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Magnific is an island and a school in the middle of the Indian Ocean. The students of this school come from different countries. America, England, Italy, China, Turkey... These students have one thing in **common**. They are clever and successful. This is because the school has a very hard **entrance exam**.

Well... Arda is an **exception**. Arda passed the entrance exam because he copied the answers from his friend Yasemin's paper. Well... He entered Magnific, but he **failed** there.

It's summer holiday now, and all the students are in their own countries. They are enjoying their free time with their parents. What about Arda? Arda is in Magnific because he must pass the **make-up exam** of the 6th grade. That's the only way he can take 7th-grade lessons with his friends this year. He studied hard this time. He believes that he can pass.

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And he passes.

School starts in a week. He stays at the school after the exams and waits for his friends. He goes to the beach in the evenings. Everything is great. He is a 7th-grade student now. What can go wrong?

Suddenly, a crazy thing happens! A space shuttle lands on the ocean.

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WORD LIST

appearance	lazy
bald	liar
beautiful	nervous
blond(e)	nice
cheerful	outgoing
curly hair	personality
cute	plump
easy-going	punctual
evil	rude x polite
friendly	selfish
fat	shy
funny	slim
generous	smart = clever
get on well with	straight hair
handsome	stubborn
hazel	trust
headscarf	ugly
helpful	well-built
honest	young
jealous	

EXPRESSIONS

- ★ A: What does she look like?
B: She is very beautiful with brown hair and brown eyes.
- ★ A: What is she like?
B: She is cheerful and outgoing.
- ★ A: What can you say about your personality?
B: I'm very shy.
- ★ A: What does she like doing?
B: She likes going out with her friends.
- ★ She has got curly hair.
- ★ She is slimmer than me.
- ★ I'm more cheerful than Mert.

CHAPTER 1

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Arda looks at the space shuttle. He is **scared** and **shocked**. He can't move. The space shuttle **sinks** into the ocean. An **alien** starts walking on the water. It comes closer and closer. Arda can see it better now. The alien is red and has got two **antennas** on its head. It is taller than a human being. It is slimmer than a human being too. It has got very big black eyes. It stops in front of Arda and makes a sound. It's like the **buzzing** of a bee. Arda can't understand it. The alien raises its hand and **touches** Arda's head. Arda feels something in his head. Something is **flowing** from his mind to the alien's mind. It's information! Information of language! Finally, the alien puts its hand down.



Enigmatic: Hi! My name is Enigmatic. I come from Messier 87.

Arda: M... M... Messier what?

Enigmatic: Messier 87! It's my hometown.

Arda: Wh... Wh... What do you want?

Enigmatic: I want to see your planet and learn about it.

Arda: Are you friendly?

Enigmatic thinks for a few seconds.

Enigmatic: Yes, I am! What about human beings? Are you friendly?

Arda starts thinking. Are human beings friendly to other **living species**?



People cut down trees.



People **harm** animals.



People fight and make wars.

‘Well... Human beings can be dangerous. We harm plants and animals. We even harm other people just because they are different from us. So, can we say humans are friendly? I’m afraid humans can harm an alien too.’ Arda thinks about all these, but he is so scared. So, he **lies**.

Arda: Sure! We are friendly. We are very very friendly! We are also nice, generous, easy-going and honest!

Enigmatic smiles.

Enigmatic: We are very very friendly, nice, generous, easy-going and honest too!

Arda is **confused**. Can he believe Enigmatic? The alien **seems** honest.

But Arda looks like an honest person too. ‘I’m lying. Humankind isn’t very friendly to other species. So, maybe Enigmatic is lying too. I shouldn’t **trust** it **yet**, he thinks.

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Enigmatic: Are you **alone**? Where are your friends?

Arda: It's summer holiday now! They are at home. Only I'm here because of an exam.

Enigmatic: When will they come back?

Arda: Next week.

Enigmatic: Great! You and I can know each other better in a week, and then, you can **introduce** me to your friends. So, tell me about yourself! What can you say about your personality?



A Fill in the blanks with the words in the boxes.

mean

helpful

stubborn

honest

handsome

selfish

Arda thinks about his personality. He makes his teachers angry because he never **obeys the rules**. He never **changes his mind**. He wants to do something? Then, he just does it! So, he is ¹..... . Also, he can sometimes lie to his friends, teachers and parents. So, he isn't very ²..... . He found a treasure on Magnific Island, and he didn't share it with his friends. All his friends said, 'You are a very ³..... and ⁴..... person, Arda.' But Arda thinks it isn't true. Maybe, he isn't perfect, but he loves animals so much, and he took the treasure to help ill animals. So, he thinks he is ⁵..... . He also likes his appearance. He is ⁶..... with brown hair and hazel eyes.

