

A Ari is new in Greenwich. He's from Greece, but his mother is English. They live in Greenwich now because his grandma lives there and Ari's mother wants to look after her. Ari wants to go back to Greece, where the weather is always good and the sea is blue and warm.

B Ari understands English, but he only speaks it a little. At school the children think Ari is strange. They can't understand him and he never laughs or smiles.

C Ari's birthday is on 10th March. In Greece he always has great fun. He swims in the sea and he and his mother eat in his uncle's restaurant. This year he doesn't know what to do. "You must have a party," says his mother. "Invite some of your classmates."

D He invites some children to his party, but they aren't very happy about it. "Oh no," says Luke, "Ari's boring!" "How can he be fun when I can't even understand him!" Sophie says.

E Ari invites Harry too. Harry is popular now, but he knows how it feels not to be popular. Harry says, "Thanks Ari. I'd love to go to your party."

F When Harry says yes, this is a surprise for the others! Then they say yes too. Ari has his party at a friend's restaurant. They all eat great food and play fun games, and they all dance to Greek music. All of Ari's new friends thank Ari for the great party.

Either:

- a) Read the text. Match the headings with parts A-F. There are two extra headings.
- 1. Ari is disappointed
 - 2. A party to remember
 - 3. Harry doesn't want to go
 - 4. A birthday idea for Ari
 - 5. School isn't easy when you're different
 - 6. Ari's not happy in his new home
 - 7. Harry helps Ari
 - 8. An invitation they don't want

b) Read the text and answer the questions. Use full sentences.

1. Why must Ari's family live in Greenwich?
2. Why has Ari got problems with his classmates at first?
3. Why does Harry want to help Ari?
4. What happens because Harry goes to Ari's party?

