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Level control

Information, structure and vocabulary are controlled to suit the students' ability at each level.

The number of words at each level:

Starter	about 300 basic words
Beginner	about 600 basic words
Elementary	about 1100 basic words
Pre-intermediate	about 1400 basic words
Intermediate	about 1600 basic words
Upper	about 2200 basic words


Vocabulary

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...³. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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Shooting Stars

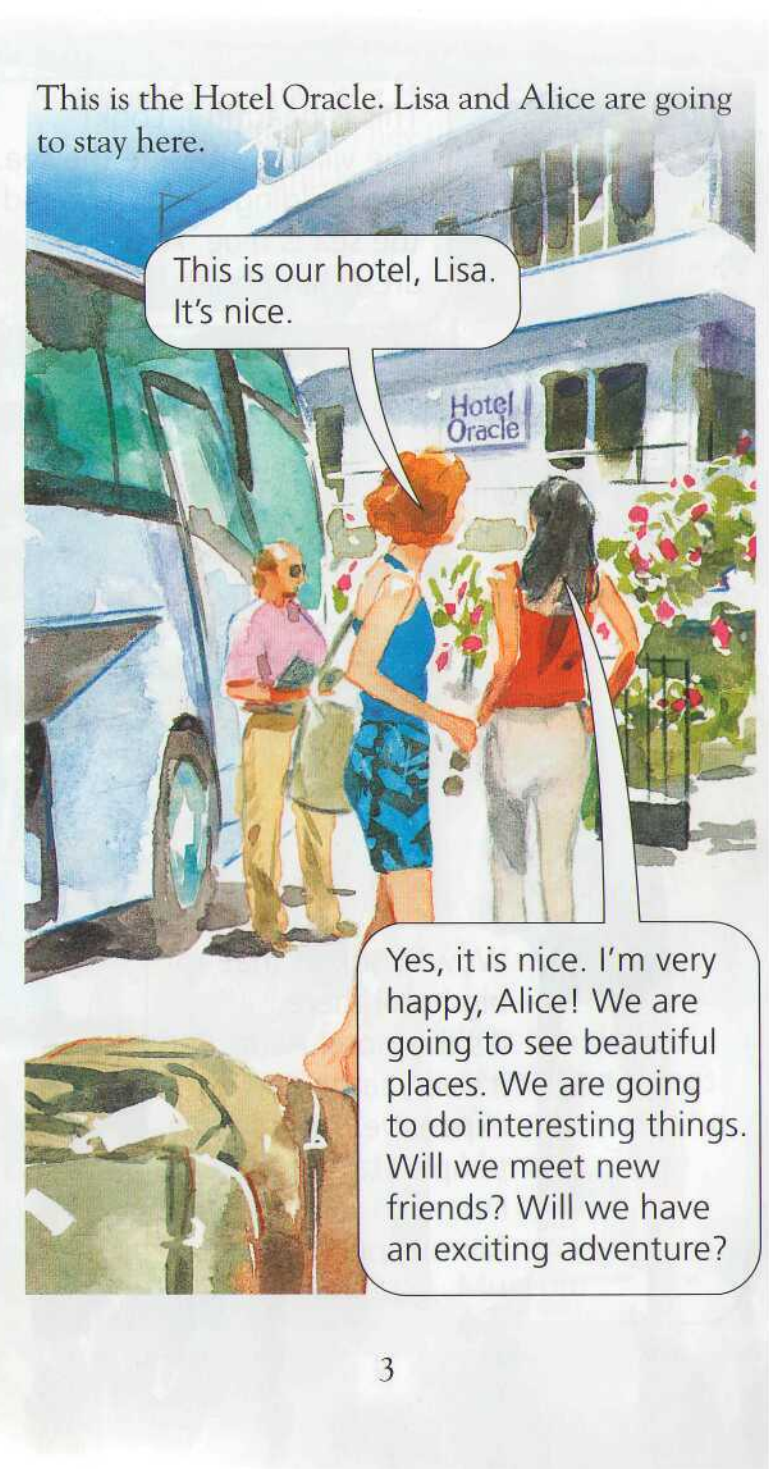
Lisa and Alice are friends.
They are on a plane.
They are watching a film.
They are on holiday.
They are going to an island
in Greece.



Look, Alice! There's
Matt Lepardi. He's great!
He's my favourite film star.
Our holiday is starting well.

