The Battle of Newton Road

While reading
Pages 1–8

1 Circle the word that is different.
   a teacher school student engineer
   b Saturday August June September
   c big machine clever important
   d good happy beautiful water
   e say talk ask go
   f people friend men children
   g think famous right bad
   h your our my they
   i school town hall garden house

2 Answer the questions.
   a Who asks people to the meeting?
   b Who teaches Stephen and Catherine?
   c What can knock down houses?
   d Who gets angry with Sally?
   e Who goes to the telephone?
   f Who visits Newton Road?

3 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.
   a page 2: Who are they listening to?
   b page 3: Why is he unhappy?
   c page 4: Who is Sally talking to?
   d page 5: Who are listening to Sally and her students?
   e page 6: What are the yellow machines going to do?
   f page 7: Why are the people in the road?
   g page 8: Who is Sally talking to?

Pages 9–15

4 Read the sentences. One word in every sentence is wrong. Make it right.
   a Mr Wood thinks Sally is wrong.
   b Sally thinks new roads are bad.
   c The battle starts in July.
   d The meeting is on Friday.
   e Sally and her neighbours can stay in their old houses.
   f The new road is called Robson Road.

5 Match A with B.

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<td>Sally Robson</td>
<td>1 is going to build a new school.</td>
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<td>Catherine</td>
<td>2 is Sally's neighbour.</td>
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<td>Mr Wood</td>
<td>3 is in the newspaper.</td>
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<td>Mr Morgan</td>
<td>4 has an idea.</td>
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<td>Helen Taylor</td>
<td>5 is the headmaster.</td>
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After reading

6 Put the sentences in the right order to make the story. Write the numbers 1–12.
   a Mr Wood builds a new school.
   b Sally telephones the newspaper man.
   c Mr Wood talks to Stephen and Catherine.
   d Newton Road doesn’t have electricity.
   e Sally and Mr Wood are friends.
   f Sally goes to a meeting at the school.
   g Mr Wood shows the new houses to Paul and Helen.
   h Sally goes to a meeting in the Town Hall.
   i Stephen and Catherine help Sally.
   j Stephen and Catherine see their photographs.
   k The neighbours sit in the road.
   l Sally hears about the new road.

7 Work with another student. Ask and answer the questions.
   a Do you like this story? Why (not)?
   b Who is your favourite character in this story? Why?
   c Are there any 'good' and 'bad' characters in this story? Who are they? Why are they 'good' or 'bad'? Why do you think this?
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1 Choose the right words in \textit{italics}.
   a Sally is a teacher / student.
   b Mr Wood is / isn’t Sally’s neighbour.
   c Mr Wood wants to build a road / house.
   d Sally / Paul likes Mr Wood’s idea.
   e Mr Wood stops the new road / electricity.
   f The students visit the newspaper office / Town Hall.
   g Mr Morgan’s meeting is at the Town Hall / school.
   h The new road’s name is Mr Wood’s / Sally’s idea.
   i The new school has a new / the same headmaster.

2 Match the words with their opposites.

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<td>stay</td>
<td>knock down</td>
<td>good</td>
<td>new</td>
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3 Write the words from the box in the right places.

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<td>down</td>
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<td>Please think …… the problem.</td>
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<td>Look …… the new house.</td>
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<td>I live …… an old house.</td>
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<td>We go …… Newton Road School.</td>
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4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)?
   a Catherine’s photo is in the newspaper. ✓
   b Mr Wood thinks Sally is wrong. ✓
   c Sally doesn’t like new roads. √
   d Stephen and Catherine visit Mr Wood. ✓
   e Mr Wood wants a battle. ✓
   f Sally and her neighbours have new houses. ✓
   g After the battle, Sally and her neighbours live in Newton Road. ✓

5 Which is right, 1, 2 or 3?
   a Sally Robson ……
     1) lives in Newton Road.
     2) lives near Newton Road.
     3) wants to live in Newton Road.
   b Paul Johnson thinks ……
     1) Mr Wood is a bad man.
     2) the new houses are good.
     3) big gardens aren’t important.

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<td>b Mr Wood talks</td>
<td>2 at the school.</td>
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<td>c Stephen and Catherine visit</td>
<td>3 to a new school.</td>
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<td>d The neighbours sit</td>
<td>4 Sally.</td>
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<td>e The newspaper man writes</td>
<td>5 in new houses.</td>
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<td>f The people live</td>
<td>6 to Paul and Helen.</td>
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<td>g The children go</td>
<td>7 about the battle.</td>
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7 Who says or thinks these sentences? Write the names from the box in the right places.

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<td>a ‘I like big gardens.’ ………………</td>
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<td>b ‘I’m going to knock down those houses.’ ………………</td>
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<td>c ‘I build roads.’ ………………</td>
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<td>d ‘Houses aren’t important.’ ………………</td>
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<td>e ‘You can have gas now.’ ………………</td>
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<td>f ‘We like our school.’ ………………</td>
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<td>g ‘Let’s call it “Robson Road”’ ………………</td>
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8 Write questions for the answers.

   a …………………………………….?
     She lives in Newton Road.
   b …………………………………….?
     They are Sally’s students.
   c …………………………………….?
     He’s a civil engineer.
   d …………………………………….?
     He wants to build a new road.