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## LISTENING ACTIVITY 1/5



### THE SECRET OF THE STONES

#### PART 1

 Listen to the audio and then do the activity below.

Laura and Max are twins.<sup>1</sup> They live in London with their mum and dad. They always have interesting adventures on holiday. They visit different cities and countries.

This summer they are going to stay in a small cottage<sup>1</sup> in the country. The cottage is in a village called Stonecross, near Salisbury. Max and Laura aren't very happy.

'Boring!' says Max. He looks at the map. The cottage is in the middle of a field.<sup>3</sup> What can we do in the middle of a field?'

'Why are we going there?' asks Laura.

Their dad is very tired. He says he wants to relax and to sleep a lot. Their mum loves the country. She wants to walk and paint. 'It is a very beautiful part of England,' she says. 'Full of culture, tradition, mystery...'

'Mystery?' say Max and Laura together.

'Mystery! OK, let's go!'

(from Chapter One)

#### 1. Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. Max and Laura are *friends/twins*.
2. Max and Laura live in *London/the country*.
3. This summer they are going to stay in a *big city/village*.
4. Laura and Max are *happy/unhappy* about this holiday
5. Their dad is *very ill/very tired*.
6. Their mum says that this part of England is full of *museums/mystery*.

1 **twins** : Max and Laura are brother and sister and they are exactly the same age.

2 **cottage** : a small house.

3 **field** : a place in the country with grass and trees.



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## LISTENING ACTIVITY 2/5

### QUICK QUIZ!

#### 2. Choose either SAY or TELL to complete the sentence.

1. 'Please \_\_\_\_\_ me another story!' said the girl.
2. When you see a friend you must \_\_\_\_\_ 'hello'!
3. He can't \_\_\_\_\_ anything because he's very tired.
4. Can you \_\_\_\_\_ us where the school is?
5. Sorry, but I can't \_\_\_\_\_ you the secret!
6. They \_\_\_\_\_ they're going to the park.



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## LISTENING ACTIVITY 3/5



### PART 2

 Listen to the audio and then do the activity below.

3. Choose the correct answer—a, b or c.

1. How many bedrooms are in the cottage?
  - a. two bedrooms
  - b. three bedrooms
  - c. four bedrooms
2. Where is the study?
  - a. downstairs
  - b. upstairs
  - c. in the living room
3. What does Uncle Stephen do?
  - a. He teaches history at school.
  - b. He is a historian.
  - c. He works at Stonehenge.
4. Mr Carter is
  - a. a friend of Uncle Stephen.
  - b. an old man with an angry face.
  - c. a young man with a friendly face.

### QUICK QUIZ!

4. Match the word with its opposite.

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| 1. big      | _____ | a. happy      |
| 2. ask      | _____ | b. small      |
| 3. sad      | _____ | c. cry        |
| 4. upstairs | _____ | d. answer     |
| 5. laugh    | _____ | e. downstairs |

