Princess Diaries 4

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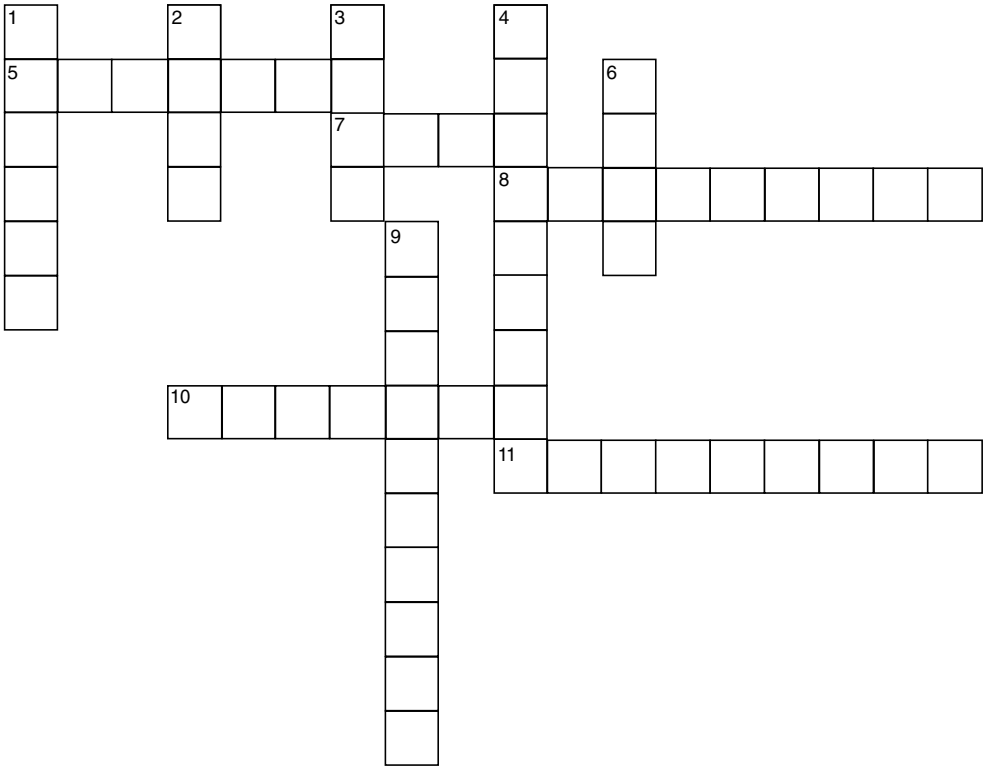
A Before Reading

1 Below is a crossword using some of the words from the story. Read the clues, and try to find the words from the page numbers given.



Across

5 A type of mathematics that uses letters in place of numbers (page 7)
7 Room at the top of a building, under the roof (page 25)
8 A very long, expensive and comfortable car (page 36)
10 The main female character in a book, film or play (page 30)
11 Feeling very sad and unhappy (page 33)

Down

1 A serious illness caused by the cells in the body spreading in an uncontrolled way (page 8)
2 Someone who will receive money, property or a title when another person dies (page 8)
3 A formal social event with dancing and usually a meal (page 21)
4 Feeling very tired and confused because you have travelled for a long time on a plane across parts of the world where the time is different (page 30)
6 Informal expression meaning to end a romantic relationship with someone (page 48)
9 A feeling of being unhappy and ashamed when something embarrassing happens (page 45)

2 *The Princess Diaries* is a very popular series of books. Have you read any of the books or seen any of the films? What do you know about the main character, Mia? How many princesses do you know of in the world? Are there any princesses in your country?

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3 Look at the picture on page 61. Who are these people? Where are they? What are they doing? Mia is the princess in this story: in this picture she looks very angry. What do you think has made her angry? What else can you guess from this picture?

