

A1 · Beginner

Teens · Ages 11–14

A Fun English Reading Adventure

The Secret Friendship Club



Meet the Secret Club

Four friends, one secret, and a whole lot of English fun.



Emma

The organiser

She loves reading and always has her notebook ready.



Tom

The funny one

He loves painting and snacks — lots of snacks!



Leo

The dreamer

He has the big idea and can play the guitar.



Mia

The new friend

She is a little shy, but she loves English and bakes great cookies.

Your Reading Mission



Read and understand a fun A1 story in 6 short chapters.



Learn 20 new words about clubs, hobbies and friendship.



Practise can / can't and like / don't like in real sentences.



Play with words: matching and fill-in-the-blank activities.



Check your reading with a 10-question quiz — then earn your badge!

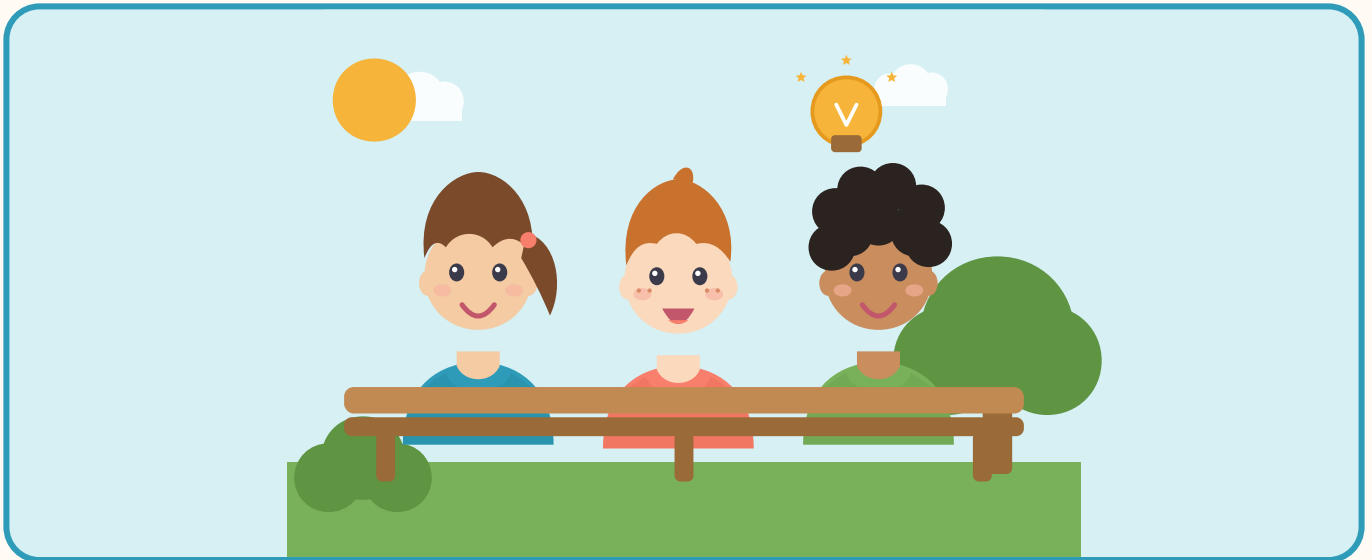
How to use this book : Read one chapter at a time. The **coloured words** are your new vocabulary — find them in the *Word Box* at the end of each chapter. After the story, try the activities, check the Answer Key, and earn your Membership Certificate!

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CHAPTER 1

The Big Idea

Three friends want to do something special



Emma, Tom, and Leo are best friends. They are all twelve years old and they go to the same school. Every day after school, they meet in the park. They like football, video games, and pizza.

One afternoon, they sit on a bench in the park. “I am bored,” Tom says. “We always do the same things.”

“Me too,” Emma says. “We need a new idea. Something fun. Something different.”

Leo thinks for a minute. Then his eyes get big. “I have an idea!” he says. “Let’s make a **club!**”

“A club? What kind of club?” Tom asks.

“A **secret** club!” Leo says. “And in our club, we only speak English!”

Emma smiles. “I like that idea! We learn English at school, but we never speak it. This is good **practice!**”

“But why secret?” Tom asks.

“Because secret clubs are more fun!” Leo says. “We have a secret name, a secret place, and secret **rules**. Only we know about it.”

“OK!” Tom says. “I like it. But I am not very good at English.”

“That is OK,” Emma says. “We help each other. That is the point of the club. We practise together.”

The three friends think hard. They want a good name. “The English Tigers?” Tom says. “The Word Club?” Emma says.

“No, no,” Leo says. “I have it. The Secret Friendship Club! Because we are friends, and English brings us together.”

“Perfect!” Emma and Tom say together.

Word Box



club — a group of people who meet for the same activity



secret — something only a few people know about



practice — doing something many times to get better



rules — things you must or must not do

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CHAPTER 2

The Secret Place*Where can the club meet?*

The next day, the three friends look for a secret place. A club needs a special place to meet.
“Not my house,” Tom says. “My little sister is always there. She is too curious.”