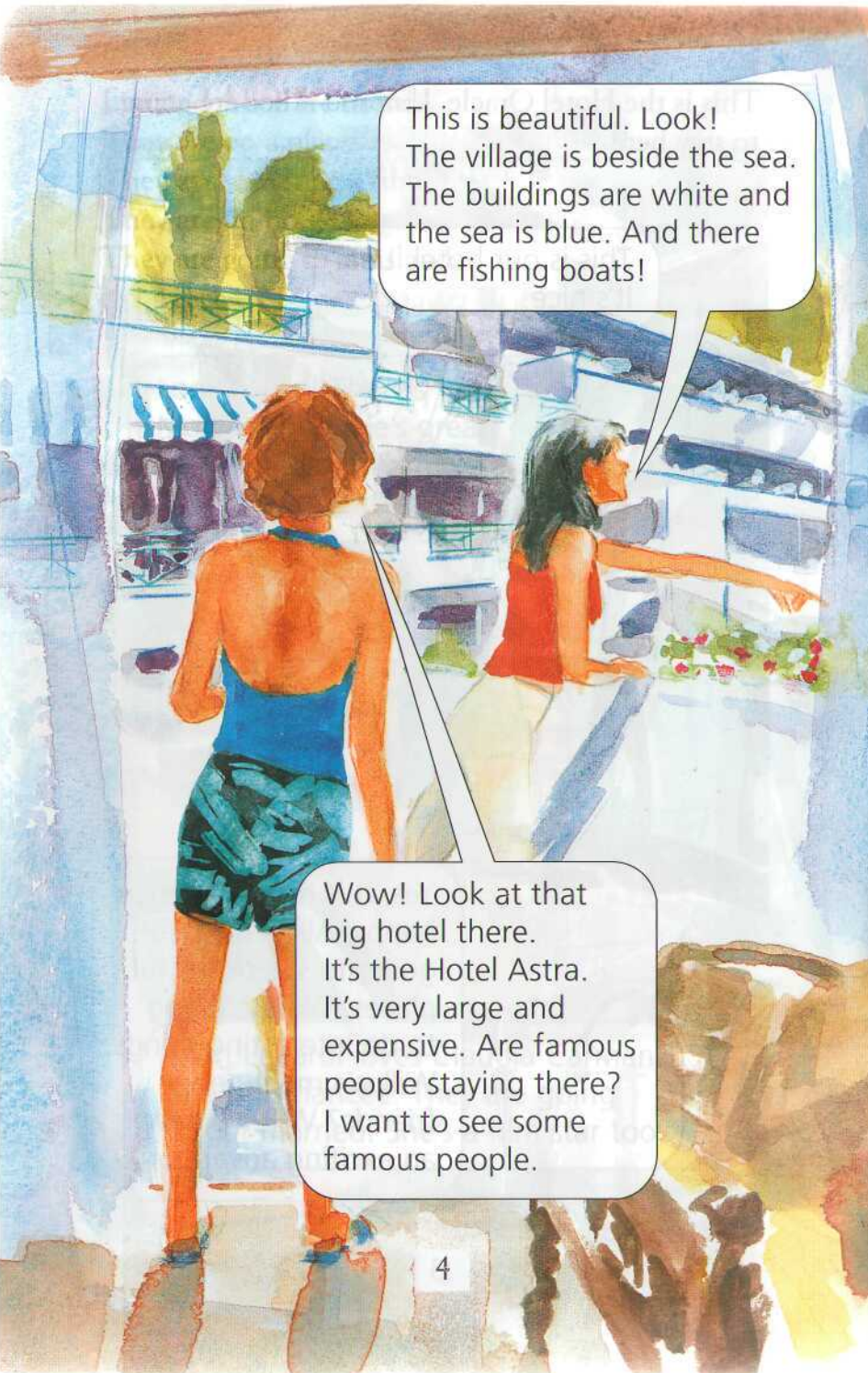
Matt Lepardi loves Claudia Carman.
She's his fiancée. They are going
to get married. She's a film star too.

This is the Hotel Oracle. Lisa and Alice are going
to stay here.



This is our hotel, Lisa.
It's nice.


Yes, it is nice. I'm very
happy, Alice! We are
going to see beautiful
places. We are going
to do interesting things.
Will we meet new
friends? Will we have
an exciting adventure?



This is beautiful. Look!
The village is beside the sea.
The buildings are white and
the sea is blue. And there
are fishing boats!

Wow! Look at that
big hotel there.
It's the Hotel Astra.
It's very large and
expensive. Are famous
people staying there?
I want to see some
famous people.

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Kostas and Eleni own the Hotel Oracle.
They love their hotel. They like their guests.
They cook wonderful food for the guests.

That was a
wonderful
meal, Eleni.

