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Good Day, Bad Day

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1.1 What's the book about?

- 1 What is a "good day" for you? What is a "bad day"? Look at the sentences and talk about good and bad days.

On a good/bad day, ...

- a it rains all day. c you see a movie.
b you meet an old friend. d you can't find your homework.

- 2 Look at the fortune teller in the picture on page 5. What do you think about fortune tellers? Why? Choose a sentence (✓).



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1.2 What happens first?

Look at the pictures on pages 1 and 2.
Circle the right words in the sentences.
What do you think?

- 1 Mike lives in a *small* / *big* town.
- 2 He is about *twenty-five* / *forty* years old.
- 3 His *mother* / *sister* is visiting him.
- 4 Mike and Kerry *walk* / *drive* from Mike's apartment.
- 5 *Kerry* / *Mike* likes fortune tellers.

Mike gets a new job and moves from his small town to Boston. He likes the job and he likes his new apartment. He likes Boston. There is only one problem. He doesn't meet many new people.

This weekend Mike's sister Kerry is visiting her brother.

"Do you have many new friends here?" she asks him.

"Not many," Mike says.

"I'm **worried** about you!" Kerry says.

"You're always worried about me!" Mike says.



worried /'wəɪd, 'wʌrɪd/ (adj) I don't like airplanes. I am always *worried* on them!



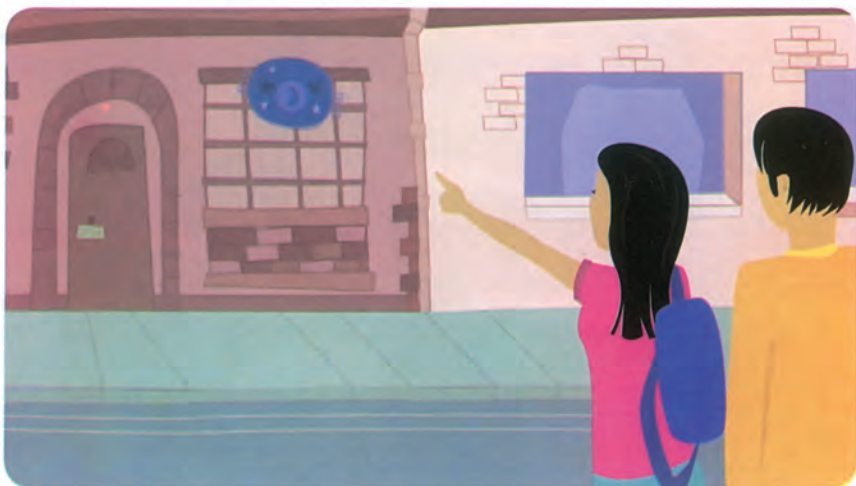
On Saturday morning they go out.

“Let’s go into town,” Mike says. “There’s a bus stop near here.”

But Kerry sees a **sign** in a window:

VISIT ROSIE THE FORTUNE TELLER.

“No,” she says. “Let’s go in there!”



sign /saɪn/ (n) The names of the movies are on a big **sign** at the theater.

fortune teller /ˈfɜrtʃən ,telə/ (n) “I see a good day for you tomorrow,” the **fortune teller** says to Jane. “You find some money.”



Mike isn't happy about this. He doesn't **believe in** fortune tellers.

But Kerry says, "Please, Mike. I love fortune tellers!"

"Wait, Kerry!"

But she is going into the house and Mike can't stop her. He goes in after her.

A woman is sitting at a table in a small room. This is Rosie, the fortune teller.



believe (in) /bə'liv/ (v) "I don't *believe in* banks. My money is under my bed!"
"Animals can talk? I don't *believe it!*"

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American English

Original

Kerry is visiting her brother, Mike, for the first time in his new home. She sees a sign for a fortune teller. Mike doesn't believe in fortune tellers, but he goes, too. What does Rosie say to him? And is she right?

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