“Not my house,” Emma says. “My mum asks too many questions.”

They walk around the park. Then Leo points to an old wooden **shed** near the trees. “Look! What about that old shed?” “Is it empty?” Emma asks.

They open the door slowly. Inside, the shed is small but **cosy**. There are some old chairs and a small table. Light comes in through a little window.

“This is perfect!” Tom says. “Nobody comes here. It is our secret place!”

They clean the shed together. They bring some **cushions**, a lamp, and English books. On the door, they put a small sign: *Members Only — English Only!*

Word Box

shed — a small wooden building in a garden or park



cosy — warm, soft and comfortable



cushion — a soft thing you sit on

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CHAPTER 3

The Club Rules

Every good club needs rules

Club Rules

- ✓ Only speak English!
- ✓ Meet Tues & Thurs
- ✓ Be kind — help, don't laugh
- ✓ Always have snacks!

On the first club day, the three friends sit in their secret shed. Emma has a notebook and a pen.

“Every club needs **rules**,” she says. “Let’s make our rules now.”

“Rule number one,” Leo says. “We only speak English in the club. No other language!”

“Rule number two,” Tom says. “We meet every Tuesday and Thursday after school.”

“Rule number three,” Emma says. “We are kind to each other. If someone makes a **mistake**, we don’t laugh. We help.”

“I like that rule,” Leo says. “Making mistakes is normal. That is how we learn.”

“Rule number four,” Tom says with a big smile. “We always have **snacks!**” Everyone laughs. “Yes! That is the best rule!” Emma says.

“OK, club members,” Emma says in English. “Now we start. Let’s talk about our **hobbies.** What do you like to do?”

“I like **painting,**” Tom says. “I paint every weekend.” “Really? I don’t know that!” Emma says. “I like **reading.** I read a lot of books.”

“And I like music,” Leo says. “I can play the guitar.”

“You can play the guitar?” Tom says. “I don’t know that too! See — the club is good. We learn new things about each other!”

🌟 Word Box



mistake — something you do wrong



snack — a small thing you eat between meals



hobby — something you enjoy doing in your free time



painting — making pictures with colours



reading — looking at words in a book to understand them

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CHAPTER 4

English Games

Learning is more fun with games



The club meets two times a week. Every time, they play English games. The games make learning fun.

One day, they play a game called *I like, I don't like*. Each person says one thing they like and one thing they don't like.

"I like pizza, but I don't like homework," Tom says. "I like cats, but I don't like spiders," Emma says. "I like summer, but I don't like cold weather," Leo says.

Another day, they play *Can you?* They ask each other questions with "can".

“Can you swim?” Emma asks Tom. “Yes, I can!” Tom says. “Can you **cook**?”

“No, I can’t,” Emma laughs. “But I can **draw**.” “Can you ride a bike?” Leo asks. “Yes, we all can!” they say together.

The games help them a lot. Every week, their English gets better. Tom learns new words. Emma speaks more clearly. Leo is not shy any more.

“I have a great idea,” Emma says one day. “Let’s write a club **diary**. We can write about our club days in English.”

“Yes!” the boys say. So every club day, one person writes in the diary. They write about the games, the snacks, and the funny moments.

🌟 Word Box



homework — school work you do at home



cook — to make food by heating it



draw — to make a picture with a pencil or pen



diary — a book where you write about each day

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CHAPTER 5

A New Member*Someone finds the secret club*

One Thursday, the club members hear a noise outside the shed. Tap, tap, tap. Someone is at the door!

“Who is it?” Tom whispers. Emma opens the door slowly. Outside, there is a girl. It is Mia, a new girl from their class. She looks **shy**.

“Hello,” Mia says quietly. “I’m sorry. I see you come here every Tuesday and Thursday. What is this place?”

The three friends look at each other. Their club is a secret. But Mia looks nice and **friendly**.

“It’s our English club,” Emma says. “We only speak English here.”

“Oh, that sounds great,” Mia says. “I love English. But I don’t have many friends here. I am new.” Emma, Tom, and Leo have a quick talk. Then Emma smiles. “Mia, do you want to **join** our club?” she asks.

Mia’s face lights up. “Really? Yes! I would love to!”

“But there are rules,” Leo says. “Rule one: only English. Rule two: we meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. Rule three: we are kind. And rule four...”

“We always have snacks!” Tom says, and everyone laughs. “I can bring snacks next time,” Mia says. “I can make great cookies!” “Then you are a perfect member!” Tom says.

Now the Secret Friendship Club has four members. Mia is happy. She is not the new, lonely girl any more. She has friends.

Word Box



shy — nervous about meeting or talking to people



friendly — kind and easy to talk to



join — to become a member of a group

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CHAPTER 6

The Best Club*A small secret grows into something big*

Weeks go by. The Secret Friendship Club is now the best part of the week for all four friends.

One day, their English teacher, Ms Clark, talks to them after class. “I see you four speaking English in the park,” she says with a smile. “Your English is much better now. What is your secret?”

