

BEGINNER LEVEL

The House on the Hill by Elizabeth Laird

A Before Reading

- 1 Look at the front cover of this book. Then read about the story on the back of the book.
 - (a) What are the names of the two young people in the story?
 - (b) How old do you think they are?
 - (c) Is this story going to be: (1) sad? (2) happy?

B While Reading

- 2 Read Part 1. Choose a title for Part 1:
 - (a) Paul meets Maria
 - (b) The Beautiful Rich Girl
 - (c) Paul Falls in Love
 - (d) 'Love Isn't Enough.'
- 3 Write your own title for Part 1.
- 4 Read Part 2. Give Part 2 a title.
- 5 Here are some titles for Parts 3 and 4.
Put a tick (✓) if a title is in the correct list. Put a cross (✗) if a title is in the wrong list.

Part 3

- (a) The Funeral
- (b) House for Sale
- (c) 'Everything's Over.'
- (d) Poor Maria

Part 4

- (e) A Story for the Paper
- (f) 'I Liked Your Funny Poems.'
- (g) An Angry Woman
- (h) Maria's Mother Dies

C After Reading

- 6 Paul says, 'I'll write the story of Paul and Maria. And I'll win the competition.' Write Paul's story. Use words in Part 1 to help you.
- 7 Imagine that Paul marries Elsa. Write a newspaper report about their wedding. Write a headline for the report.
- 8 You can put one extra picture in the book. What will be in your picture? You can draw it or write about it.

Other books at Beginner Level: *The Garden* by Elizabeth Laird, *Anna and the Fighter* by Elizabeth Laird and *Dear Jan – Love Ruth* by Nick McIver.