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background⁵ (p6) 当你看到正文中单词右上角数字时，即可在页脚Glossary处查看该单词的相关注释。

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When Caterina finds her great-great grandmother's diary in the attic she reads about her difficult life as a child worker in the local mill.
Caterina starts thinking and soon she has started a campaign against a local shop that sells cheap, fashionable clothes.
However, the shop belongs to Jake's Uncle Sanjit. Can Caterina convince Sanjit to sell ethically made clothes?
And are Sanjit's suppliers what they seem?

(3) 高二年级句型结构

Modal verb <i>would</i>	Non-defining relative clauses
<i>I'd love to ...</i>	Present perfect continuous
Future continuous	<i>Used to / Would</i>
Present perfect future	<i>Used to / Used to doing</i>
Reported speech / Verbs / Questions	Second conditional
Past perfect	Expressing wishes and regrets
Defining relative clauses	

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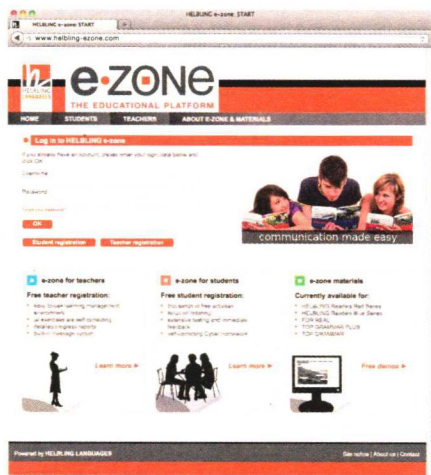
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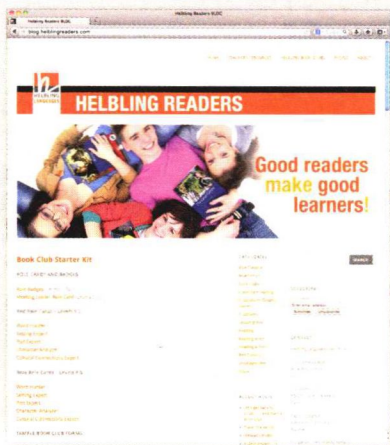
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Meet the Author

Hello Elspeth, tell us a little about yourself.

I studied drama at university and then worked for a theatre newspaper in London. Later, I decided to train as an English teacher. By a strange twist of fate¹, I found a teaching job in Istanbul in Turkey and I have lived and worked there ever since.

Where do you get your ideas for stories?

The idea for a story often comes when I visit a place. I feel that I'd like to read a story set in that place.

Why did you choose Salts Mill as the location for the story?

Some places make a big impression² on you and Salts Mill is one of those places. It used to be a huge old textile mill³ but now it's an art gallery. The history of the mill and its owner is fascinating. It's the perfect place for a mystery story.

What is the main theme of the story?

The main theme of the story is children working long hours and in difficult conditions. The characters in the book are fictional but in the past a lot of very young girls like Emily and Grace worked in mills like Salts Mill and a lot of girls died young. Around the world today, children are still working in dangerous conditions and dying young.

I would like to thank Roger Clarke, an author and local historian⁴, for helping me with my research into the historical background⁵ of the mill and my mum for taking me there in the first place.

Glossary

1 **twist of fate**: unplanned event 曲折的命运

2 **make a big impression**: have a big effect 留下深刻的印象

3 **textile mill** /'tekstaɪl/ building with machinery for making a type of fabric

纺织厂

4 **historian** /hɪ'stɔːrɪən/ n. person who studies history 历史学家

5 **background** /'bækgraʊnd/ n. things that happened at the time of the story 背景

Before Reading

1 At the heart of the story, there is a mystery at a mill. Look at the pictures in the book. Make predictions about the story.

a) What do you think happens? Tick (✓).

- | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> death | <input type="checkbox"/> theft | <input type="checkbox"/> murder | <input type="checkbox"/> war |
| <input type="checkbox"/> kidnapping | <input type="checkbox"/> romance | <input type="checkbox"/> ghosts | <input type="checkbox"/> business |

b) When does the story take place? Tick (✓).

