

The book cover features a vibrant mountain landscape. In the foreground, a rustic stone cabin with a dark wooden roof sits on a grassy slope. Behind it, a dense forest of tall evergreen trees covers the hillside. In the background, majestic snow-capped mountains rise against a blue sky with wispy white clouds. A pink banner is positioned in the upper left corner, and a dark grey horizontal bar spans the top of the cover, containing the title and author's name.

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DOMINOES

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ACTIVITIES

BEFORE READING

1 Match the words with the pictures. Which is your favourite season? Why?

autumn

spring

summer

winter



a



b



c



d

2 The story happens in the 1800s in Dorfli, a village in Switzerland, and Frankfurt, a big town in Germany. Read sentences a–f and write D (Dorfli) or F (Frankfurt).



a It snows a lot in winter.

d Young children don't go to school.

b There are many big houses.

e There are many people with a lot of money.

c Many people can't read or write.

f Life is very quiet.

Chapter 1 ❖ Heidi arrives

One June morning, a young woman and a little girl are walking up a **mountain** in Switzerland. When they **reach** the village of Dorfli, an older woman calls to them.

‘Dete! Where are you going? Is that the daughter of your **late** sister?’

‘Yes, Barbel. I’m taking her to her grandfather.’

‘Please don’t! He’s very **strange** these days. He never visits the village, and he speaks to nobody.’

‘But I’ve got new work in Frankfurt. I can’t **take care of** Heidi now.’

Just then, Peter the young **goatherd** arrives. He takes Dete and Heidi up to the old man’s **hut**.

‘Here’s your granddaughter – Heidi,’ says Dete when they arrive. ‘She must stay with you. I can’t take care of her any more.’

‘What?’ the old man cries. ‘Get out of here, Dete! And don’t come back!’

‘Goodbye, Heidi,’ Dete says. She goes quickly down the mountain. Peter goes back to his goats.

Heidi looks about her. ‘Oh, Grandfather, it’s beautiful up here!’ she says. The old man says nothing, but he takes her into the hut.