Thank you,
Lisa.

What can we do
on this island?

You can do lots
of exciting things.
You must visit the
Museum. There
are beautiful
statues in the
Museum.

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Lisa and Alice are enjoying their holiday. Each day, they swim in the sea. Each day, they eat delicious food.

Today, the girls are in the Museum. A guide is talking about a statue.

Two other tourists are near Lisa and Alice. These tourists are talking about film stars.



Look at this newspaper. Here's a story about Matt Lepardi and Claudia Carman.

They are visiting this island. They are making a film here. They are shooting some scenes here.

Matt Lepardi and Claudia Carman are staying on this island, Lisa! The Hotel Astra is big and expensive. Are they staying there? Will we see them?



The next morning the sun is shining brightly.

I'm going to go to the shops. I want to buy some postcards and some souvenirs. Do you want to come, Lisa?

No, thanks. My hair is wet. I'll sit on the balcony. The hot sun will dry my hair.

Lisa is on the balcony. The sun is hot. Lisa looks at the Hotel Astra. It is a big and important hotel.

Then Lisa sees two people. They are on the balcony of the Hotel Astra. The woman is looking at the sea. The man is looking at the woman.

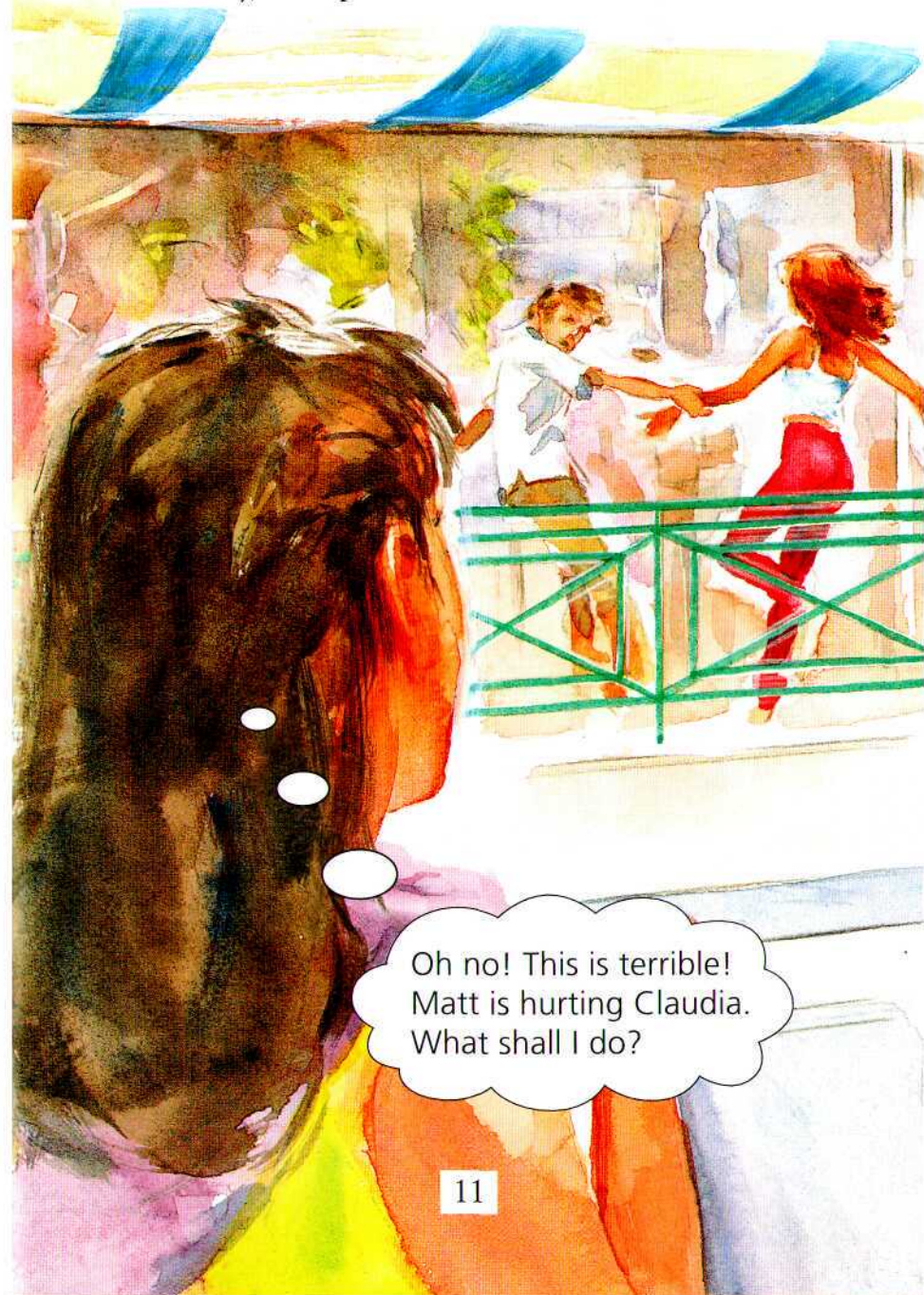
It's Claudia Carman and Matt Lepardi! Claudia is sad. Why? Matt isn't sad. He is angry.