Arda doesn't tell the alien the truth about his **problematic** personality. He lies and says he has a good personality.

B Arda wants to show that he has got a good personality. Which words below can he use? Circle them.

nervous selfish cheerful generous
outgoing evil shy liar helpful
easy-going stubborn punctual

After lying about his personality, Arda asks Enigmatic about its personality.

Arda: What about you? What can you say about your personality?

Enigmatic: The **same** as you!

Arda doesn't say anything. Then he looks at the alien. 'It seems honest. We are alone at the beach, and he didn't **attack** me, right?' he thinks. 'I can have an alien friend! Isn't it great? Maybe it has **superpowers** too! I shouldn't be so scared.'

He looks at Enigmatic and thinks he should give it a **chance**.

Enigmatic: You shouldn't tell anyone that I'm an alien! Can you **keep it secret**, please?

Arda: Oh! But... I don't know! I can't lie to them about such an important thing!

Enigmatic looks sad.

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Enigmatic: But they can be afraid of me. They can attack me! I don't want human scientists to **do experiments** on me. I'm new here, and I'm afraid of human beings too! Can't we keep it secret for a while? Please!

Arda looks at its red skin and antennas. He laughs.

Arda: Ha! Ha! I'm sure they will understand that you aren't a human. You don't look like a human being. We can't keep it secret.

Enigmatic: You're right! I'm much more handsome than you. They can understand it.

Arda's face **turns red**, but he doesn't say anything.

Enigmatic: I must change my appearance then!

Arda is shocked.

Arda: What? Can you change your appearance?

Enigmatic: Sure! Can't you?

Arda: No, I can't!

Enigmatic: So, tell me! What should I look like?



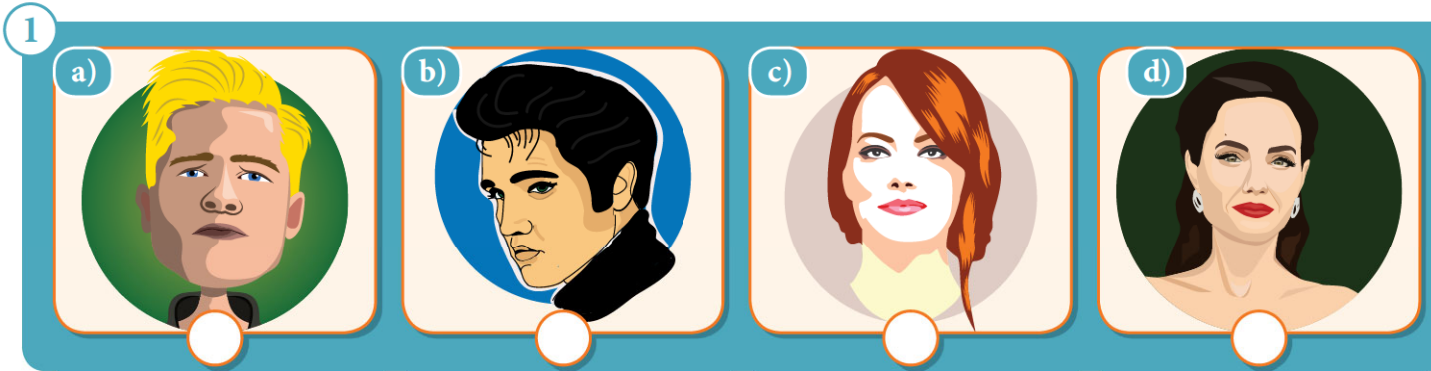
G Which of the following can be the new appearance of Enigmatic? Tick (✓).

Arda: Well... I think you should be a **male**. Have blond hair and blue eyes!

Enigmatic: Oh! I searched for human appearances in the space shuttle. I saw a picture just like this!

Enigmatic changes its appearance.

Enigmatic: How about this? Do I look like a human being now?



Arda looks surprised.

Arda: Maybe, you should have a different appearance.

Enigmatic: Why? Am I ugly?

Arda: No, you aren't! You are handsome, but that's the appearance of a **famous** person! People can understand that there is something wrong.

Enigmatic: OK! What should I look like then?

Arda: This time be a **female**. Maybe, you can wear a hat. Be a beautiful woman with brown eyes.

