



1 Read, then listen.

Island for Sale is a story about Duncan McTavish. Duncan lives with his dog, Jack, in a big castle on an island in Scotland. He can't pay the electricity bill, so he must sell his castle and his island. Leaping Larry, a rock star from the USA, wants to buy Duncan's island. Larry and his girlfriend, Roxanne, visit Duncan.



2 Now read the extract, then listen.

Leaping Larry and Roxanne go into the castle. It's very dark. Leaping Larry can't see. He falls down.

'Where are the lights?' he asks.  
'I'm sorry,' Duncan says. 'There isn't any light. The company stopped my electricity this morning.'

'I want some hot food,' Roxanne says.  
'I'm sorry,' Duncan says, 'but I can't make hot food. I haven't got any electricity. But there is some cold food.'

'Cold food!' Roxanne says. 'No, thank you! I'm going to bed. But first I want a hot bath. And Bobo wants a bath, too.'

'I'm very sorry,' Duncan says. 'But there's no hot water.'

'No lights! No food! No hot water!' Roxanne says. 'I don't like this place!'

'Now, honey ...' Leaping Larry says.  
'Don't call me "honey"! Roxanne says.

'Let's go, Bobo!'  
Roxanne and Bobo go to bed.



Comprehension

3 Answer the questions.

- Are there any lights in the castle?  
No, there aren't.
- Why aren't there any lights?
- Who is hungry?
- Can Duncan cook hot food?
- What does Roxanne think of the castle?
- Who is 'honey'?

4b Complete. Use the words 1-5 from Exercise 4a.

- That company makes the best computers.
- I'm cold! I want a hot \_\_\_\_\_.
- My brother's \_\_\_\_\_ is really clever.
- Does the King live in this \_\_\_\_\_?
- Oh, no! I can't do my homework! There isn't any \_\_\_\_\_!

Speaking

5 Look at the picture. Then discuss the questions.



Suddenly, Roxanne screams.

- Where is Roxanne?
- Why did she scream?
- Who is under the bed?
- Why is Duncan carrying three candles?
- Is Leaping Larry going to buy the castle? Why / why not?

Vocabulary

4a Match the word to its meaning.

- girlfriend (n)  b
- castle (n)  c
- company (n)  a
- electricity (n)  e
- bath (n)  d

a a business that buys, makes or sells things

b a girl or woman that you are having a romantic relationship with

c a large container that you fill with water and then sit in to wash yourself!

d a large strong building built in the past so that no one could attack the people inside

e power that goes through wires and is used for lighting, heating and for making machines work.