Chapter 9 First letter home

72 Cowper Street,

Wembley, London, W3
4AL

7th February, 1997

Dear Mum,
I hope you can understand me because I'm writing this letter in English. I'm going to ask Roger, Mr Frost, to correct my mistakes. His job is a translator and his English is perfect. He also speaks Spanish and French. At the moment, he is translating a French novel into English.

I usually have to work hard after school, but on Fridays Diana, Mrs Frost, does everything in the house. After working for four evenings as a nurse in a hospital, she likes to spend three evenings with her own children. At the moment, she's putting Elisabeth to bed. Elisabeth asks a lot of questions. It takes a long time to put her to bed. Isaac doesn't say very much, but needs a lot of attention.
I'm sure you want to know about my new life in England. Well, every morning after a normal breakfast, I walk to the Underground Station. It's on the Central Line so it's very easy to get to my language school.

I have a Spanish friend called Arturo and we meet in reception before class. We're going shopping and sightseeing in London tomorrow. His English is a little better than mine so I think he can help me with my vocabulary.

There are only four other students in my class and they're a little slow. The book is not very exciting. All the questions are very general, for example:
Do you prefer tea or coffee?
Do you wash before or after you clean your teeth?
How many oranges do you eat each week?
Where do you usually go in the autumn?
I'd like to ask the other students about particular times in their lives, but then we need The Past Simple, which is not in our book!

In my next letter, I'm going to tell you more about my English family, but now I need to prepare my sightseeing trip. Remember the big, red "Tourist Guide to London". It's the biggest thing on my desk!

All the best,

Rossa

Chapter 9 First letter home **<u>Say</u> if it is TRUE; <u>correct it</u> if it is FALSE.**

1. Rosa's English is perfect.

2. Mr Frost can speak Rosa's first language.

3. Rosa has to work hard after school on Fridays.

4. Diana doesn't often see her own children.

5. Elisabeth is a quiet child.

6. Rosa goes to school by Underground train.

7. Her English is a little better than Arturo's.

8. Arturo and Rosa are in the same class.

9. The questions in Rosa's course book are rather boring.

10. Rosa wants to learn more than is in her book.