Enigmatic changes its appearance again.

Arda: You made a mistake! This isn't a hat. This is a headscarf.

Enigmatic: I don't understand. Do I look bad?

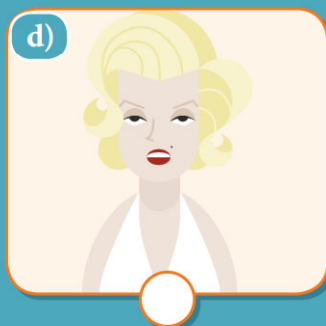
Arda: You look nice. But you can't use this appearance either.

Enigmatic: Why?

Arda: Because you look like a woman in a famous **painting**.

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Enigmatic: All right. What should I look like now, then?

Arda: Be younger.

Enigmatic: Younger? What do young people look like?

Arda: Young people are like me.

Enigmatic: Oh! OK! How about this then?

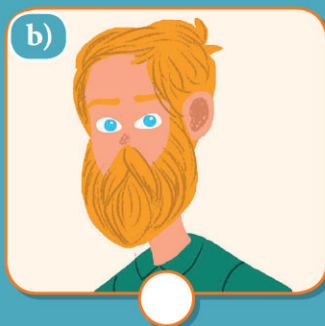
Enigmatic changes its appearance.

Arda: What? No! You can't look like this!

Enigmatic: Why not? This appearance wasn't on the Internet. I'm young and short, and I have nice brown hair.

Arda: But that's MY appearance!

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Enigmatic: Why can't I look like you?

Arda: Every human being has a different appearance. You can't look like someone else! You should have your own appearance. What do you want to look like?

Enigmatic: Well... I want to look nice. People shouldn't be scared of me. What do you think about this appearance?

Enigmatic changes its appearance.

Arda: Oh! You are young, plump and bald. You have big blue eyes.

Enigmatic: Do I look scary?

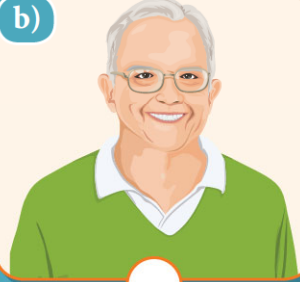
Arda: I don't think so. You look cute.

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a)



b)



c)



d)



Enigmatic: Great!

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Enigmatic and Arda spends time together every day, and Arda trusts him more now. They get on well with each other. Finally, Arda decides to keep Enigmatic's secret for a while because he likes him.

One week later...

Arda and Enigmatic are waiting at the port.

Enigmatic: I'm very excited! Do you think your friends will like me?

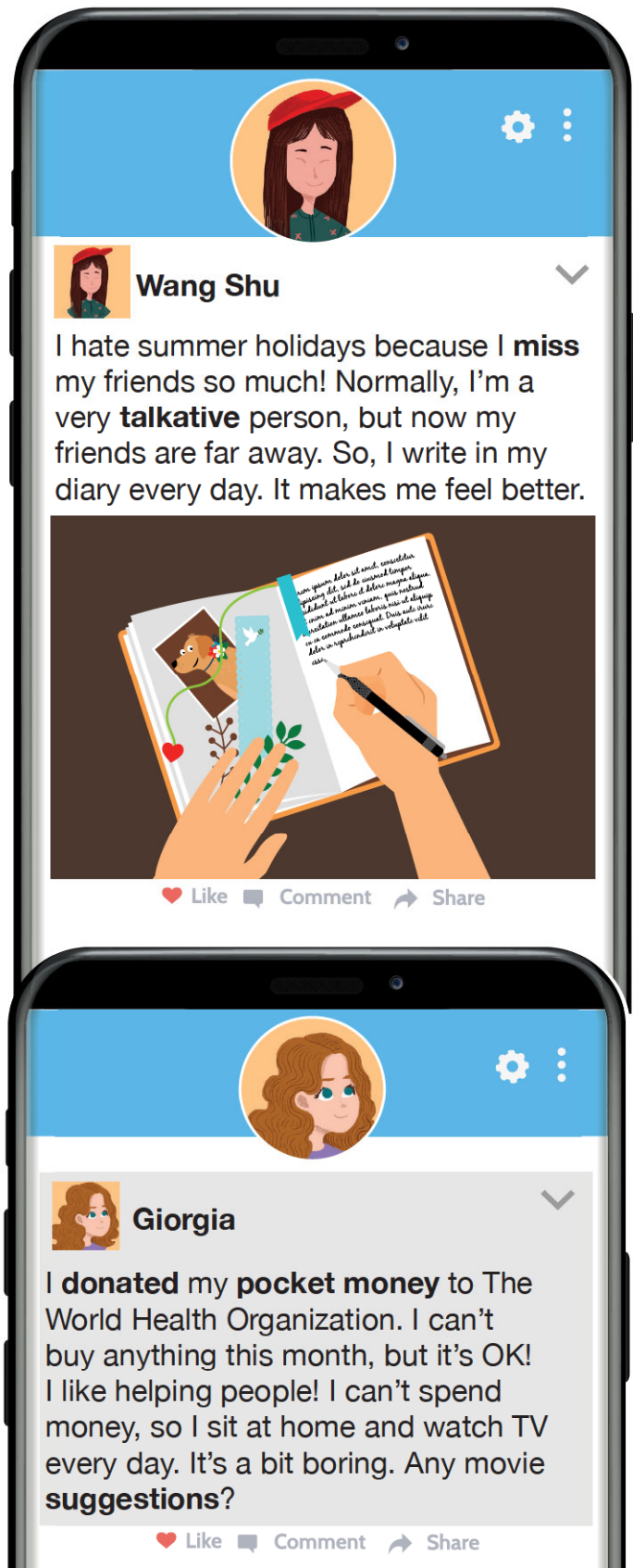
Arda: Sure! Why not?