mountain a big hill

reach to arrive in a place after travelling for some time

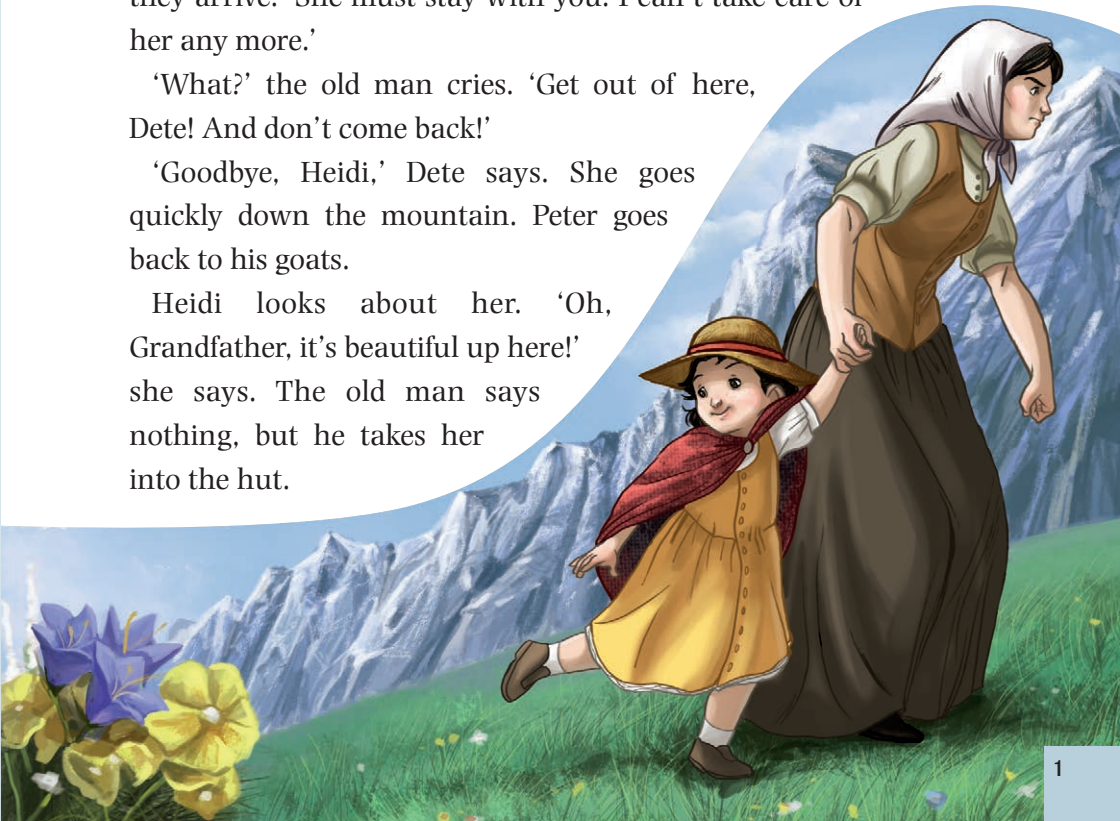
late dead

strange not usual

take care of to do things for somebody when they need it

goatherd a boy who looks after goats

hut a little house



Heidi finds a wonderful room there: the **hayloft**! All that afternoon, Grandfather makes a little chair for Heidi. That evening she sits in it at dinner. She loves it!

That night, there is lots of **wind**. Grandfather goes up to the hayloft. Heidi is sleeping there. He smiles when he sees this and goes down to bed happily.

Early the next morning, Peter comes to the hut for Grandfather's **goats**.

'Can Heidi come up the mountain with me?' he asks the old man.

'Do you want to?' Grandfather asks Heidi.

'Yes!' she answers.

'Take good care of her!' Grandfather tells Peter.

Up on the mountain, the goats eat hungrily. Peter **lies down** and sleeps. Heidi doesn't sleep. She looks at all the beautiful blue and yellow flowers.

hayloft a room at the top of a country home where you put hay (dry grass)

wind air that moves

goat an animal that lives on the mountains

lie down (*past lay*) to have all your body on the ground



Later, Peter sits up. ‘**Lunch** time!’ he says. Heidi gives some of her lunch to him because he hasn’t got much.

Suddenly Peter gets up. One of the goats is near a **cliff**! Peter begins to run to it, but he **falls** down. Quickly, Heidi **picks** some flowers and calls the goat. It comes to her, and away from the cliff. Peter begins hitting it angrily.

‘Stop!’ Heidi cries.

‘Can I have some of your lunch tomorrow?’

‘Yes, and every day – but **promise** me one thing: never hit a goat again.’

‘All right,’ Peter laughs.

lunch when you eat in the middle of the day

cliff a wall of rock on a mountain that you can fall down easily

fall to go down suddenly

pick to take things like flowers or apples from plants or trees

promise to say now that you can do something later; when you say that you can do something later



Back in Grandfather's hut, Heidi talks about her wonderful day. Not long after that, she is sleeping happily up in the hayloft.

Every day, Heidi goes up the mountain with Peter. But soon the days are colder. In **winter** Peter must leave the mountains and go to school in Dorfli. He doesn't like that!

One day, Peter comes up to the hut. 'Can Heidi visit us? My grandmother wants to meet her,' he says.

'Of course she can,' Grandfather says.

Two days after that, Grandfather takes Heidi to Grandmother's little house.

'Hello! It's me, Heidi!' she calls at the door.

'Oh, Heidi! Come in. Peter talks about you a lot,' the old woman says. 'Brigitte!' she asks her daughter. 'Can you look at Heidi and tell me all about her?'

'She's beautiful, Mother!'

'Grandmother, can't *you* see me?' Heidi asks.

'No, Heidi. My eyes don't work. I can't see a thing.'

Heidi begins to cry at that, but the old woman says, 'Don't cry. Tell me, do you like living with Grandfather?'

Suddenly, there is a **loud** noise in the house. 'Listen to that! This old house is falling down, I tell you!' Grandmother says.

'Mother can't sleep at night because the house moves in the wind,' says Brigitte.

winter the three coldest months of the year

loud making a lot of noise, not quiet

fix to make OK again

Back home, Heidi asks Grandfather, 'Can you **fix** Grandmother's house? Please!'

