**Renia goes to school in Britain 2**

All of a sudden she found herself looking through an enormous telescope and through the telescope she could see those strange aliens from another planet called ‘the English’. The idea made her laugh and she began to feel better.

**What’s can you do with a telescope? Explain in GERMAN or ITALIAN**

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**What is another word for ‘laugh’?**

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What were all these English aliens doing saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ and ‘sorry’ all the time? ‘Can you pass me your rubber, please?’ ‘Could you lend me your book for a minute, please?’, even when they were talking to friends. Or: ‘Oh sorry, did I step on your foot?’ ‘Oh sorry, I think it’s going to rain today.’ Was it possible to say sorry so many times a day? Her telescope told her that it was.

**What does she see through your telescope?**

a) She can see English people who say ‘thank you’ and ‘please’ all the time.

b) She can see passing her a rubber.

c) She can lend a book.

**Are these scenes real?**

a) Yes

b) No, it’s only a dream

Oh, she had nearly forgotten, what about this very strange custom of exclaiming ‘How lovely!’ for things you got every day. Especially cups of tea. Through the telescope she could see an enormous cup of tea and chocolate biscuits. All around it she could see lots of her classmates’ faces, all exclaiming, ‘Oh lovely! Look, a nice cup of tea and chocolate biscuits. ’They were all smiling and excited.

**When do the people say ‘how lovely’?**

a) When they drink a cup of tea.

b) When they want to say ‘thank you’ for something.

c) When they are in school.

Then someone was shaking her and saying, ‘Tea’s ready! Renia, were you asleep?’ Renia opened her eyes and looked into the smiling face of Robert, her host brother. She replied: ‘Not really asleep, just dreaming.’

**Is this scene real?**

a) Yes, Robert is coming.

b No, she is dreaming.

**Who is Robert?**

a) a classmate

b) Renia’s host brother

Then she remembered her dream. She looked at Robert and said with a smile, ‘Tea? How lovely!’ And her host brother Robert smiled back but he looked a bit surprised at the same time. ‘Hey! Do you know that’s the first time I’ve heard you be pleased about something.

Normally you sound bored with everything we do.’

**What does Renia say for the first time?**

a) Thank you

b) tea

c) how lovely

**Translate this sentence:** Do you know that’s the first time I’ve heard you be pleased about something. Normally you sound bored with everything we do.’

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This time it was Renia’s turn to look surprised. ‘Do I? I don’t mean to, I just find some things strange – that’s all. And lots of things I really like.’ She smiled at him again and thought, ‘I think he’s really nice and really quite good-looking.’

**Why does Renia look surprised?**

a) She doesn’t mean to be bored about everything.

b) She thinks Robert is good looking.

Robert looked at her more closely. ‘You know, perhaps you’re not so bad after all, just new.’ And Renia said, ‘Yes, just new,’ and ‘Thank you for understanding,’ and smiled back again. This time Robert blushed.

**Renia says “thank you” again. What exactly does she say?**

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Tomorrow in school she was going to say, ‘Sorry you didn’t understand me,’ and ‘Thank you for letting me be a member of the team.’ What’s more, she wasn’t just going to think it was lovely – she was going to say it as well, and sound as if she meant it, and she was going to smile!

Because that is what you do when you are living in England!

**What does Renia want to change in school to be more accepted? Write in English or German/Italian.**

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