
The Secret Friendship Club

A Fleydo English School Story

A1 Level • Teens (11–16) • Reading

Three friends start a secret club where they only speak English. When a shy new girl wants to join, they learn that the real secret of the club is friendship.

Learning Objectives

- Read and understand an A1-level story (12 pages)
- Learn 20 new vocabulary words about clubs, hobbies, and friendship
- Practise 'can / can't' and 'like / don't like' in context
- Practise vocabulary with matching and fill-in-the-blank exercises
- Test reading comprehension with 10 multiple-choice questions

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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. “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.”

They think hard about a name. “The Secret Friendship Club!” Leo says. “Because we are friends, and English brings us together.”

“Perfect!” Emma and Tom say together.

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!”

Chapter 3

The Club Rules — every good club needs rules

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.

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

“I like **painting**,” Tom says. “I paint every weekend.”

“I like **reading**,” Emma says. “I read a lot of books.”

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

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

Chapter 4

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**.”

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.

“Let’s write a club **diary**,” Emma says one day. “We can write about our club days in English.” So every club day, one person writes about the games, the snacks, and the funny moments.

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. "Only English. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are kind to each other. And..." "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.

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. "Your English is much better now. What is your 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."

"Maybe other students want to learn too," Mia says. "Maybe our club can be bigger," Leo says. "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.

"Our club is not really about English," Emma says one day. "English brings us together. But the real secret of the club is friendship."

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

The End

Vocabulary List

20 key words from the story

Club	A group of people who meet for the same activity or interest	Secret	Something only a few people know about
Practice	Doing something many times to get better at it	Rules	Things you must or must not do
Shed	A small building, often in a garden, for keeping tools	Cosy	Warm, comfortable, and nice
Cushion	A soft object you sit on	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
Homework	School work you do at home	Cook	Make food by heating it
Draw	Make a picture with a pencil or pen	Diary	A book where you write about each day
Shy	Nervous about meeting or talking to people	Friendly	Kind and easy to talk to
Join	Become a member of a group	Proud	Happy because someone did something good

Vocabulary Matching

Draw a line from each word to its correct definition

Word	Definition
1. Club	A) A group that meets for the same activity
2. Secret	B) Happy because someone did well
3. Rules	C) Warm and comfortable
4. Shed	D) Something you enjoy in free time
5. Cosy	E) Kind and easy to talk to
6. Mistake	F) Become a member of a group
7. Hobby	G) A book where you write about each day
8. Shy	H) A small building for keeping tools
9. Friendly	I) Something you do wrong
10. Join	J) Nervous about talking to people
11. Diary	K) Only a few people know about it
12. Proud	L) Things you must or must not do

Answer Key: 1 → A, 2 → K, 3 → L, 4 → H, 5 → C, 6 → I, 7 → D, 8 → J, 9 → E, 10 → F, 11 → G, 12 → B

Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct word from the word bank to complete each sentence

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.

Answers: 1. club | 2. speak | 3. shed | 4. rules | 5. mistake | 6. snacks | 7. painting | 8. shy | 9. join | 10. proud

Comprehension Quiz

Choose the best answer for each question

1. How old are Emma, Tom, and Leo?

- A) Ten years old
- B) Twelve years old
- C) Fourteen years old
- D) Sixteen years old

2. Whose idea is the secret club?

- A) Emma's
- B) Tom's
- C) Leo's
- D) Mia's

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

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

5. What is Tom's favourite club rule?

- A) Only English
- B) Be kind
- C) Meet on Tuesdays
- D) Always have snacks

6. What hobby does Leo have?

- A) Painting
- B) Reading
- C) Playing the guitar
- D) Cooking

7. Who is Mia?

- A) The teacher
- B) A new girl from their class
- C) Tom's sister
- D) Leo's cousin

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

9. How does the teacher feel about the club?

A) Angry

B) Sad

C) Proud

D) Worried

10. What is the real secret of the club?

A) The snacks

B) The shed

C) The English games

D) Friendship

(= correct answer)

Grammar Points

Key grammar structures used in this story

□ Like / don't like + noun

"I like cats, but I don't like spiders."

"I like pizza, but I don't like homework."

"I like reading."

□ Can / can't for ability

"Can you swim? Yes, I can."

"Can you cook? No, I can't."

"I can play the guitar."

□ Present Simple for habits

"They meet every Tuesday and Thursday."

"Tom paints every weekend."

"We only speak English in the club."

□ Let's + verb for suggestions

"Let's make a club!"

"Let's make our rules now."

"Let's write a club diary."

□ Possessive adjectives

"our club"

"my house"

"their secret place"

Discussion Questions

Talk about these questions with your teacher or friends

1. Do you have a club or a group of friends? What do you do together?
2. What is your hobby? Can you teach it to a friend?
3. The club rule is 'only English'. Is it easy or hard to speak only English? Why?
4. Mia is new and shy. How can you help a new person feel welcome?
5. What name would you give to your own secret club?

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