

Hampton House

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The Helping Hand Club

William was busy as usual, in the building which was the office for *Helping Hand*. He worked there every Saturday morning. Today the building was full of teenagers, all waiting for someone to tell them what to do and where to go.

“Sally, Mrs Smith needs someone to collect her shopping.”

Sally went to the desk and took the shopping list for Mrs Smith, then, with a smile on her pretty face, said goodbye and walked out of the office.

“John, Mrs Jones wants you to take her dog for a walk. And be careful not to step on the dog this time.”

“Gary, can you babysit for the Smiths this afternoon?”

“Jo, Mr Brown needs help in his garden.”

The telephone never stopped ringing but slowly, as time passed, the office became calm again. Most of the teenagers were out helping the people of the town; the rest were by the coffee machine. Someone switched on the cassette player, and William sat in his chair more comfortably and closed his eyes.

“Hello.”

William opened his eyes. A lovely girl stood in front of his desk, smiling.

“Hello, young lady. Who are you?”

“I’m Kathy. I’m new here and I don’t know anybody, so I thought perhaps I could help you.”

“You said the magic word. Help is always needed round here. In fact, as soon as Joan gets back, I’m taking the Library

van to the Old People's Home, and I need someone to help with the small trolley. Why don't you get some coffee and meet the rest of the group?"

Suddenly, the door flew open and a tall smiling girl came in.

"Sorry I'm late. Mr Tagg took a very long time to finish at the Foot Clinic. He's back home now, so here I am. Any problems, William?"

"Nothing serious, but we do have a new helper. Kathy, come and meet Joan. She's the manager here."

"William's taking me to the Old People's Home to give out the library books—if that's all right."

"Lovely, but watch out! William is a terrible driver, so fasten your seat belt!"

"Don't believe a word she says. Bye-bye, everybody. See you later."

"All right, but not *too* much later. We have a lot of things to do, you know!"

Everyone laughed as there was really not so much to do that day. William and Kathy walked out of the office and got into the van.

"Don't worry, Kathy. I'm a safe driver, and it won't take us very long to do this job."

Kathy smiled at William and looked at the busy street outside.

"I'm not worried about your driving, but it will take us a long time as there's a lot of traffic in the streets today."

"All right then, let's hit the road!"

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It was fun for Kathy to work with William and the others at the Helping Hand Club ... until she met the strange lady in Room 16 at the Old People's Home ... The lady's story about Hampton House and its master changed her life completely. Now, everybody suspects her of being a liar and, worst of all, William won't speak to her again. ... Will anybody believe her?

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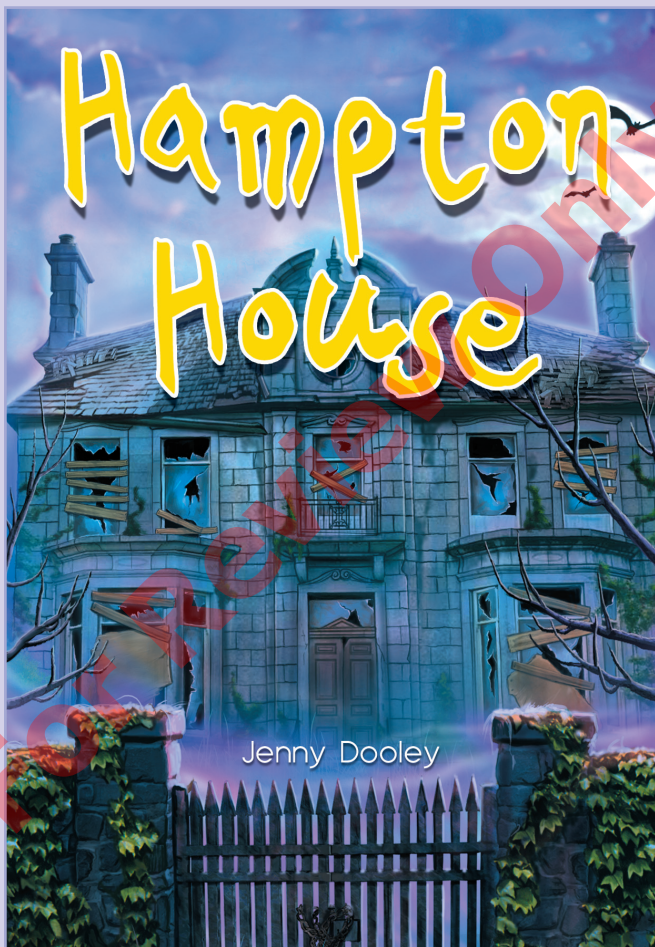


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Activity Book



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The Dance

I. Listening



Listen to the recording and fill in the missing words.

That evening 1) took a long time to dress because she didn't know what to wear. She finally put on her best dress and 2) Then she brushed her shoulder-length fair hair until it shone. A last look in the 3) showed a slim girl with happy brown eyes, her oval face framed by 4) curls.

William stood at the end of the road and 5) When he saw Kathy, he hurried to 6) her.

"Hello again! Ready to go?"

"Yes, let's go!"

Together they went into the 7) It was full of young people. Some girls were in mini 8) and T-shirts, others in long, bright dresses. Most of the 9) men wore jeans, T-shirts and leather 10) Everyone wanted to enjoy themselves. William greeted his friends, then 11) Kathy to dance the moment the music started. They danced nicely together. And when the 12) stopped, a girl with soft brown hair and shining brown eyes came near them.

“This is Sue. Sue, say hello to Kathy!”

“Hello Kathy! Nice to meet you. Come and meet the rest of the crowd.”

Just then, a tall young man came forward. He held his **13)** in one hand and a handkerchief in the other.

“This is John. He always cleans his glasses when he’s **14)** He’s terribly clever, so he cleans his glasses a lot.”

“My hair falls across one eye when I’m **15)** ”

II. Comprehension questions

- 1 Why did Kathy take a long time to dress?
- 2 What did John do when he was thinking?
- 3 Name some of Kathy’s new friends.
- 4 How did William and Kathy get home?
- 5 What jobs did Kathy do for Helping Hand?
- 6 What did William and Kathy do in their free time?
- 7 Who wrote to Kathy? What did she want her to do?
- 8 Where was the lady from Room 16 now?



Chapter 3

III. Topics for discussion

- 1 Would you like to sing for a pop group? Which group? What's your favourite song?
- 2 What's the difference between the type of dancing we do now and years ago? Why do you think young people like dancing so much?
- 3 What kind of games do you play in your free time?
- 4 What kind of clothes do you like to wear when you go out with your friends or family?

IV. Activities

A *Look at the chart below. Tick (✓) the squares that describe Kathy's appearance.*

	eyes	hair	face	figure
shiny				
bright				
curly				
soft				
oval				
fair				
brown				
slim				
pretty				

- B** *Look at the pictures of William in the reader. What does he look like?*

Write your description below:

William

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