**Control listening**

**Text**

***No Place like home***

Today Vicky Samson came home from school at four o’clock. She watched TV for half an hour. Then she did her homework. She’s working hard at the moment, because she’s got exams soon. After dinner, while she was helping with the washing up, she talked to her parents about a problem she has been having at school.

It was a normal day, but it was the kind of day that makes Vicky (and her parents) very happy. “I can’t believe it”, says Vicky. “Life’s wonderful. Four months ago I was living in a cardboard box under a railway bridge in London”.

Last October Vicky had ran away from home. How did it all start? “I hated school. We always had so much work to do and I didn’t see the point of it all. But it was worse at home. My parents didn’t understand me. It was all: ‘Do this! Don’t do that!’ We only spoke to each other when we were arguing. One day I just couldn’t stand it any more.”

On that October day, Vicky didn’t go to school. She went to the station, put on some clothes she had packed in her school bag, threw her uniform away and caught the train to London. “At first it was really exciting. There were all the bright lights, theatres and shops and some really interesting people. I had to sleep on the streets, but I didn’t mind. I was free - no school, no homework, no parents”.

But soon there was no food and no money either. “I could not get a proper job, because I was only 15, and you have to be 16. Then the restaurant closed down and Vicky was back on the streets again. She was cold, hungry and miserable. “I was walking down a street, when I looked into someone’s front window. There was a girl there, just like me. She was decorating a Christmas tree.

Luckily for Vicky, the man who lived in the house, Mr. Robinson, came home while she was sitting there. He took Vicky into the house and Mrs. Robinson gave her a cup of tea and something to eat. “They were so kind. I told them my whole story. They offered to pay for my ticket home, but I didn’t want that. I thought my parents would be angry.”

But the next day she was back home. While Vicky was at their house, Mrs. Robinson went next door and telephoned the police in Birmingham. Three hours later, Vicky’s father arrived to pick her up.

“It was the best Christmas present I’d ever had”, said Mrs. Samson. “We are so grateful to the Robinsons for what they did!”

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**Variant 1.**

**1. Choose the right answer.**

1. What was the girl’s name?
2. Cathy b) Susan c) Vicky
3. She was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
4. teacher b) schoolgirl c) student
5. She’s working hard at the moment, because she’s got \_\_\_\_\_\_ soon.
6. a big debt b) exams c) vacation
7. For months ago she was living in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. cardboard box b) hotel c) palace
9. Last October Vicky \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ away from home
10. run b) was running c) ran
11. She packed her school bag, threw her uniform away and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the train to London.
12. catch b) caught c) catches
13. But soon there was no \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. books b) tickets c) food
15. Then the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ closed down and Vicky was back on the streets again.
16. restaurant b) cinema c) school
17. Mrs. Robinson gave Vicky a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
18. cup of tea b) a glass of juice c) a bowl of borsch
19. The Samsons were very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the Robinsons.
20. grateful b) unhappy c) relieved

**2. Look at these names. What part did each person play in the story?**

1. Vicky Samson **A** gave Vicky something to eat
2. Mrs Samson **B** was decorating the Christmas tree
3. Miss Robinson **C** argued with Vicky a lot
4. Parents **D** went to pick Vicky up
5. Mrs Robinson **E** was working hard at the moment
6. Mr Samson **F** found Vicky

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**Variant 2.**

**1. Read the sentences and choose True or False.**

1. Today Vicky Sampson came home from work at four o’clock.
2. After she watched TV for half an hour she did her home chores.
3. Vicky thought that life was wonderful.
4. Last October Vicky ran away from home.
5. She went to the airport.
6. Vicky was 16 years old.
7. She could have a proper job.
8. The Robinson gave Vicky a place to stay.
9. Mrs. Robinson called the ambulance.
10. Vicky’s parents were not happy to have their daughter back.

**2. Look at these names. What part did each person play in the story?**

1. Vicky Samson **A** gave Vicky a cup of tea
2. Mrs Samson **B** was decorating the Christmas tree
3. Miss Robinson **C** argued with Vicky a lot
4. Mr Robinson **D** went to pick Vicky up
5. Mrs Robinson **E** caught the train to London
6. Mr Samson **F** found Vicky

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Variant 3

**1. Look at these names. What part did each person play in the story?**

1. Vicky Samson **A** telephoned the police
2. Mrs Samson **B** was decorating the Christmas tree
3. Sharon Robinson **C** argued with Vicky a lot
4. Mr Robinson **D** went to collect Vicky
5. Mrs Robinson **E** ran away from home
6. Mr Samson **F** found Vicky
7. **Write if it is *True* or *False*.**
8. Vicky Samson came home from University at four o’clock.
9. Last November Vicky ran away from home.
10. She loved her school very much.
11. Vicky’s mother always understood her.
12. Vicky went to the station and caught the bus to the Paris.
13. But soon there was no food and no money either.
14. Vicky saw a girl decorating a Christmas tree
15. Luckily for Vicky, the man who lived at the house, Mr Robinson, came home while she was sitting at the station.
16. Mr Robinson telephoned the police in London.
17. Vicky’s father arrived to treat her ice-cream.