The friends look at each other. Should they tell the secret? “We have a club, Ms Clark,” Emma says. “A secret English club. We speak only English, we play games, and we help each other.”

“That is wonderful!” Ms Clark says. “Practice is the best way to learn a language. I am very **proud** of you.”

“Do you want to keep it a secret?” Ms Clark asks. The friends think about it. “Maybe... maybe other students want to learn too,” Mia says.

“Yes,” Leo says. “Maybe our club can be bigger. Maybe we can help other people learn English too.”

So the club is not so secret any more. More students join. Soon, there are ten members. They meet in the park, they play English games, and they have lots of snacks.

But the four friends — Emma, Tom, Leo, and Mia — never forget how it all started. A small idea on a park bench. A secret shed. And four friends who wanted to learn together.

“You know,” Emma says one day, “our club is not really about English. English brings us together,” she says. “But the real secret of the club is friendship.”

Everyone smiles. And that is the true secret of the Secret Friendship Club.

Word Box



proud — happy because someone did something good



The End

Vocabulary Zone

Your 20 new words from the story — with a picture for each one.



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Grammar Corner

The little grammar tricks the club used — with real examples.

like / don't like

Say what you enjoy. Use **like** + a noun or an -ing verb.

- I **like** cats, but I **don't like** spiders.
- We **like** English. We **don't like** homework.

can / can't

Talk about ability — what you are able to do.

- **Can** you swim? — Yes, I **can** .
- I **can** draw, but I **can't** cook.

Present simple (habits)

Use it for things you do again and again.

- They **meet** every Tuesday and Thursday.
- Tom **paints** every weekend.

Let's + verb

Make a friendly suggestion to do something together.

- **Let's make** a club!
- **Let's talk** about our hobbies.

our, my, their...

Possessive adjectives show who something belongs to.

- **our** club · **my** house · **their** secret place
- This is **our** shed. It is **my** favourite place.

Activity 1

Match the Words

Draw a line from each word to its meaning. Write the letter in the box.

1 Club



2 Secret



3 Rules



4 Shed



5 Cosy



6 Mistake



7 Hobby



8 Shy



9 Friendly



10 Join



11 Diary



12 Proud



A A book where you write about each day

B Become a member of a group

C A small building for keeping tools

D Something you do wrong

E Things you must or must not do

F Nervous about talking to people

G Warm and comfortable

H Happy because someone did well

I Something you enjoy in free time

J Kind and easy to talk to

K Only a few people know about it

L A group that meets for the same activity

Activity 2

Fill in the Blanks

Choose the right word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence.

Word Bank

club

speak

shed

rules

mistake

snacks

painting

shy

join

proud

- 1 The three friends want to make a secret
- 2 In the club, they only English.
- 3 They find an old near the trees for their meetings.
- 4 Every good club needs some
- 5 If someone makes a, they help, not laugh.
- 6 Tom's favourite rule is: we always have!
- 7 Tom likes pictures with colours.
- 8 Mia is the new girl and she feels a little
- 9 Emma asks Mia to the club.
- 10 Ms Clark is very of the students.

Activity 3

Reading Quiz

Circle the best answer. Then check the Answer Key on the next page!

1 How old are Emma, Tom, and Leo?

A Ten years old

B Twelve years old

C Fourteen years old

D Sixteen years old

3 What is the main rule of the club?

A Only speak English

B Only play football

C Only eat pizza

D Only read books

5 What is Tom's favourite club rule?

A Only English

B Be kind

C Meet on Tuesdays

D Always have snacks

7 Who is Mia?

A The teacher

B A new girl from their class

C Tom's sister

D Leo's cousin

9 How does the teacher feel about the club?

A Angry

B Sad

C Proud

D Worried

2 Whose idea is the secret club?

A Emma's

B Tom's

C Leo's

D Mia's

4 Where does the club meet?

A In Tom's house

B At school

C In an old shed in the park

D In a café

6 What hobby does Leo have?

A Painting

B Reading

C Playing the guitar

D Cooking

8 Why does Mia want to join the club?

A She loves English and wants friends

B She wants snacks

C She is bored

D She lives near the shed

10 What is the real secret of the club?

A The snacks

B The shed

C The English games

D Friendship

Answer Key

No peeking until you finish — then see how many you got right!

Activity 1 • Match the Words

1→L

2→K

3→E

4→C

5→G

6→D

7→I

8→F

9→J

10→B

11→A

12→H

Activity 2 • Fill in the Blanks

1. club

2. speak

3. shed

4. rules

5. mistake

6. snacks

7. painting

8. shy

9. join

10. proud

Activity 3 • Reading Quiz

1. B

2. C

3. A

4. C

5. D

6. C

7. B

8. A

9. C

10. D

My Score

Matching: / 12 Blanks: / 10 Quiz: / 10

Certificate of Membership



This certifies that

.....
is now a proud member of

The Secret Friendship Club

and has finished the A1 reading adventure with flying colours!

✓ Only speak English

✓ Be kind & help others

✓ Always have snacks!

Member

Date

