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**1.1 What's the book about?**

1 Look at the picture on the front of this book. What country is this story about?

- Italy • Japan • Mexico • Scotland • India • Russia

2 Talk about the people in the pictures. What do they like? What do you think? Put ticks (✓) under A or B.



	A	B
lot of money	✓	
big new houses		
old castles		
expensive cars		
long holidays		
quiet evenings		
shopping		
walking		

**1.2 What happens first?**

Look at the words at the bottom of page 1. What are they in your language? Then look at the pictures. What do you think? Put the right words in these sentences.

1 Lana is .....

a town   a country   an island

2 Duncan lives in an old .....

house   hotel   castle

3 Jock is Duncan's .....

friend   boat   dog

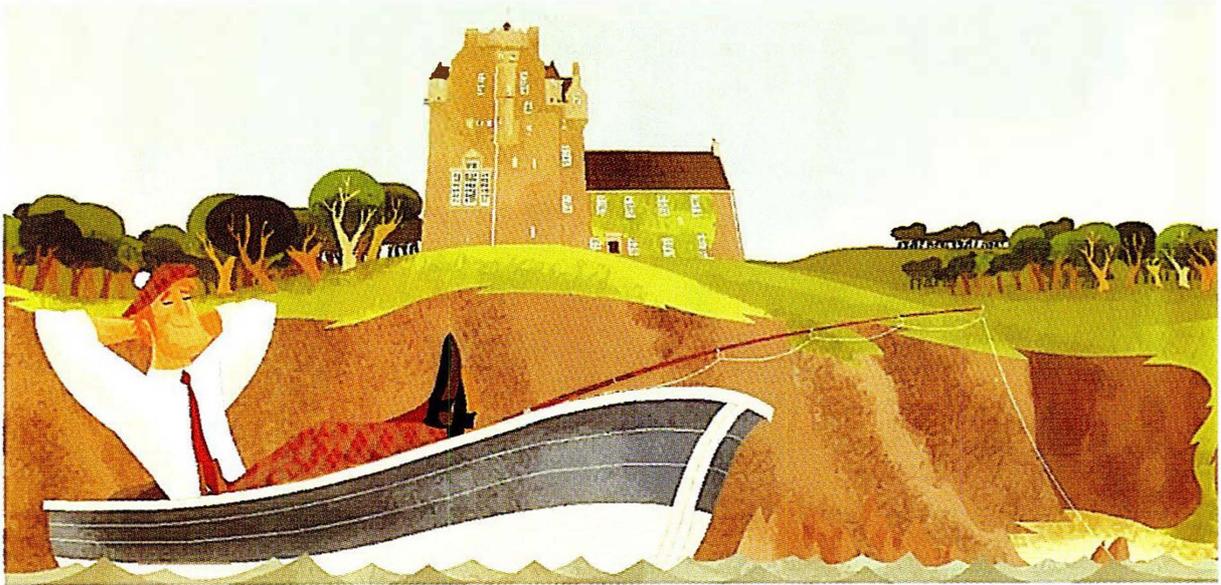
4 Duncan likes .....

running   fishing   reading

5 The things in the castle are very

.....

new   old   expensive



There are many **islands** in the sea near Scotland. This story is about one of these islands. The name of the island is Lana.

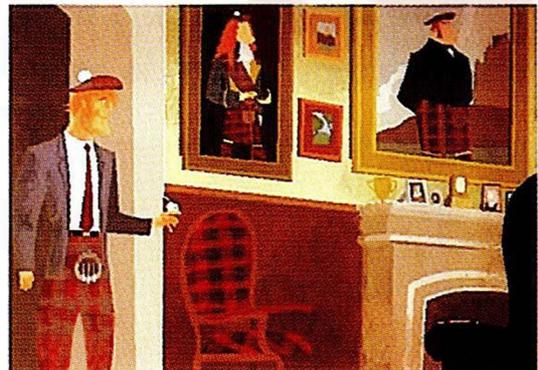
Lana isn't big, but it's very beautiful. It's very quiet, too. There are no houses or roads or cars on Lana. But there's a **castle**. The castle is very old.

A young Scotsman lives in the castle. The Scotsman's name is Duncan McTavish. Duncan lives in the castle with his **dog**, Jock.

Duncan is very happy on his island. He likes going for walks with Jock. He likes swimming and **fishing** in his little boat.

