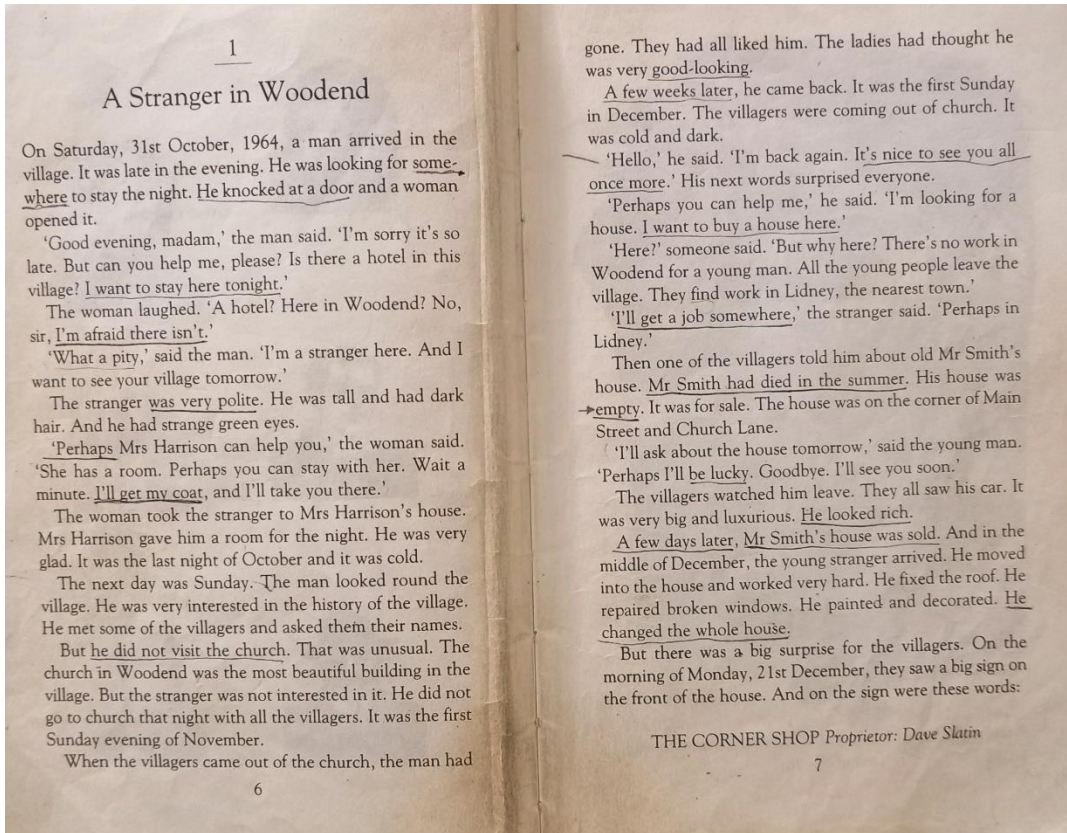


ACTIVIDAD

- 1_ Sacar los personajes principales y el rol de cada uno.
- 2_ Sacar los personajes secundarios.
- 3_ Analizar la línea de tiempo en que se desarrollan los hechos.
- 4_ Responde las preguntas al final.



The Village Meeting

The villagers could not believe it. A shop in Woodend! Everybody talked about it. There was once a shop in Woodend, but it had closed twenty years ago.

Some people wanted the shop, but others did not. The villagers met in the evening in the village hall. Everybody was there. Everybody was interested in the new shop.

'The Corner Shop is a good idea,' someone said. 'We need a village shop. We won't need to go to Lidney.'

Then Mrs Harrison spoke. She liked the stranger, Dave Slatin.

'I agree,' she said. 'A village shop is a good idea. It's too quiet here. Woodend needs a shop.'

'Nonsense,' said Miss Brown. She was the village school-teacher. 'Lidney is not far away. There are lots of shops there.'

Soon everybody was shouting. Then Mr Hart spoke. He was a very big man, with a loud voice.

'Listen, everybody!' he shouted. 'We've never had trouble in this village before. We've always been quiet and happy. Now this shop is causing trouble.'

'Let Mr Slatin speak,' someone said. 'It's his shop. Let him speak.'

'Ladies and gentlemen,' said Dave Slatin. 'I don't want to cause any trouble. I'm still a stranger in your village. But I want to be one of you. I want to be your friend. I like the people of Woodend!'

He smiled and a few people clapped. They liked him.

'The Corner Shop will sell lots of things,' he went on. 'It

will sell food and things for the house. Everything will be cheap, I promise!'

Everybody was listening carefully.

'And I have another idea,' he continued. 'I'll sell village products.'

'What do you mean by "village products"?' asked Miss Brown.

'I'll tell you, Miss Brown,' he said. 'I know that you make beautiful bread and cakes.'

Miss Brown smiled. Yes, she did make bread and cakes. Everyone knew that.

'And you, Mr Hart, I've seen your flowers. You grow beautiful flowers.'

Now Mr Hart smiled. Yes, his flowers were beautiful. Everyone knew about them.

'And Mr Everett makes pots,' someone said.

'And Mrs Davies makes dolls,' said another voice.

'And I do paintings of the village,' said old Miss Lucy Gray.

'Yes,' said Dave. 'You can all do something. You villagers are clever. You make lots of things. We can sell them to the tourists. In the summer, Woodend can make a lot of money!'

'But what about the money?' said Mr Hart. 'How will you pay us?'

'That's a good question,' said Dave. 'And here's the answer. You'll bring your things to me and I'll sell them for you. I'll keep some of the profit. You'll have the rest.'

'What a good idea!' said Miss Brown.

'Yes, I agree!' said Mr Hart.

All the villagers agreed. Everyone in the village was happy with Dave Slatin's plan.

The Corner Shop opened on Monday, 4th January, 1965. Soon the shop was busy and Dave needed an assistant.

The new assistant in *The Corner Shop* was Anna. She started work in late January.

Responde estas preguntas basadas en texto anterior.

Points for Understanding

1

- 1 Why was the stranger looking for a hotel?
- 2 What was the date?
- 3 What was the most beautiful building in Woodend? Did the stranger go to see it?
- 4 What did the village ladies think about the stranger?
- 5 The stranger came back to Woodend a few weeks later. What was he looking for?
- 6 What surprised the villagers on the morning of Monday, 21st December?

2

- 1 Why did the villagers have a meeting?
- 2 Why did Mrs Harrison think that a village shop was a good idea?
- 3 Why did Mr Hart think the shop was a bad idea?
- 4 What did Dave Slatin mean by 'village products'? Why were the villagers pleased with the idea of selling 'village products'?
- 5 'But what about the money?' said Mr Hart. What was Dave Slatin's reply?
- 6 Why did Dave Slatin need an assistant? Who was the new assistant?