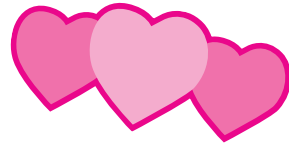


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The First Day

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Heute ist Ninas erster Tag in der neuen Schule in England! Eigentlich will sie es nicht zugeben, aber sie ist ganz schön aufgeregt – schließlich ändert sich mit dem Umzug ihrer Eltern nach England nicht nur die Schule, sondern ihr ganzes Leben! Hoffentlich sind wenigstens die Mitschüler nett. Die Schule gefällt ihr nämlich gar nicht so gut – alle müssen diese langweilige Uniform tragen, und die Lehrer sind viel strenger als in Deutschland ... Gut, dass Nina sofort die nette Evie trifft, die sie gleich zu einem Campingausflug mit ihren Freundinnen einlädt! ★

Evie stared out of her bedroom window and over the large green fields at the edge of the small town where she was living. She thought long and hard about something exciting to do for her **upcoming** birthday. She loved organizing and planning events for her and her school friends. There was nothing she hated more than having to stay inside the house with nothing to do. She didn't enjoy watching television, and she preferred playing football in real life to playing it on the computer. Many options for her birthday party **crossed her mind**. Bowling? Cinema? Ice skating? They had all been done

before. Evie wanted something more original. She wanted to make the day she turned fifteen a special one. She looked at the boys in the distance kicking a football around. She **glanced at** a family out walking with their two Labradors.

The sun was beginning to go down and sent a warm pink light on the **daisies** and **daffodils** in the fields. Spring was definitely here!

It was a shame that Evie had to be inside doing her maths **homework**, which

was set on Friday. She had left it to the last minute – as usual. She stared outside and wished that she could be out there with her friends. She wanted to enjoy the warm weather, but it was getting late and the homework was **due** the next day.

She spent an hour or so staring at the boring textbook, while the sun began to disappear behind the trees at the end of the field.

Suddenly she had an idea. She would plan a camping trip for her and her friends! They could have a barbecue outside, play sports all day, have a laugh and stay up late **gossiping** about school and boys. They would be free. Free! Free to do whatever they wanted.

upcoming	bevorstehend
to cross one's mind	jmd. in den Sinn kommen
to glance at	einen Blick werfen auf
daisy	Gänseblümchen
daffodil	Osterglocke
to set homework	Hausaufgaben aufgeben
due	fällig
to gossip	plaudern

ÜBUNG 1: Match-up. Verbinde die passenden Wörter!

- | | |
|----------------|------------|
| 1. to organise | football |
| 2. to watch | camping |
| 3. to do | fun |
| 4. to go | homework |
| 5. to play | events |
| 6. to have | television |

Evie picked up the phone and called her best friend Emily to tell her about her **flash of inspiration**. Evie and Emily had been friends since they started secondary school. **Despite** their different personalities they told each other everything. They shared their problems, discussed the boys who they liked and those they **couldn't stand**.

Emily lived on the other side of town with her parents. It took about half an hour for Evie to cycle over to her best friend's house – but she often did it because Emily wasn't allowed to cycle through the centre of town **on her own**. Emily was an **only child**, although she thought of Evie almost as a sister.

flash of inspiration	Geistesblitz
despite	trotz
to cannot stand sb.	jmd. nicht ausstehen können
on one's own	allein
only child	Einzelkind

“**Hiya** Emily!” Evie said excitedly. She couldn't wait to tell Emily about her plan.

“Erm, hello Evie... What do you want at this time of night?”

Evie had forgotten that Emily always had to be in bed early on school nights.

“I've got an excellent plan for my fifteenth birthday party!” **exclaimed** Evie.

“It's not ice skating again, is it?” said Emily while she was trying to hide the fact that she **was yawning**.

Evie couldn't **contain** her excitement.

“No. It's much better than that! It's going to be so much fun. We'll all go camping for the night, maybe even two nights. We can go to the **Peak District** – it's not far away and my

Hiya!	Hallo!
to exclaim	ausrufen
to yawn	gähnen
to contain	zurückhalten
Peak District	Hochlandgebiet in Mittel-/Nordengland



parents could drive us there. Then we can climb hills, play football and stay up late gossiping and telling ghost stories. It's going to be fantastic. I can't wait!"

"Won't it be a bit dangerous?" said Emily in a whisper, so that her parents wouldn't hear that she was on the phone.

"Dangerous?! Why? We live in England – there aren't any big snakes or bears that could eat us alive! Where's your sense of adventure?"

"Well... um... I suppose it might be fun," said Emily **doubtfully**, "but do you have a **tent**?"

ÜBUNG 2: *Odd one out! Welches Wort ist das „schwarze Schaf“?*

1. whisper, shout, exclaim, suppose
2. England, Germany, France, Scottish
3. brother, cousin, best friend, aunt
4. weekend, Saturday, weekday, Sunday
5. next week, tomorrow, yesterday, next year
6. letter, text message, call, mobile phone
7. tent, camping stove, sleeping bag, necklace
8. homework, cow, lesson, teacher

"Emily! You're always so practical. I have three brothers. I'm sure one of them will be able to lend us a tent for a weekend." The line went silent for a few seconds. Then the silence was interrupted by Emily who said, "Look Evie... I have to go now. My Dad's coming upstairs. I'll ask my parents about it and speak to you tomorrow."

"Okay... just one more thing before you go, Emily."

"Yeah?"

"Can I copy your maths homework?"

"No you can't! It's always the same with you!" said Emily angrily.

"But Emily..." **begged** Evie.

"Okay Evie, just try and do everything you can and then I'll go through it with you at break time tomorrow."

"But Emily..." repeated Evie.

"Evie, you need to make sure that you understand it before the exam. Next year we'll have **GCSEs** and you'll definitely need Maths GCSE later in life."

Evie realized that that was the best offer Emily would make.

"Thanks, Emily. You're the best."

"Hmm, okay, see you tomorrow," whispered Emily quickly. The line went dead.

doubtfully	skeptisch, zweifelnd
tent	Zelt
to beg	betteln
GCSE (General Certificate of Secondary Education)	britische Schulabschlussprüfung