CHAPTER 1

Jack is a bad man. He steals from people. He is a thief.

Jack is at the beach. It is the end of the day. The sun is going down. People are having fun. They are eating and drinking. They are walking along the beach. Jack is looking at the people. He is looking for something to steal because he is a thief.

A man and a woman are sitting on a wall. The woman has a bag. They are looking at the sunset. Jack is sitting down.

“Look,” says Jack. “The sunset is better over there.”

Jack points. The man and woman look. Jack puts his hand in the woman's bag. He takes her purse. The man and the woman do not notice. They get up.

steal (v) to take something from a person or a place without permission and in a way that is illegal
thief (n) a person who steals
beach (n) an area of sand next to the sea or a lake
sunset (n) the time when the sun goes down
notice (v) to see
purse (n) a bag or pouch for money (used by women)
Jack points. The man and woman look. Jack puts his hand in the woman's bag.
“Thank you,” they say. “We will go and look at the sunset over there.”

The man and woman walk away. Jack looks at the purse. Jack is happy. There is money in the purse. Jack is a bad man but a good thief.

Jack is looking for things to steal. He sees an old lady with a pretty necklace. The necklace looks very special. It has a big gemstone. The gemstone is green. It sparkles in the sunset. Jack likes sparkly things. Jack follows the old lady.

The old lady sits under some trees. Jack is happy.

“This will be easy,” he thinks.

The old lady is happy. She is looking at the pretty sunset. Jack hides in a bush next to the old lady. He picks up a small stone. He throws it into the old lady's hair. The old lady touches her head.

“What is that?” she thinks.

pretty (adj) beautiful  
necklace (n) a piece of jewellery that you wear around your neck  
gemstone (n) a precious stone  
sparkle (v) to shine  
sparkly (adj) shining with light
Jack hides in a bush next to the old lady.
COMPREHENSION QUIZ

Test 1
Are the following sentences TRUE (T) or FALSE (F)?

1. Jack and Selena are thieves.   T / F
2. Jack steals a phone from the woman's bag.  T / F
3. Jack steals the old woman's necklace.   T / F
4. Selena has black hair.    T / F
5. Selena is a thief too.      T / F
6. Selena hides the necklace in her bag.  T / F
7. Selena throws a glass of water at Jack. T / F
8. Jack is angry because Selena steals the necklace from him.  T / F
9. The doorman throws Jack out of the bar. T / F
10. Jack and Selena become friends at the end of the story.  T / F
Test 2

Complete the sentences with *a/an, the* or *zero article (X)*.

1. Jack is ........ bad man. He steals from ........ people. He is ........ thief.

2. He sees ........ old lady with ........ pretty necklace. ........ necklace looks very special.

3. Jack puts ........ his hands in the old lady's hair. ........ lady is very worried.

4. Jack sees ........ woman. ........ woman is looking at him.

5. Selena is ........ bad woman. She is ........ thief too.

6. Jack and Selena are on ........ dance floor. They are dancing. ........ dance floor is busy.

7. Jack is looking for ........ Selena. ........ beach is busy.
   There are ........ lot of people.

8. The policeman pats ........ Jack's body. He is looking for the necklace. Jack will be in ........ big trouble.
Test-1

Complete the sentences with these words.

waving       sunset        thief  necklace       lying
still             busy  ground hug      trouble

1. He is in big ................. for being late.
2. Children can't sit ................. for very long.
3. They are sitting on the beach and watching
   the beautiful ................. .
4. The child is ................. at his father from the window.
5. The ................. steals the old lady's necklace and
   the policeman chases him.
6. The policeman pats Jack's body. He is looking for
   the ................. .
7. She is not telling the truth. She is ................. .
8. Jack holds out his arms. He gives Selena a ................. .
9. The doorman throws Jack out of the bar.
   Jack kicks the ................. .
10. Selena is looking for Jack. The bar is ................. .
    There are a lot of people.