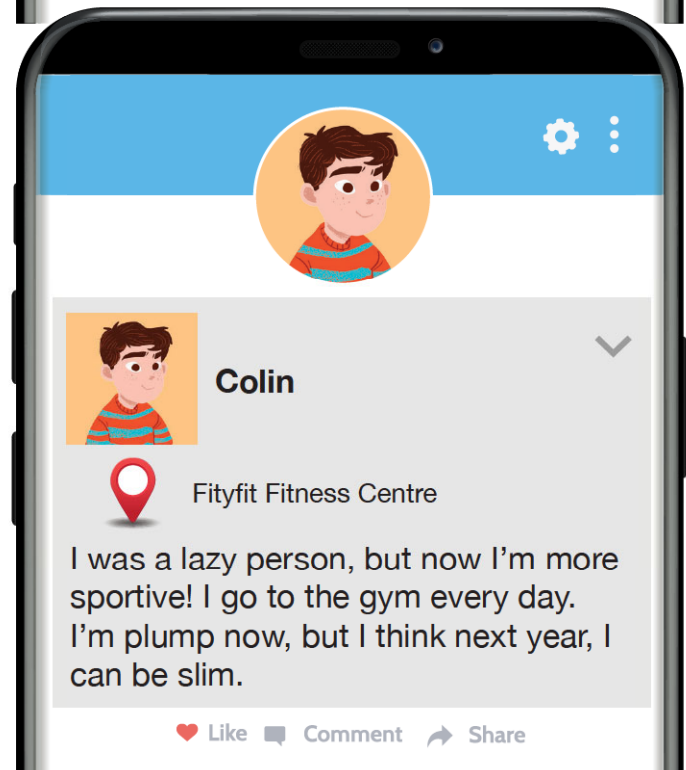
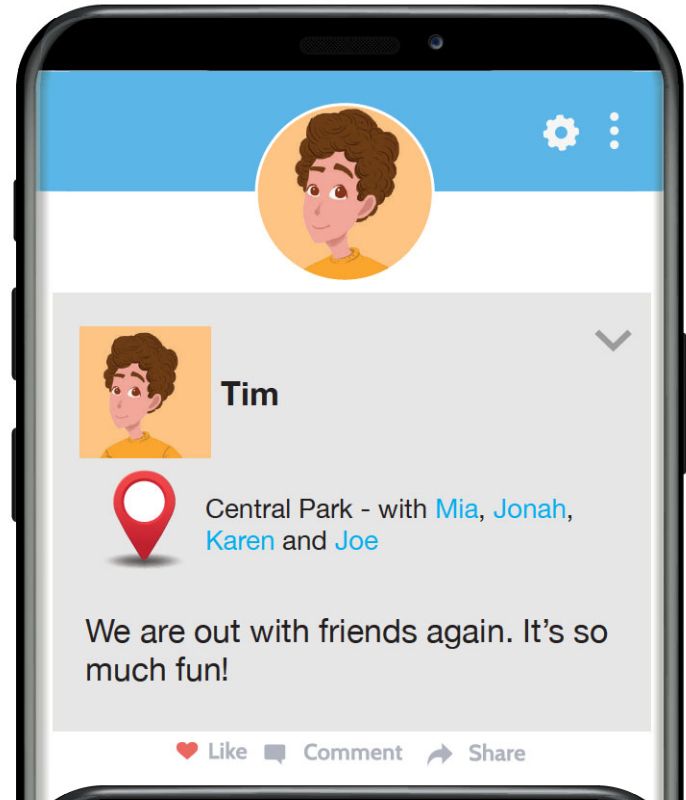
Enigmatic: Tell me about them. What do they look like? What do they like doing? What are they like?