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> in the past | <input type="checkbox"/> in the present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> in the past and the present | <input type="checkbox"/> in the future |

2 There are two stories within the story. Answer the questions using the pictures in the book to help you guess.

a) Which story has the happiest ending? The story in the past or the story in the present?

b) How does the story in the past end? With a death or with marriage and children?

c) How does the story in the present end? With a dream coming true or with a death?

3 Look at the pictures in the book and write the characters' names next to the sentences.



a) She works in a mill. _____

b) She goes to school. _____

c) She investigates a mystery in the snow. _____

d) She suffers in the cold but is very courageous. _____

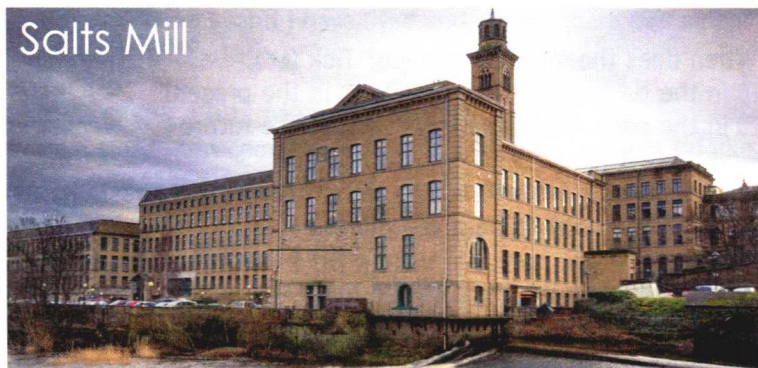
e) She gets into trouble in a shop. _____

f) She has two friends who manage to help her. _____

Before Reading

- 1 Part of the story takes place at Salts Mill. Read and complete the text with the words below. Then listen and check your answers.

polluted cheaper better local huge educational
terrible great healthier Industrial



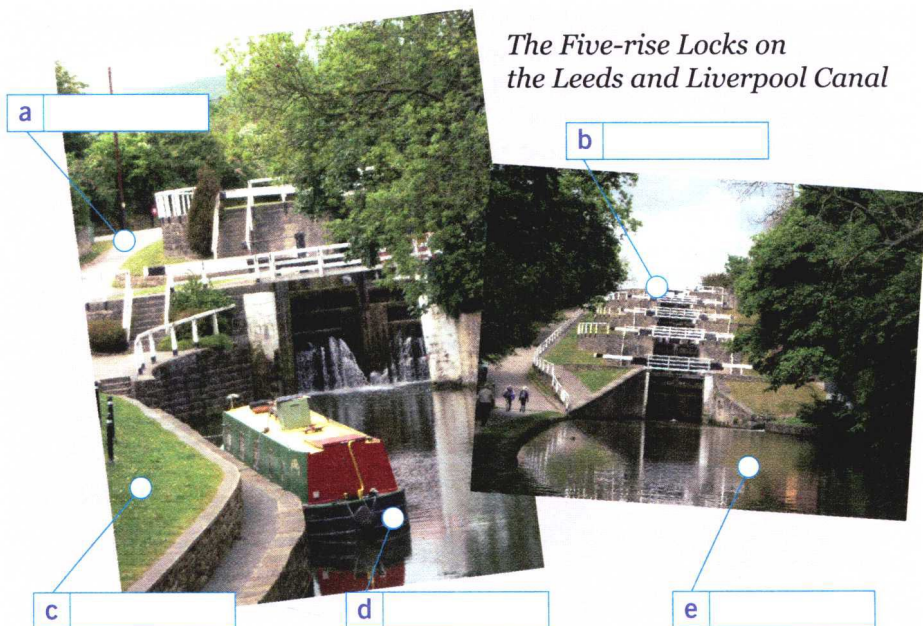
At the time of the (a) _____ Revolution, Bradford was a very (b) _____ city. People lived in (c) _____ conditions and many died young. A mill owner, Sir Titus Salt wanted his workers to live in (d) _____ conditions and have a (e) _____ life, so he built a mill outside the city. It was completed in 1853 and it was called Salts Mill. Sir Titus Salt also built a village with houses for his workers to live in, shops, a church and a park. He later built two schools and a social club and an (f) _____ institute for adults.

