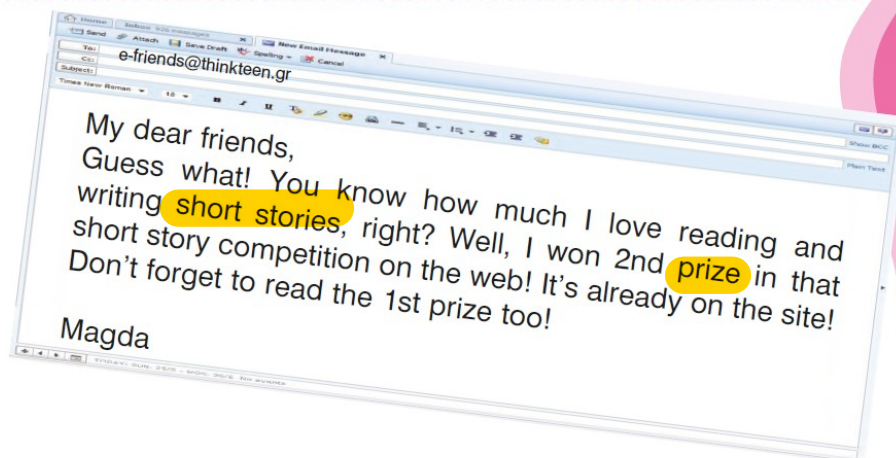


# Lesson 2

## Tell me a story!



### Reading



1 Here is the story that won first prize in the web story-writing competition. The title is 'A BROKEN WINDOW'. Before you read it, discuss the following in pairs.

- Who is the main character in the story? Give a short description.
- Where is the broken window?
- What other characters are there in the story?
- Is the ending happy or sad?

2 Read and / or listen to the story and check your guesses. What did you guess right?

## A b r o k e n w i n d o w

### 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE

written by Sarah Crawley

It was about 11.30, on a cold winter evening. A strong wind was blowing. Mary Larson was coming back home from the cinema. When she was outside her block of flats, she saw glass on the pavement. She looked up and saw her kitchen window broken! It was late and all her neighbours were sleeping. She panicked but she called the police on her mobile right away. Two policemen arrived within five minutes.

Together, they unlocked the door and got into the flat. It was in a terrible mess! Some furniture was upside down! Mary's clothes were lying on the floor and her money and jewellery were missing! The policemen searched the flat, asked Mary some questions and wrote a report. Mary spent that night at a friend's house and the next day she got someone to repair the window and fit a new lock.

Three days later, she went to the police station and found one of the policemen, John Edwards. Unfortunately, he didn't have any news about the burglars but he asked Mary out for a cup of coffee. Mary said 'yes' because she liked John. You can guess the rest. Very soon, they fell in love with each other and decided to get married! Mary never got her jewellery back but she found a lovely husband. And all this thanks to that broken window!

adapted from a student's story for the English school newspaper 'LEONteen'.

- 3 Time for Teens wants to make a comic strip based on the story about the broken window. Read it again and put the drawings in the right order. There are two extra drawings.

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- 4 Let's discuss Mary's feelings. In which part of the story did Mary feel ...? Say why.

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disappointed

amused

happy

scared

hungry

sorry

### A burglary

- 1 Find words in the story to match these pictures.



- 2 What do these words and expressions mean? Match.

1. wind	.....	a. it's not here and I can't find it
2. it's in a mess	.....	b. look carefully to find sth
3. it's missing	.....	c. it's very untidy
4. search	.....	d. because of sth / sb
5. repair	.....	e. make sth broken good again
6. thanks to sb / sth	.....	f. air that moves

### Weather Collocations

- 4 In stories we usually need to describe the weather. Put these words in the boxes (A-E). Then, listen and check.

non-stop

sunny

hard

going down

light

(A)  
It was raining  
hard/ heavily/  
slightly/  
.....

(B)  
It was snowing  
heavily/  
...../  
lightly.

(C)  
The sun was  
  
coming up/  
...../  
shining.

(D)  
A strong/cold/  
..... wind  
was blowing.

(E)  
It was a  
beautiful  
/ ..... /  
warm /  
spring  
morning.