**Twilight**

**A** Who are the people in the picture below? What do you think is the relationship between them and the two main characters of the story, Bella and Edward?

**B** Read the information on these pages and check your answers.

**The book**

*Twilight* is a young vampire-romance novel, by Stephenie Meyer. *Twilight* was at first refused by a lot of publishers, but became a bestseller when it was published in 2005. That same year, *Twilight* was named one of the Best Children’s Books of 2005.

**C** Read the plot.

**Plot**

Seventeen-years-old Isabella ‘Bella’ Swan moves to a small town near the Washington coast, to live with her father, Charlie. She quickly becomes friends with many students at her new high school. Bella sits next to the mysterious Edward Cullen in the biology class on her first day of school. He seems to dislike Bella for some reason. A few days later, Bella is nearly hit by a van in the school car park. Edward stops the vehicle with his hand. He warns Bella not to become friends with him. Bella eventually discovers that Edward is a vampire. They fall in love and Edward introduces Bella to his vampire family.

Another vampire, James, wants to hunt Bella for sport. Edward and his family risk their lives to protect her, but James follows Bella to Phoenix where she is hiding. James attacks Bella and bites her wrist, but Edward, with the other Cullen family members, arrives before he can kill her. James is destroyed, and Edward saves Bella from becoming a vampire. Later, Bella says she wants to become a vampire, but Edward refuses to help her.

**D** Answer the questions.

1. Why does Bella go to Washington?
2. What happens on Bella’s first day at school?
3. How does Edward feel about Bella at first?
4. How does Edward stop an accident?
5. Who is James and what does he do?
6. What does Edward refuse to do?
The author
Stephenie Meyer was born in Connecticut in 1973. She grew up in Phoenix, Arizona with three brothers and two sisters. She has three sons. Stephenie Meyer had never written anything before *Twilight* and wanted to study law, because she felt she had no chance of becoming a writer. Now Meyer is on *Time* magazine’s list of the ‘100 Most Influential People’ in the world.

The characters
**Bella Swan** (Kristen Stewart) – a seventeen-year-old girl who moves to the small town of Forks, Washington, from Phoenix, Arizona, and falls in love with a vampire: Edward Cullen.
**Edward Cullen** (Robert Pattinson) – a 108-year-old vampire, who was changed in 1918 and still appears to be seventeen. He falls in love with Bella. He has the ability to read minds and has superhuman speed and strength.
**James** (Cam Gigandet) – the leader of a group of vampires that wants to kill Bella.

The film
*Twilight* is a 2008 American romantic vampire film. Directed by Catherine Hardwicke, it is the first in *The Twilight Saga* film series.

The director
Catherine Hardwicke was born in Texas in 1955. She began her career as an architect. Hardwicke’s first film was *Thirteen* (2003) about teenage life. The opening weekend of *Twilight* was the biggest opening ever for a female director.

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**Listen and watch the film clip and read the dialogue. Then put Edward’s answers in the correct spaces.**

a. Which beach?
b. It’s just a little crowded.
c. No, probably not. I’d rather hear your theories.
d. It means if you were smart, you’d stay away from me.
e. I don’t know. I just…

**Bella**
Thanks... you know, your mood swings are kind of giving me whiplash.

**Edward**
I only said it would be better if we weren’t friends, not that I don’t want to be.

**Bella**
What does that mean?

**Edward**
(1) _____________________________ .

**Bella**
Let’s say, for argument’s sake, that I’m not smart. Would you tell me the truth?

**Edward**
(2) _____________________________ .

**Bella**
I have considered radioactive spiders and kryptonite.

**Edward**
It’s all superhero stuff, right? What if I’m not the hero? What if I’m the bad guy?

**Bella**
You’re not. I can see what you’re trying to put off. But I can see that it’s just keeping people away from you. It’s a mask. Why don’t we just hang out? Everybody’s going to the beach. Come. I mean, have fun.

**Edward**
(3) _____________________________ .

**Bella**
La Push.

**Edward**
(4) _____________________________ .

**Bella**
Is there something wrong with that beach?

**Edward**
(5) _____________________________ .

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**Work in pairs. Choose a character from the dialogue above and act out the scene in pairs.**

**Think about the themes of the film and make a list of songs you think appropriate for the film soundtrack of *Twilight*.**