

Little Women
Louisa May Alcott

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Teen Readers

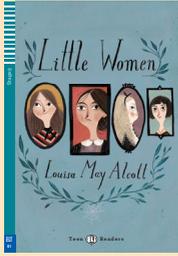
Activity

Write sentences using each time word or phrase from the box.

after - as soon as - before - during - so far
tomorrow - yesterday

- 0 As soon as *I have finished my homework, I'm going out to see my friends.*
- 1 Yesterday, I _____
- 2 Tomorrow, we _____
- 3 Before I _____ ,
I have to _____
- 4 I have 25 invitations to write, but so far, I have only

- 5 After I _____ ,
I _____
- 6 During _____



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Test yourself



Can you remember? Use the prompts to help you answer.

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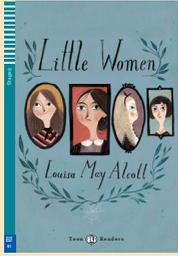
2 Amy | middle of river | ice | breaking | disappearing
| Laurie | pull | icy water | got her home | before she froze

3 Amy | angry | Jo and Meg had a secret | Jo's book | burnt
| fire

4 Moffats | Meg | tight dress | did hair and make-up
| nothing left | old Meg

1 Mr. Laurence gave Beth his piano, because he felt he had found his granddaughter again; 2 Amy was in the middle of the river. The ice was breaking and Amy was disappearing into the water. Laurie pulled her out of the icy water and got her home before she froze. 3 Amy was angry because Jo and Meg had a secret, so she took Jo's book and burnt it in the fire. 4 The Moffats gave Meg a tight dress to wear and did her hair and make-up. When they finished there was nothing left of the Old Meg

Answer:



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PET – Writing

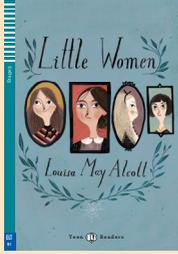
Read these notes. What do they say?
Choose A, B or C.

Dear Meg,
Please come and visit us. We are going to have a party while you are here and we want to invite Laurie. We can help you to look your best for the party!
Love, The Moffats.

- A Laurie wants the Moffats to have a party.
- B Laurie wants to invite Meg.
- C Laurie and Meg are invited to a party.

Dear Beth,
Please come and play my piano whenever you like. I love hearing music in the house, but Laurie doesn't want to play anymore. It would make me very happy if you said yes.
Yours, Mr. Laurence

- A Mr. Laurence doesn't play the piano anymore.
- B If Beth plays Mr. Laurence's piano, he'll be happy to have music in the house again.
- C Mr. Laurence likes hearing Laurie play the piano and wants Beth to play too.



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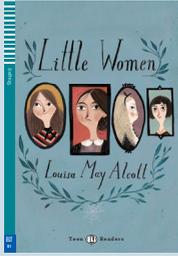
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Dear Jo,
I have a shed in my garden. I have cleaned it out and think it would make a good post office. We could send letters or poetry to each other. We could even send each other music. I will send you the key to open the shed.
Yours, Laurie

- A Laurie is giving Jo a key to his shed.
- B Laurie has decided to clean out his shed.
- C Laurie likes Jo's idea of making a post office in his shed.



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Focus on...



CHARACTERS INSPIRATION

For her books, Alcott was often inspired by familiar elements. The characters in *Little Women* are recognizably drawn from family members and friends. Her married sister Anna was Meg, the family beauty. Lizzie, Alcott's beloved sister who died at the age of twenty-three, was the model for Beth, and May, Alcott's strong-willed sister, was portrayed as Amy, whose pretentious affectations cause her occasional downfalls. Alcott portrayed herself as Jo. However, Alcott's portrayal, even if inspired by her family, is an idealized one.