

# The School Newspaper

Level: B1

Read about Leo's first months at a new school and the newspaper club. Then answer the questions.

## Reading text

When Leo started at his new school in September, everything felt unfamiliar. He used to walk to his old school in five minutes, but the new one was across town. Now he had to take a bus, and he was not used to getting up before seven. On the first day, he missed his stop and arrived just as the bell was ringing. His new classmates already knew one another, so lunch felt especially lonely. Leo sat with his tray near the window and watched other students talk.

A teacher called Ms Brown noticed him and invited him to join the school newspaper. Leo used to write short stories at home, but he had never written a report. At first, he was nervous about interviewing strangers. The other students showed him how to ask clear questions and check facts. After a few weeks, he started getting used to speaking to strangers. He wrote an article about the school garden and its vegetables for a local food bank.

In November, the newspaper team visited the food bank. Amira, a volunteer, described the families in need. He used to think the garden was only a nice place to spend time outside. Now he understood that the work there mattered to people beyond the school. His article included Amira's words and a picture of the students with boxes. When the paper came out, several classmates thanked Leo for telling the story.

Leo is used to the early bus now, but he still checks the stop twice. He has also got used to eating lunch with the newspaper team. The school no longer feels like a place full of strangers. Next term, Leo wants to help new students find a suitable club. He remembers how difficult his first weeks were and how one invitation changed them. He still writes stories at home, but he is learning to write about real people too.

## Glossary

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>unfamiliar</b>   | new and not known to you                      |
| <b>classmates</b>   | students in the same class as you             |
| <b>tray</b>         | a flat object used to carry food and drinks   |
| <b>interviewing</b> | asking people questions to learn about them   |
| <b>facts</b>        | pieces of information that are true           |
| <b>volunteer</b>    | a person who helps without being paid         |
| <b>food bank</b>    | a place that gives food to people who need it |
| <b>invitation</b>   | an offer to join or do something              |

## Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

Read the story and choose the best answer.

- How did Leo travel to his old school?  
a) By bus    b) On foot    c) By bicycle

2. Who invited Leo to join the newspaper?  
a) Ms Brown    b) Amira    c) A classmate at lunch
3. What was Leo's first article about?  
a) The school garden    b) The bus route    c) A sports match
4. What does Leo want to do next term?  
a) Write only stories at home    b) Help new students find a club    c) Leave the newspaper team

### **Exercise 2: Right or wrong?**

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*Decide whether each statement agrees with the text.*

5. Leo missed his bus stop on the first day.    True / False
6. Leo had written newspaper reports before joining the team.    True / False
7. The garden vegetables helped people outside the school.    True / False

### **Exercise 3: Complete the sentence**

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*Use a word or phrase from the story.*

8. Leo \_\_\_ walk to his old school in five minutes. (a past habit)
9. After a few weeks, he started getting \_\_\_ speaking to strangers. (becoming familiar with something)
10. A \_\_\_ helped explain the food bank to Leo. (someone who helps without pay)

### **Exercise 4: Listen and choose**

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*Listening: online only.*

### **Exercise 5: Listen and write**

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*Listening: online only.*

# Answer key

## Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

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1. b) On foot
2. a) Ms Brown
3. a) The school garden
4. b) Help new students find a club

## Exercise 2: Right or wrong?

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5. True
6. False
7. True

## Exercise 3: Complete the sentence

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8. used to
9. used to
10. volunteer

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