There are many big rooms in Duncan's castle. They have a lot of old things in them – pictures and heavy tables, chairs and beds.

In winter the castle is very cold and dark. Duncan puts on a lot of **electric** lights in all the rooms.



**sale** /seɪl/ (n) This boat is for *sale*. Do you want to buy it?

**island** /'aɪlənd/ (n) There are a lot of *islands* in the North Sea.

**castle** /'kɑːsl/ (n) In the afternoon, we are going to visit Windsor **Castle**.

**dog** /dɒg/ (n) Who is going to take the *dog* for a walk?

**fish** /fɪʃ/ (v/n) He likes *fishing* in the river at weekends.

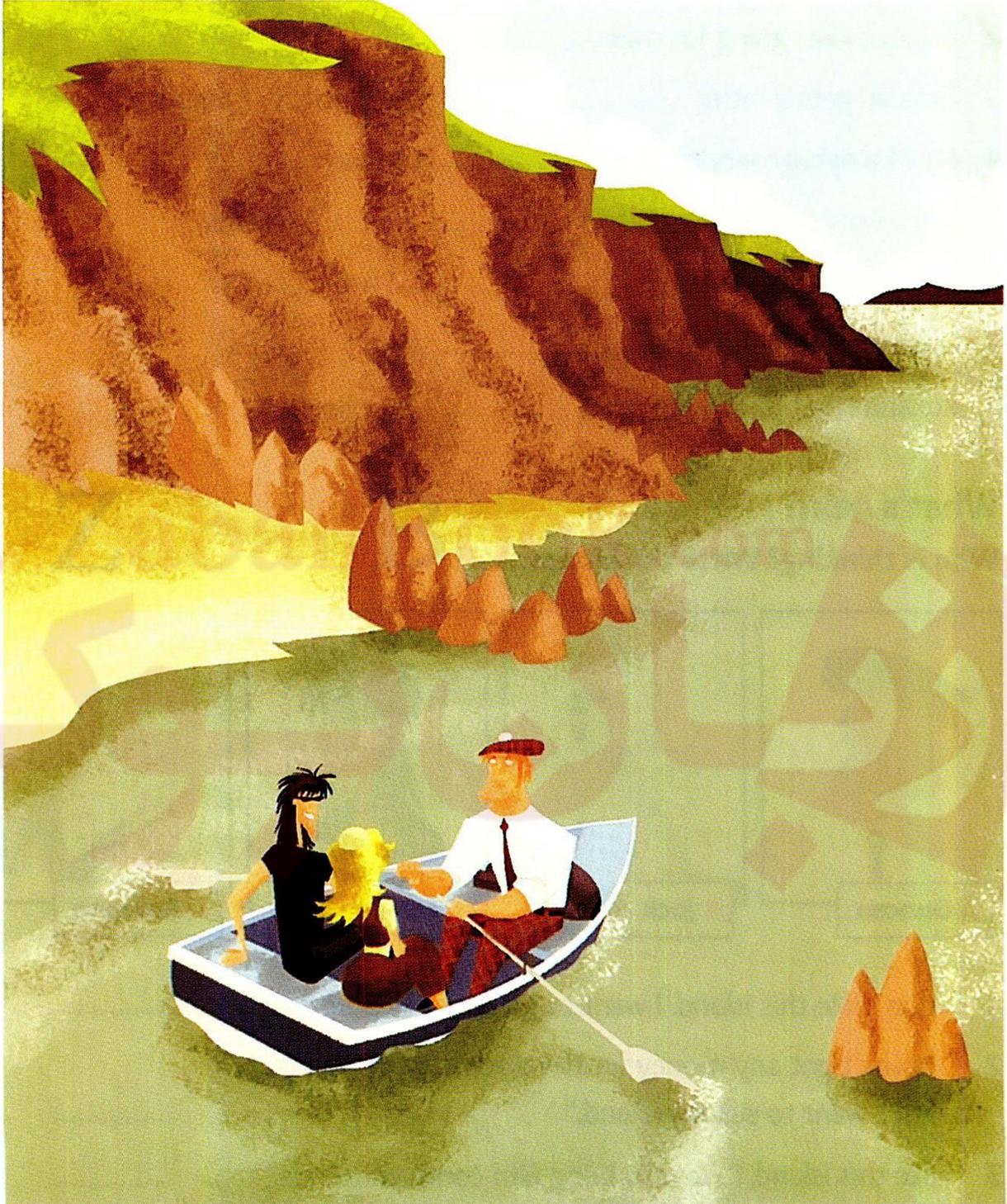
**electric** /ɪ'lektrɪk/ (adj) There are no *electric* lights in the house; there is no *electricity* here.

