

# First Act

## Book 1

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# Before you start

Here are some useful expressions which will help you in many of the plays. Practise them with a partner.

## *Greetings and answers*

Hi!

How are you doing?

Great to see you!

What's up with you?

What's the matter with you?

You look a bit fed up!

I'm fine. How about you?

Not too bad, thanks.

I'm feeling great!

Getting better, thanks.

## *Apologies and answers*

I'm awfully sorry.

I didn't mean to.

It was all my fault.

Dreadfully sorry. It was an accident.

Never mind!

Don't worry about it.

It doesn't matter at all.

That's quite all right.

## *Finding out (using question words)*

What is it?

What on earth is it?

What's his name?

What's your favourite colour?

What kind of car does he have?

Where does he live?

When are you going to the airport?

# UNIT 1

## Theme : In difficulty

### Grammar basis

1. Which one? (*You have a choice*)

Answer: The blue / green / large / new / funny one.  
It must be this one.  
It's the one with the blue cover.  
It's probably the bigger one.

2. Where is it? (*Practising prepositions of place with "is" questions*)

Answer: Behind / in front of the tree.  
Over here / over there.  
Under the table.  
On the desk.  
Near the window.  
In the cupboard.  
Inside the house / outside the house.  
At the station / at the hotel / at my sister's flat.  
In London / in Hong Kong / in our block of flats.

3. Where are you going? (*Practising prepositions of place with "moving" questions*)

Answer: To school	Back to my house
To the shopping mall	Into the sports shop
To the cinema	Into the park
To London	Into the living room
Back home	Into my bedroom

4. What's it / he / she like? (*You want to describe something / to make a picture of it*)

Answer: It looks like a fish / a plane / a ghost.  
She looks like a film star / her mother / my teacher.  
She's pretty / blonde / very nice / tall / quite thin.  
He's got a beard / glasses / short hair / large ears / a red nose.

## 1.i Who is she?



### Characters

JOHN  
DAVE  
MICHELLE

two friends out for a walk

DAVE: Look! What's that over there?

JOHN: Where?

DAVE: Down there. By the river. See, near the bridge.

JOHN: I can't see anything.

DAVE: Look. Just beside that old tree. Is it a pile of old clothes?

JOHN: Oh yes! I see. Come on. Let's go and have a look.

It's a man. I think he's asleep.

DAVE: Funny place to sleep. Perhaps he's dead.

JOHN: You're scared! I'm going to see. Hi! Wake up!

DAVE: It's not a man. It's a girl.

JOHN: So it is. She's half in the water, too.

DAVE: (*shaking her*) Come on. Wake up!

- JOHN: Is she dead?
- DAVE: No look! She's moving. Help me to get her out.  
*(They pull her out of the water)*
- JOHN: Ugh! Look at my hands. That's blood!
- DAVE: Yes, idiot! Of course it is. Look at her head!  
We must get help.
- JOHN: And a doctor. Oh, that must be her bag over there.  
See, in the water. Can you get it?  
*(Dave tries to pull the bag out of the river)*
- JOHN: Be careful. Don't fall in!
- DAVE: There. Got it.
- JOHN: What does it say on the label?
- DAVE: I can't read it. It's all wet. Michelle, I think.
- JOHN: That must be her name. Sounds foreign,
- DAVE: She doesn't look Chinese. Well, one of us must go and get help.
- JOHN: Hey, look!
- MICHELLE: *(waking)* Where am I? Oh, my head....

***First, check that you have understood the play.***

**Comprehension questions**

1. What do John and Dave think they see near the bridge?
2. Is it a man asleep?
3. Why does John think Dave is scared?
4. What does Dave pull out of the river?
5. Why do they think Michelle is foreign?
6. What is the matter with Michelle?

***Now you can finish the play yourselves.***

**Here are some ideas to help you**

1. Has Michelle had an accident or has someone attacked her?
2. Is she still afraid?
3. Can she remember anything?
4. Do the boys get help or do they all go off together?
5. Does anyone try to follow them?

### Follow-up activities

With a partner, write a story about this for your local newspaper.

Write an interview with John or Dave for the local paper.

Michelle has told her story to the police. What questions do the police ask her?

### Vocabulary

A body - A dead person.

You're scared - You're afraid.

Breathing - Still alive, taking in air

Label - An item used to identify something or someone, as a small piece of paper or cloth attached to an article to designate its origin, owner, contents, use, or destination.

Idiot - A foolish or stupid person.