

This semi-real, semi-animated film tells the story of a teenage girl and her annoying brother who takes her secret diary. What happens when he reads it?

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the short film and do the exercises to check your understanding.



Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–e next to the numbers 1–5.

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| 1..... | dump someone | a. | an area of low land between hills or mountains |
| 2..... | lowest of the low | b. | someone who distresses you or annoys you |
| 3..... | valley | c. | another word for dinner in some parts of the UK |
| 4..... | the bane of my life | d. | tell someone you don't want to be their boyfriend or girlfriend any more |
| 5..... | tea | e. | the worst person in the world |

1. Check your understanding: ordering

Write a number (1–10) to put these sentences in order.

- The brother is in his bedroom listening to music.
- The sister tells us where she lives and who she lives with.
- The sister is writing in her diary.
- Mum is in the kitchen and calls the children to come for dinner.
- The brother goes into his sister's bedroom and steals her diary.
- At school people laugh at the sister.
- The brother appears in a magazine article.
- The brother and sister fight in a boat.
- The sister paints her brother's bedroom.
- The brother and sister make friends.

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer for these questions.

1. The sign outside the house says ...
 - a. No Exit.
 - b. Danger Deep Water.
 - c. No Brothers.
2. In her bedroom the sister ...
 - a. reads her diary.
 - b. writes in English.
 - c. writes about her dreams.
3. The sister _____ her brother's music.
 - a. likes
 - b. hates
 - c. doesn't mind
4. The brother's music stops because ...
 - a. the brother turns it off.
 - b. the sister turns it off.
 - c. the music system breaks.
5. Before the sister goes for dinner she ...
 - a. hides her diary under a cushion.
 - b. takes her diary with her.
 - c. puts her diary in a drawer.
6. Before the brother goes for dinner he ...
 - a. writes in his sister's diary.
 - b. steals his sister's diary.
 - c. steals his sister's music system.
7. What does the brother do with his sister's diary?
 - a. He shows the kids at school.
 - b. He gives it to his parents.
 - c. He gives it to her teacher.
8. What's Gruff's reaction?
 - a. He doesn't mind and tells the sister.
 - b. He fights with the brother.
 - c. He tells the sister they're no longer boyfriend and girlfriend.
9. What's the sister's reaction?
 - a. She hits her brother in front of his friends.
 - b. She laughs about it.
 - c. She feels embarrassed and small.
10. What does the sister do?
 - a. She tells her parents.
 - b. She changes the posters in her brother's bedroom.
 - c. She tells Gruff she hates him.

11. What happens in the boat?

a. The brother falls in the water.

b. The brother and sister make friends.

c. The sister pushes her brother into the water.

12. At the end of the film the sister says ...

a. she'll teach her brother how to swim.

b. she'll never write another diary.

c. she won't fall in love again so easily.

Discussion

Do you have arguments with your siblings?

What do you argue about?

Do you write a secret diary every day?

Sometimes we ...

We argue about ...

I would like ...

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.