Now Matt is shouting at Claudia. He is angry. Claudia is angry too. She is shouting at Matt.

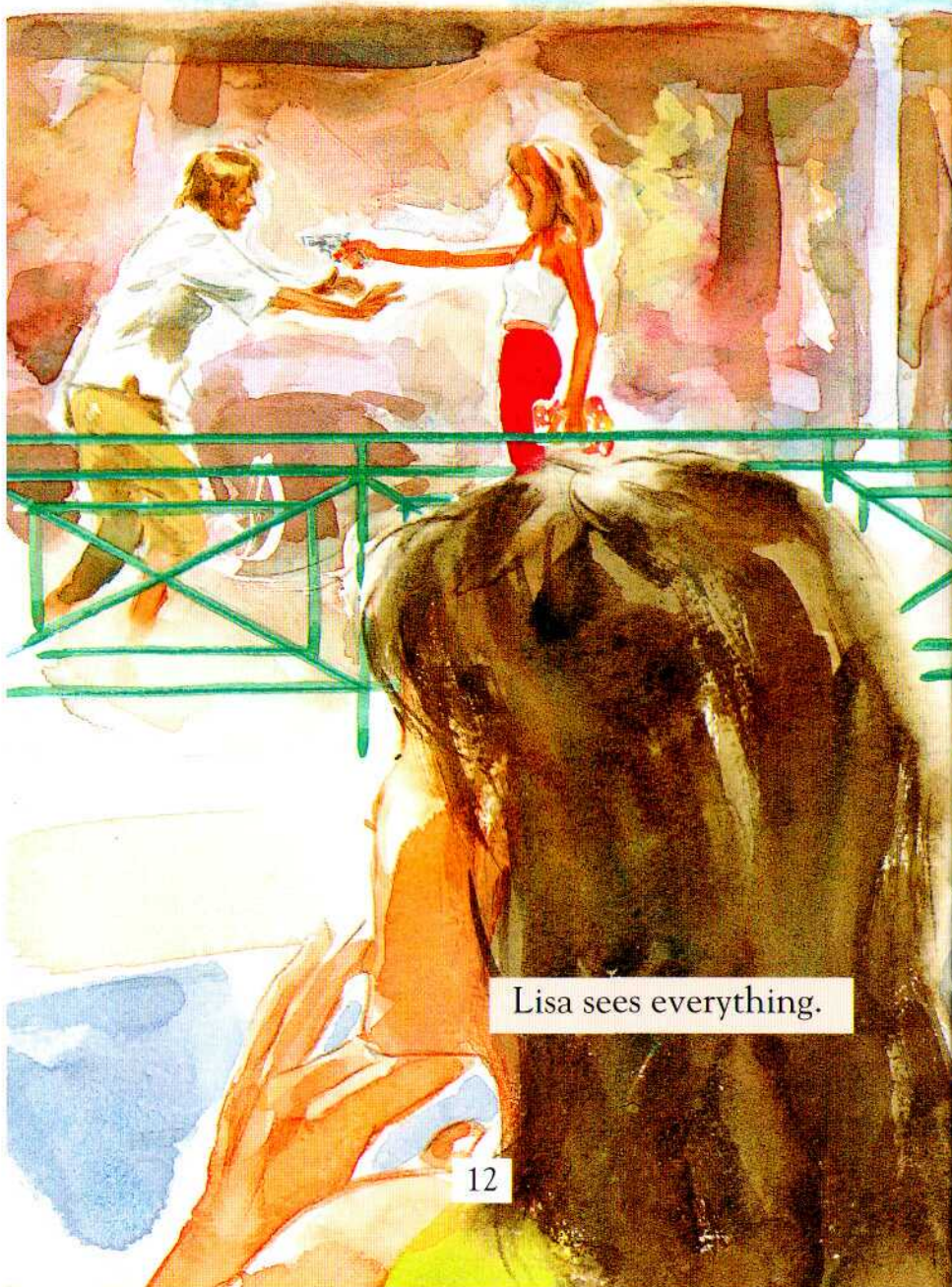
Lisa can see Claudia and Matt. But she can't hear their words.



