

## LISTENING ACTIVITY

### THE SECRET OF THE STONES

#### PART 1

### Listen to the audio and then do the activity below.

Laura and Max are twins. 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!'

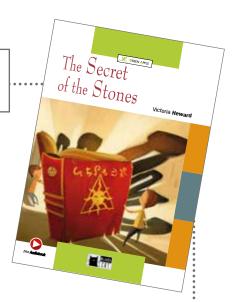
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### 1. Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.

- 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*.

<sup>3</sup> **field**: a place in the country with grass and trees.





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

<sup>2</sup> cottage: a small house.



# 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.





# 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.
  - big
     ask
  - sad
     upstairs
  - 5. laugh

- a. happy
- b. small
- c. cry
- d. answer
- e. downstairs