



The Battle of Newton Road

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While reading

Pages 1–8

1 Circle the word that is different.

- a teacher school student engineer
- b Saturday August June September
- c big machine clever important
- d good happy beautiful water
- e say talk ask go
- f people friend men children
- g think famous right bad
- h your our my they
- i school town hall garden house

2 Answer the questions.

- a Who asks people to the meeting?
.....
- b Who teaches Stephen and Catherine?
.....
- c What can knock down houses?
.....
- d Who gets angry with Sally?
.....
- e Who goes to the telephone?
.....
- f Who visits Newton Road?
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3 Look at the pictures and answer the questions.

- a page 2: Who are they listening to?
.....
- b page 3: Why is he unhappy?
.....
- c page 4: Who is Sally talking to?
.....
- d page 5: Who are listening to Sally and her students?
.....
- e page 6: What are the yellow machines going to do?
.....
- f page 7: Why are the people in the road?
.....
- g page 8: Who is Sally talking to?
.....

Pages 9–15

4 Read the sentences. One word in every sentence is wrong. Make it right.

- a Mr Wood thinks Sally is wrong.
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- b Sally thinks new roads are bad.
.....
- c The battle starts in July.
.....
- d The meeting is on Friday.
.....
- e Sally and her neighbours can stay in their old houses.
.....
- f The new road is called Robson Road.
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5 Match A with B.

A	B
a Sally Robson	1 is going to build a new school.
b Catherine	2 is Sally's neighbour.
c Mr Wood	3 is in the newspaper.
d Mr Morgan	4 has an idea.
e Helen Taylor	5 is the headmaster.

After reading

6 Put the sentences in the right order to make the story. Write the numbers 1–12.

- a Mr Wood builds a new school.
- b Sally telephones the newspaper man.
- c Mr Wood talks to Stephen and Catherine.
- d Newton Road doesn't have electricity.
- e Sally and Mr Wood are friends.
- f Sally goes to a meeting at the school.
- g Mr Wood shows the new houses to Paul and Helen.
- h Sally goes to a meeting in the Town Hall.
- i Stephen and Catherine help Sally.
- j Stephen and Catherine see their photographs.
- k The neighbours sit in the road.
- l Sally hears about the new road.

7 Work with another student. Ask and answer the questions.

- a Do you like this story? Why (not)?
- b Who is your favourite character in this story? Why?
- c Are there any 'good' and 'bad' characters in this story? Who are they? Why are they 'good' or 'bad'? Why do you think this?



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1 Choose the right words in *italics*.

- a Sally is a *teacher / student*.
- b Mr Wood *is / isn't* Sally's neighbour.
- c Mr Wood wants to build a *road / house*.
- d *Sally / Paul* likes Mr Wood's idea.
- e Mr Wood stops *the new road / electricity*.
- f The students visit the *newspaper office / Town Hall*.
- g Mr Morgan's meeting is at the *Town Hall / school*.
- h The new road's name is *Mr Wood's / Sally's* idea.
- i The new school has a *new / the same* headmaster.

2 Match the words with their opposites.

a old	1 stay
b go	2 knock down
c bad	3 morning
d build	4 new
e afternoon	5 goodbye
f hello	6 good

3 Write the words from the box in the right places.

about on down in to (x 2) with at

- a Please think the problem.
- b Look the new house.
- c Please come here. I want to talk you.
- d Can I stay you, please?
- e Don't knock the school.
- f I live an old house.
- g We go Newton Road School.
- h There's a meeting Saturday.

4 Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- a Catherine's photo is in the newspaper.
- b Mr Wood thinks Sally is wrong.
- c Sally doesn't like new roads.
- d Stephen and Catherine visit Mr Wood.
- e Mr Wood wants a battle.
- f Sally and her neighbours have new houses.
- g After the battle, Sally and her neighbours live in Newton Road.

5 Which is right, 1, 2 or 3?

- a Sally Robson
 - 1) lives in Newton Road.
 - 2) lives near Newton Road.
 - 3) wants to live in Newton Road.
- b Paul Johnson thinks
 - 1) Mr Wood is a bad man.
 - 2) the new houses are good.
 - 3) big gardens aren't important.

- c Stephen and Catherine
 - 1) telephone the newspaper man.
 - 2) go to the electricity company.
 - 3) talk to Mr Wood.
- d Mr Wood
 - 1) wants to have a new meeting.
 - 2) gets angry with Stephen and Catherine.
 - 3) doesn't do anything.
- e After the battle, Mr Wood
 - 1) visits Stephen and Catherine.
 - 2) has a new battle.
 - 3) is Sally's friend.

6 Match A and B.

A	B
a Sally works	1 in front of the machines.
b Mr Wood talks	2 at the school.
c Stephen and Catherine visit	3 to a new school.
d The neighbours sit	4 Sally.
e The newspaper man writes	5 in new houses.
f The people live	6 to Paul and Helen.
g The children go	7 about the battle.

7 Who says or thinks these sentences? Write the names from the box in the right places.

Mr Wood Paul Johnson Sally Robson
Stephen and Catherine

- a 'I like big gardens.'
- b 'I'm going to knock down those houses.'
- c 'I build roads.'
- d 'Houses aren't important.'
- e 'You can have gas now.'
- f 'We like our school.'
- g 'Let's call it "Robson Road".'

8 Write questions for the answers.

- a?
She lives in Newton Road.
- b?
They are Sally's students.
- c?
He's a civil engineer.
- d?
He wants to build a new road.