Suddenly, Matt pulls Claudia into their room.



Claudia and Matt are in their room. Claudia takes a gun from her bag.



Lisa sees everything.

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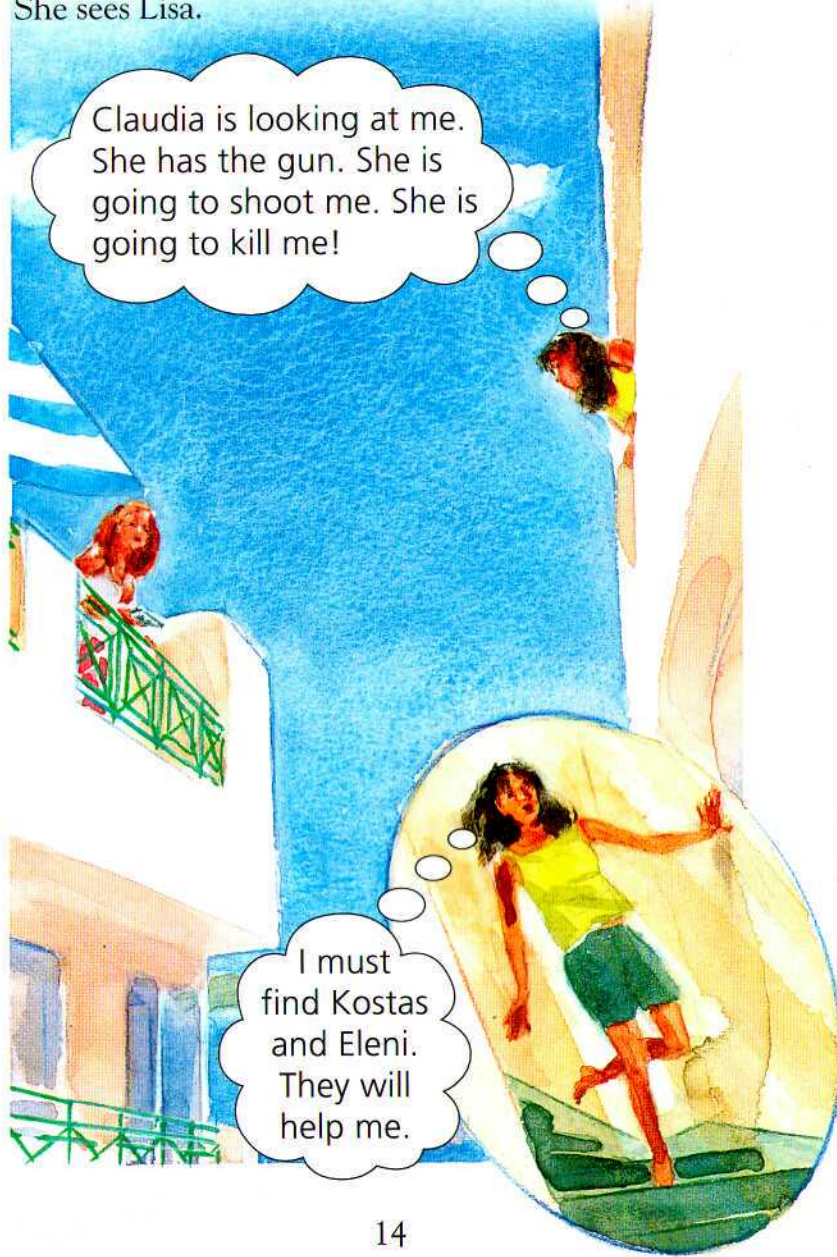
Lisa hears the sound of the gun. Matt falls onto the sofa.



Oh, no!
Is he dead?

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Claudia is on the balcony. The gun is in her hand.
She sees Lisa.



Lisa is in the Hotel Oracle's restaurant. But she can't find Kostas and Eleni.

Suddenly, Lisa sees a man and a woman. They are standing by the door.





Everything is OK. Matt is not dead.

Claudia and I are making a film on the island. In the film, I fight with Claudia. Claudia kills me. We practise our scenes in our hotel room.

The gun is not real. Claudia will never hurt me. I will never hurt her. We love each other very much.

Wow! Claudia Carman and Matt Lepardi are here! They are talking to Lisa!

Lisa is having an exciting adventure. And I have six postcards and some souvenirs!