Leaping Larry says, 'We want to see the island.'

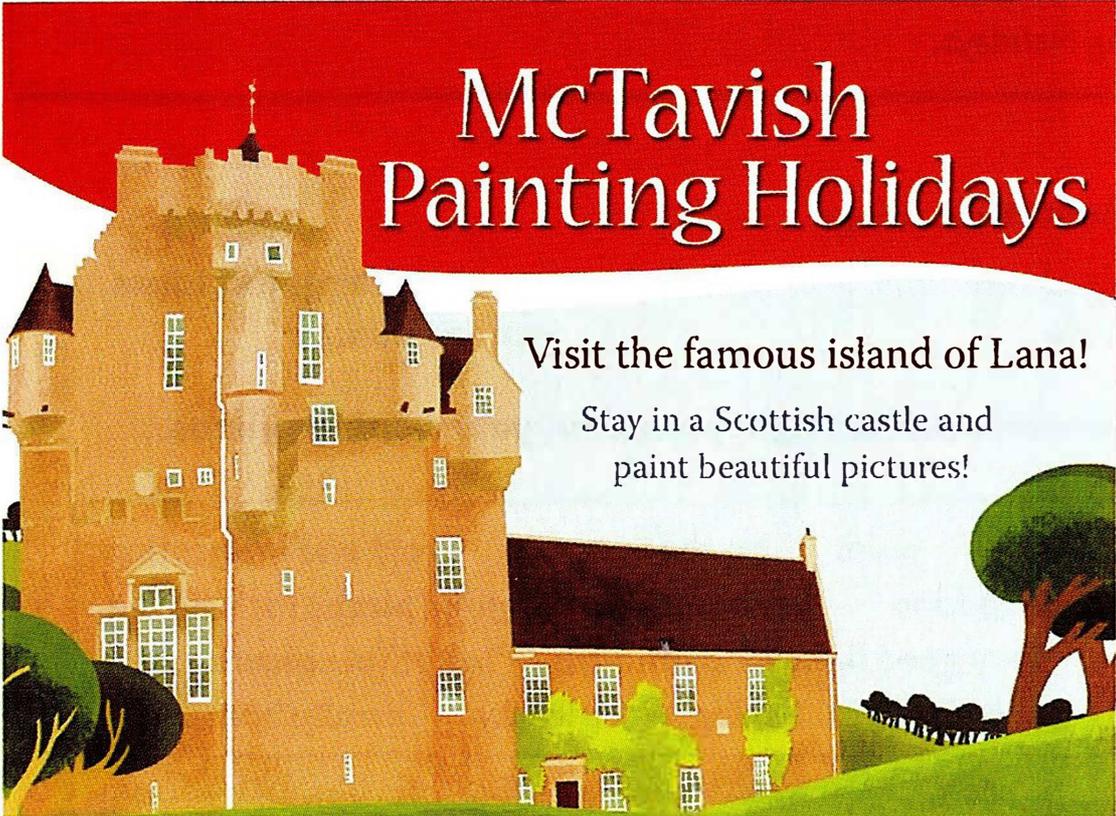
'OK,' Duncan says. 'We can go in my boat.'

Duncan, Larry and Roxanne get into Duncan's boat. Jock gets in, too. Bobo is with Roxanne.

It's a beautiful day, but Roxanne isn't happy.



2 Now make sentences with the words. Write them here.



# McTavish Painting Holidays

Visit the famous island of Lana!  
Stay in a Scottish castle and  
paint beautiful pictures!

About Lana

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About the castle

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About the holidays

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Jean and Duncan McTavish,  
The Castle, Island of Lana, Scotland

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British English

*Original*

Duncan McTavish and his dog, Jock, live in a castle on a Scottish island. One day, Duncan gets a letter from the electricity company. They want £5,000. But Duncan doesn't have the money. He can do only one thing: sell his island. Is a famous rock star going to buy it?

Level 1  
300 headwords  
Beginner

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