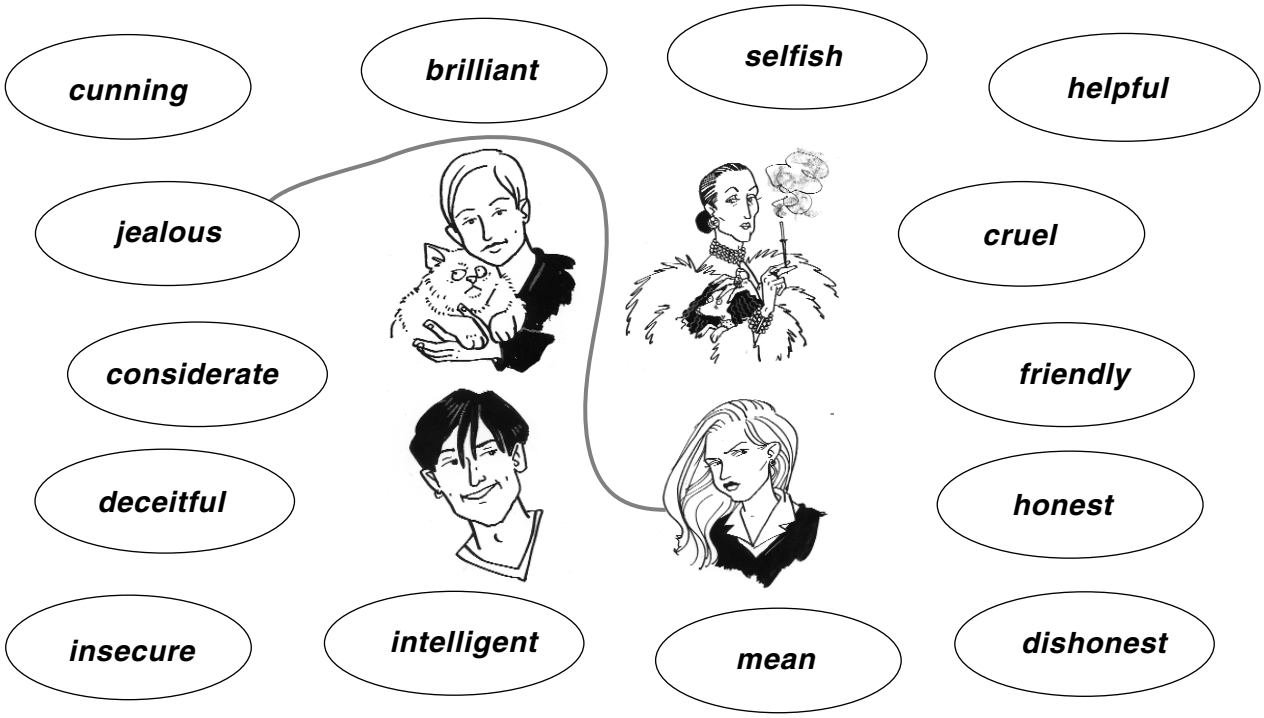
B While Reading

4 Read chapters 1 to 7. Below is a diary entry from Mia, but there are nine mistakes. Find the mistakes and correct them.

Wednesday January 20, the loft

Well, it has certainly been a busy few weeks! I had a nice trip in Genovia, but I missed my friends terribly. I also missed my boyfriend Michael a lot. I couldn't call him because I didn't have a phone, and I couldn't email him because I didn't know his email address. Grandmere gave me a book to read called 'Jane Eyre'. I read it and decided to call Michael more often to let him know I loved him. Grandmere thinks this is a good way to keep a boy in love with you. Finally I arrived back in New York and called Michael. He asked me out on a date! He wanted to take me to a hockey game and I said yes. I can't wait. Then my Grandmere did something terrible. She told Principal Gupta a lie. She told him my father was ill and I would have to take a day off school to see him. But he's not really sick at all. She just wanted to take me shopping to buy some jewellery! She wants me to look great for a special dinner party she is having on Friday night. I learnt some terrible news today, Dave has broken up with Tina! He broke up with her because she said she liked Tom Cruise more than him. I hope Michael never breaks up with me, I love him more than anything in the world. Even more than my cat Fat Louie!

5 Below are four of the characters from the story. In the bubbles are some adjectives. Draw a line from the adjectives to the characters they suit. Give reasons for your choices. Think of another two adjectives to describe each character.



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