

READING



1 Read the article quickly. What is unusual about this bookshop?

Visiting the *Libreria Acqua Alta* bookshop in Venice

Three young visitors tell us why they liked this unusual place

Elena

The bookshop belongs to Luigi Frizzo. His ideas for the shop are great. During the winter, the sea enters many of the buildings in Venice. But Luigi's books don't get wet because he keeps them in boats and baths instead of bookcases! And not all the books are for people to buy. Old textbooks and dictionaries are now pieces of furniture and art. There are also books on top of each other to make some stairs. I loved climbing up them to the roof and looking out over the city.

Rosie

Last May, I spent a week in Venice with my parents and walked around the city every day. One day, we saw the *Libreria Acqua Alta*, or 'High Water Bookshop' in English. Outside, it looked like other bookshops. We went in because I wanted a map. We then saw it was very different. It wasn't tidy, but was full of wonderful things: thousands of books and about ten friendly cats! This bookshop was my favourite place in Venice.

Christina

I visited *Libreria Acqua Alta* one morning in June and I loved it. Many visitors in the shop felt the same as me. I spoke to a lot, and they were not only tourists. Local families enjoy visiting the shop too because it is so different, and you can find every kind of book there. Luigi Frizzo owns the shop, and he was there that morning. He took me to see the building's fire exit. It was very funny – the door just opens onto the water!



PREPARE FOR THE EXAM

Reading Part 2

2 For each question, choose the correct answer. Write *E* for Elena, *R* for Rosie or *C* for Christina.

- Which person met Luigi Frizzo? _____
- Which person explains why she entered the shop? _____
- Which person describes how books stay dry in the bookshop? _____
- Which person says what kind of people go to the shop? _____
- Which person explains what the name of the bookshop means? _____
- Which person saw some books that weren't for sale? _____
- Which person describes how books are part of the building? _____



EXAM TIPS

- Look to see if the writer says the same things in a different way.
- The questions do not follow the order of information in the text.

LIST OF IRREGULAR V

Infinitive	Past simple	Past participle
be	was were	been
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
burn	burnt/burned	burnt/burned
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
dream	dreamed/dreamt	dreamed/dreamt
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feel	felt	felt
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
get	got	got
give	gave	given
go	went	gone/been
grow	grew	grown
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hit	hit	hit
hold	held	held
hurt	hurt	hurt
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
learn	learned/learnt	learned/learnt
leave	left	left