Arda takes out his mobile phone. He enters Facebook, and he shows Enigmatic his friends' profiles.



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I Look at Facebook profiles on pages 16 and 17 and fill in the table below.

	What does he/she look like?	What does he/she like doing?	What's he/she like?
Yasemin	She has got brown hair and brown eyes.	She likes cycling.	She is hard-working, smart and honest.
Wang Shu			
Giorgia			
Varvara			
Tim			
Colin			

At that moment, the ship arrives at Magnific, and the students get off. The port is very crowded, but Arda sees his best friend.

Arda: Yasemin!

Yasemin: Arda! You are here!

Varvara, Colin, Tim, Giorgia and Wang Shu are behind Yasemin. They also smile and run towards him.

Wang Shu: We are happy to see you!

Colin: We missed you, Arda!

Tim: Yes, we missed you so much!



They hug each other, and Enigmatic joins them. A few minutes later, Yasemin **notices** Enigmatic.

Yasemin: Who is he?

Arda: Oh! I'm sorry! I didn't introduce him to you. This is Enigmatic. He came here last week, and we get on well with each other. Can he join us this year? He can be our friend too, right?

Yasemin: Is he a new student in Magnific?

Arda: Yes, he is.

Yasemin: Tell us about his personality, Arda. Is he smart?

Arda wants his friends to like Enigmatic. He **compares** Enigmatic's personality to other people in his answers.



Fill in the blanks with the comparative forms of the words in parentheses.

Arda: Enigmatic **e.g.** *is smarter than* (smart) Einstein.

Yasemin: Really? Is he helpful too?

Arda: Sure! He is ¹ (helpful) than Robin Hood.

Yasemin: Wow! Is he outgoing?

Arda: Of course! He is ² (outgoing) Colin.

Yasemin: That's nice! Is he punctual?

Arda: Sure! He is ³ (punctual) our English teacher.

Yasemin: Is he generous?

Arda: Yes, he is ⁴ (generous) than all of us.

Yasemin: Is he hard-working?

Arda: Yes, he is! Actually, he is ⁵ (hard-working) than you, Yasemin.

Yasemin stops smiling. She doesn't want a better student in class. She looks at Enigmatic. She is jealous of him. So, Arda changes his answer.

Arda: Oh! Sorry! Enigmatic is hard-working, but not more than you! No one is ⁶ (good) than you, Yasemin. You are great!

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Yasemin smiles again. She turns to Enigmatic.

Yasemin: It's nice to meet you, Enigmatic! Enigmatic? Am I right? That's a different name! Where are you from?

Enigmatic: I'm from Messier 87!

Yasemin: Messier 87? Where is it?

Enigmatic: It's a galaxy! It is 53 million **light years** away!

Arda hits Enigmatic's leg and makes him stop talking. Later, he laughs.

Arda: Ha! Ha! Ha! Enigmatic is very funny! He always **makes jokes** like this. He is from... ehem...

Arda thinks of a place to lie. **Somewhere** no other students know about... What can it be?

Arda: He is from Machu Picchu!

Yasemin looks surprised.

Yasemin: Machu Picchu? Isn't it an **ancient city** in Peru?

Arda doesn't know anything about Machu Picchu, but he must answer with a loud and **confident** voice.

Arda: Yes, it's a very old city! Enigmatic is a very famous name there!

At that moment, their English teacher, Ms Brown, comes, and they all go near her. Enigmatic stays at the back of them. Yasemin stands next to Arda.

Yasemin: Are you sure we can trust him, Arda? I can't explain it, but there is something **weird** about him...

Arda doesn't say anything for a few seconds. He thinks.

Arda: Well... I'm not sure, but I think we should give him a chance, Yasemin.



Now, check all your answers in this chapter. Work on your mistakes. Then, go to page 145 and get your award. Cut and stick it on 'My Collection' page at the back of the book.