

Cambridge Primary Progression Test

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English Paper 2

Stage 4



Section A: Reading

Here is part of the story 'But You Promised You'd Choose Me' by Bel Mooney. Read it and then answer the questions on the question paper.

There was a new girl in Kitty's class. She was called Rosie and she was very nice. On her first day she was put next to Kitty, who had to show her where everything was. They quickly became friends.

Rosie had short black curly hair and laughed a lot. Very soon the teacher discovered that she was clever in lessons, as well as good at games.

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'Oh, Rosie, you're so lucky,' Kitty sighed one day, 'because you're good at everything!'

'It's not *luck*,' Rosie said with a grin. 'It's hard work!'

Rosie and Kitty did everything together. They shared their biscuits at break, swapping books they liked and chose each other as partners in gym and dancing.

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'Will you always choose me, Rosie?' Kitty asked. She was feeling rather proud because her friend was better than all the rest.

'Course I will, silly.'

'Promise?'

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'With all my heart, I promise.'

Kitty had always wanted a *really* best friend. It didn't matter that Rosie was a faster runner, or could dive like a fish. They were friends. That was more important than anything.

Or so Kitty thought – until the week before sports day.

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Kitty didn't like sports day. Kitty complained to her mum, 'It's no fun running a race and seeing all the others in front of you.'

'What does it matter – as long as you do your best?' questioned Mum.

'Huh – my best isn't good enough!' growled Kitty.

Now the class was practising for all the events. Kitty watched Rosie come in first in the running race, the long jump, the high jump and the sack race too. She beat everyone. Kitty felt so pleased.

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They sat cross-legged in a group around the teacher, who said, 'Now children, I want you to choose partners for the three-legged race. So when I call your name, stand up, choose your partner and line up.'

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After a minute she called out Rosie's name. Kitty sat up straight, and smiled. But Rosie wasn't looking at her. 'Er... Carla!' she said, decisively.

Kitty felt as if the smile was glued to her face. But inside she felt like a crumpled ball of paper.

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