In the end, he says yes. After that, when Heidi visits Grandmother, Grandfather goes too and works on the

house. Soon it is OK, and Grandmother can sleep well in her bed again.

pastor a person who works for the church

These are happy times for Heidi. But, after two years, the village **pastor** visits Grandfather's hut one day. He looks at Heidi and Grandfather, and he doesn't smile. 'Why am I here?' he asks them. 'Do you know?'



ACTIVITIES

READING CHECK

Match the sentences with the people in Chapter 1.



Heidi



Peter



Grandfather



Grandmother



~~Dete~~

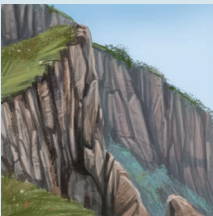


Brigitte

- a Dete takes Heidi to live with her grandfather.
b gives some of her lunch to Peter in the mountains.
c doesn't like going to school.
d can't see a thing.
e Peter's mother's name is
f Heidi's works on Peter's grandmother's house.

WORD WORK

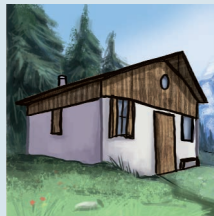
1 Find words from Chapter 1 to match the pictures.



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b g _ _ _



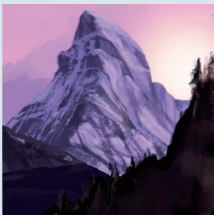
c h _ _



d l _ _ _ _



e g _ _ _ _ _



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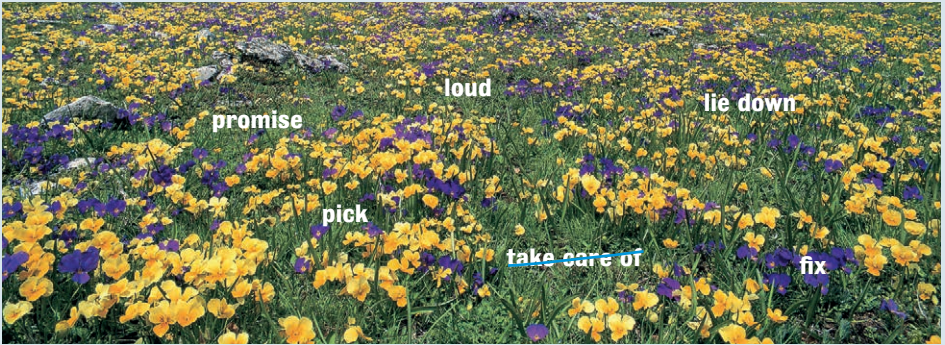
g h _ _ _ _ _



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ACTIVITIES

2 Use the words in the flowers to complete the sentences.



- a I take care of my brother when my parents are working.
- b Please don't the flowers. Leave them there.
- c Heidi asks her grandfather, 'Can you Grandmother's house?'
- d It's late. You must and go to sleep.
- e Can I have some of your lunch every day? Do you
- f Suddenly they hear a noise in the house.

GUESS WHAT

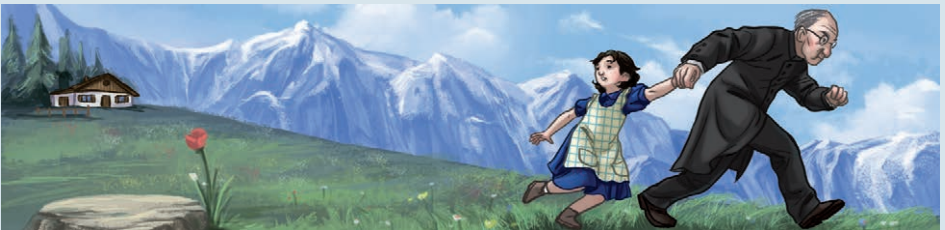
What happens in the next chapter? Tick one box.



- a Heidi and Grandfather move to the village of Dorfli in winter.



- b Heidi goes to Frankfurt with Dete.



- c The pastor takes Heidi away from Grandfather's hut.