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Where are the two girls?
What are they doing?

It was a warm summer night. Susan and her younger sister Sandy were lying on a colourful carpet on the terrace of their village house. They looked at the stars and the moon above them. They loved chatting about their dreams and wanted to leave their home one day.

"I want to be as rich as a princess. I will wear the most beautiful dresses and live in a palace. My servants will do everything for me," said Sandy. Susan smiled and turned to her sister. "Being rich is not the most important thing in life." "What's more important than being rich?" asked Sandy.



"Sandy, you have to understand that money doesn't bring happiness. The people we love do."

"I don't agree. I wish we could fly away and leave this place forever!"



What does Sandy want?
Why?

Go to activities
on page 16



ACTIVITIES

for pages 10-11



13 Listen and say.



look after



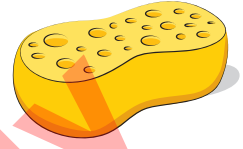
polite



bowl



rose petals



sponge



massage feet



refreshed



courtyard



smart



pretty dresses

14 Look at the pictures and choose the correct words.

- 1 ☒ a courtyard
b room



- 4 a look after
b leave alone



- 2 a palm trees
b rose petals



- 5 a drink
b bite



- 3 a sick
b refreshed



- 6 a fool
b smart



15 Read and circle **too** or **enough**.

- Sandy is too / enough selfish to care for the queen.
- The water in the bowl isn't warm **too** / enough.
- The sponge isn't soft **too** / enough to massage the feet.
- The apple is **too** / enough hard to bite.

ACTIVITIES

for pages 12-13



16 Listen and say.



do chores



hang curtains



dust the furniture



make the bed



sweep the floor



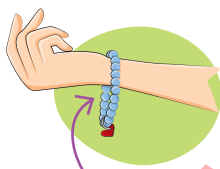
keep company



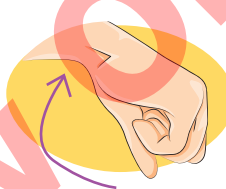
fond of



honest



bracelet



wrist



gift

17 Read the story on pages 12-13 again and write the correct name.

1 She is fond of Susan.

Queen Priscilla

2 She is an honest person.

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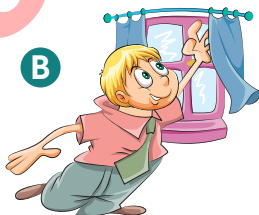
3 She gave a gift to Susan.

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4 She saw the bracelet on Susan's wrist.

.....

18 Listen and match.



1 Mark

☐

2 Tina and Jenny

☐

3 Alice

☐

4 Mary

☐

5 Thomas

☐

WORD LIST

annoyed	honest	queen
approach	impressive	refreshed
bowl	jealous	rich
bracelet	joke	rise
care for	keep company	rose petals
caring	kneel	roses
chat	lie	serious
colourful carpet	look after	servants
corridor	lose the way	shy
courtyard	magic	sick
do chores	maid	smart
dust the furniture	make the bed	sponge
entrance	massage feet	stars
faraway land	moon	surprised
fond of	night sky	sweep the floor
fountain	palace	take a peek
gift	palm trees	terrace
guests	pleased	trip
handsome prince	polite	village house
hang curtains	pretty dresses	wrist
hear voices	propose	
hold one's hand	push the door	

KEY STRUCTURES in this story:

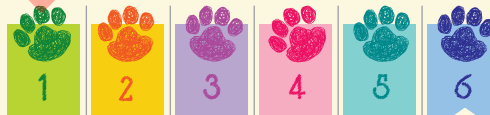
- comparative / superlative
- *too & enough*
- types of homes
- house chores



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