

CHAPTER 1

Mark Miles and his son Andy are having a bad morning. 'Where's Gary?' says Mark.

"He isn't usually late. The truck is ready. Everybody's waiting."

Then Gary Slater comes to the office. "He is ill. I've got a bad arm, Mr. Miles." says Gary. "I'm very sorry, but I can't drive today."

Just then, Kim Parker arrives. She is a student. Her father is one of Mark's drivers. She is working in Mark's office in her holiday.

"Good morning, Mr. Miles." says Kim.

"What can I do first?"



"Can you drive a truck?" says Mark with a little laugh.

"I've got tables in Faversham and coffee in Lyon and no driver."

"Yes I can drive a truck."

says Kim

"I've got a licence."



"Wonderful!" says Mark. He is looking happier.

"Have you got a passport?"

"Of course, it's at home."

Suddenly Mark is much happier.



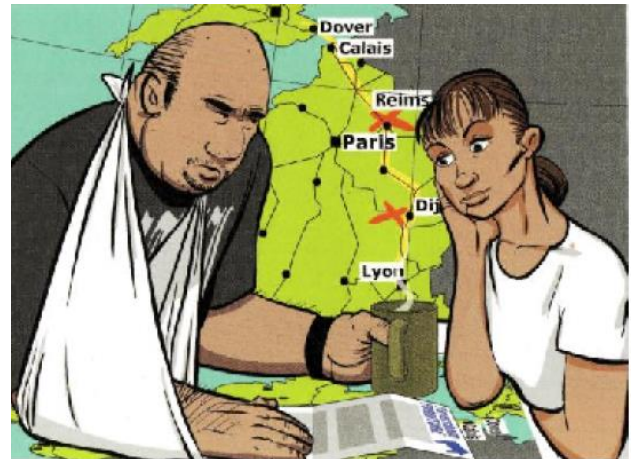
"can I go too , Dad?" asks Andy.

" I can't drive a truck,
but I can drive a car and read
a map and I can speak French.
Perhaps I can help Kim."



"And you want to go to France . I know!
Ok, you two. Run home and get your
passports, your overnight bags and some
sandwiches.

There are sleeping bags in the truck,
and a mobile phone too. When you
come back, go and look at the map with
Gary. He drives to France every week.
He can tell you about it."

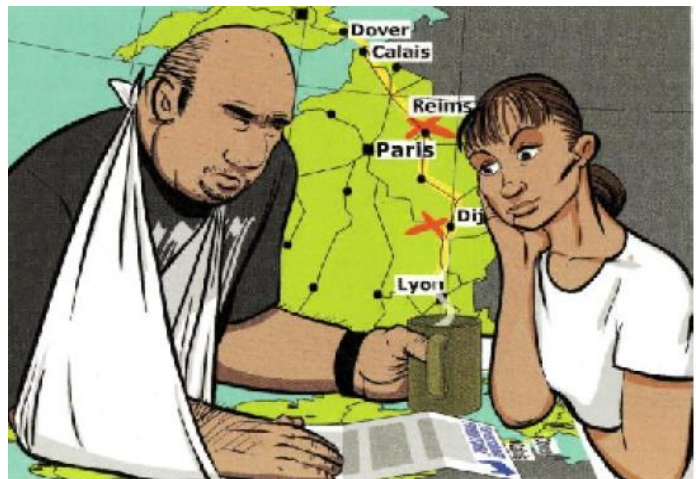


CHAPTER 2

"Get the tables from the shop at Faversham," says Gary.

"Then take the ferry from Dover to Calais. At Calais look for the signs to
the A26 motorway. It's a good , fast road."

"Listen- this is very important.
All truck drivers must stop for
45 minutes in every 4 hours."



"Ok there are truck stops on every French road. At
about 1 o'clock you need to stop for 15 minutes at
this truck stop here."

He put X on the map.

“Don't stay in the truck, get out, walk around and get some coffee. You must not go to sleep, when you are driving. At about 4 o'clock you must stop again here, near Dijon.”

Again Gary puts an X on the map.

“The café at the truck stop makes wonderful coffee.

Good luck and drive carefully.”

Says Gary.



Andy and Kim get into the truck and drive away and Gary makes an important phone call.

“Hello Gary here. T can't drive today but tell Paul it's ok- the truck stop near Reims at one, and Dijon at four.

Look for a girl with brown hair and a boy in a yellow shirt.”

