Paris/the school playing fields*.

3 Extracurricular activities are *important/not important* on a university application form.

4. Richie *read/didn't read* Lola's diary.

5. Nadine is wearing jeans and a *t-shirt/a little cheerleading dress*.