The mill continued to produce cloth for another century. In 1976 it was still producing £4 million of cloth a year. At the end of the seventies, a lot of (g) _____ foreign cloth was imported into Britain. Many mills in England lost all their business and had to close. Salts Mill closed in 1986.

In 1987, a 37-year old (h) _____ businessman bought the mill and opened an art gallery, which houses the largest collection of the Bradford-born artist, David Hockney's paintings. There is also a (i) _____ bookshop, an art shop, an interior design shop and a restaurant. Anyone who loves art, books, food or history will fall in love with the mill. It's (j) _____ !

- 2 Part of the story takes place by a canal. Label the photos of the canal with the words below.

barge canal towpath lock canal bank



- 3 Use the words from Exercise 2 to complete these sentences from the story.

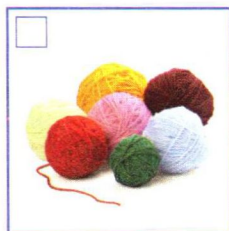
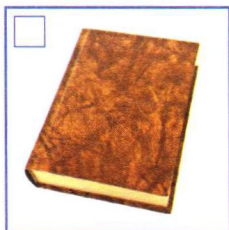
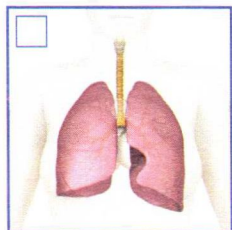
- a) Then sometimes, my friend Grace and I went for a walk down by the _____.
- b) We were sitting on the grassy _____ when a canal _____ went by.
- c) It was hard pedalling along the snowy _____ by the side of the canal but Jake was determined.
- d) Water poured down on them, but the barge didn't sink, and then it clicked. 'It's OK. We're in a _____,' she thought.

Before Reading

1 These verbs are from the story. Match them to their definitions.

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| a) <input type="checkbox"/> to grip | 1 to talk very quietly |
| b) <input type="checkbox"/> to grab | 2 to sew two things together |
| c) <input type="checkbox"/> to squeal | 3 to look at for a long time |
| d) <input type="checkbox"/> to stitch | 4 to talk |
| e) <input type="checkbox"/> to stare | 5 to hold tightly |
| f) <input type="checkbox"/> to mumble | 6 to cry out |
| g) <input type="checkbox"/> to chat | 7 to take quickly |
| h) <input type="checkbox"/> to slam | 8 to shut with force |

2 Match these nouns from the story with the pictures.



- | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| a) wool | b) lungs | c) leaflets |
| d) roll of cloth | e) leather book | f) cart |

3 Use the words from Exercise 2 to answer these questions.

- a) Which thing do you think Caterina finds in her grandmother's attic?

- b) Which thing do you think Emily finds by the canal?

4 Choose the best answers.

- a) One of the characters, _____ is a clothes designer who opens a shop.
A. Uncle Sanjit B. Charles Darwin C. Leo Tolstoy D. Jake
- b) Choose the correct order of the different processes of clothes production.
①selling the clothes
②designing the clothes
③making the clothes
④choosing the material
A. ①②③④ B. ②④③① C. ②③④① D. ③①②④
- c) What could be seen in an industrial town in the past except _____?
A. polluted air
B. dirty water
C. frequent outbreaks of fatal illnesses
D. clean rivers
- d) What makes a story interesting?
A. Setting B. Symbol C. Theme D. Plot

5 Answer the questions in NO MORE THAN EIGHT WORDS.

- 1) What do you know about the production of clothes?
- 2) What type of clothes do you like buying?
- 3) I buy my favorite clothes from _____.
- 4) Most of the clothes are made _____.

6 Where are most of your clothes made? Look at the labels and find out. Do a survey in class and report back to your teacher.

