

# In the Rue Bel Tesoro

## SCENE 1

*(A busy train station crowded with travellers. Sasha and Omar arrive pushing an old-fashioned pram and carrying a bag stuffed with belongings.)*

**Sasha** Don't say anything, Omar, let me do the talking.

**Omar** *(into the pram)* You've got to keep quiet, Valentine, we're in the station now.  
*(They approach a soldier checking documents at the entrance to the platform.)*

**Soldier** Papers?

**Sasha** *(handing over papers)* We're going to meet our mother. She's waiting for us.

**Soldier** The baby – his pass?

**Sasha** He's... a new baby, he doesn't have one.

**Soldier** No papers, I can't let you through.

*(Fran arrives with a huge suitcase and pushes in.)*

**Fran** Please – let an old woman by! My bad hip! My feet!

**Soldier** *(unmoved)* Papers?

*(Fran gives him her papers as the children watch.)*

**Soldier** Go through.

*(Fran hurries through the barrier. Sasha grabs Omar and drags him after Fran, getting away from the soldier.)*

**Soldier** Hey you! Come back!

*(Sasha and Omar disappear into the crowd.)*

## SCENE 2

*(Fran staggers into the train compartment with her bundles.)*

**Sasha** Please, madam, if we could stay with you, we're on our own...

**Fran** Oh no – impossible, I must have my space.

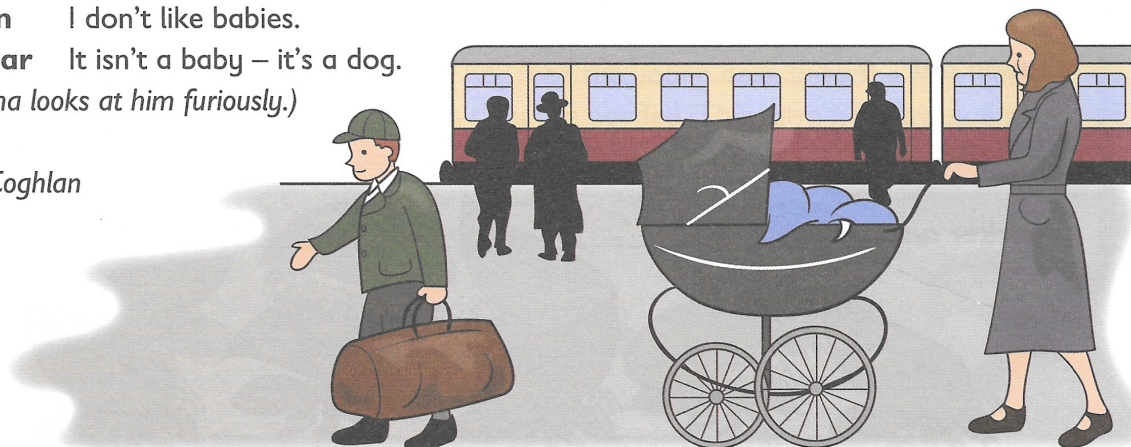
**Sasha** The soldiers don't stop old people so much when they have children.

**Fran** I don't like babies.

**Omar** It isn't a baby – it's a dog.

*(Sasha looks at him furiously.)*

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Fill the missing gaps.

- 1 Sasha and Omar pushed a \_\_\_\_\_ into the train station.
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to be the one to talk to the soldier.
- 3 The soldier wanted to look at Sasha and Omar's \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ pushes in while Sasha is talking to the soldier.
- 5 Fran doesn't like \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer each of the questions with a sentence.

- 6 Who are Sasha and Omar going to meet?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Why does Omar tell Valentine to keep quiet?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 8 Why does Sasha want to stay with Fran?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 9 What do you think will happen next to Sasha, Omar and Valentine?  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 10 Copy a line from the play that illustrates each of these statements.

Fran is elderly. \_\_\_\_\_

Fran has walking problems. \_\_\_\_\_

Fran is rather grumpy. \_\_\_\_\_

Fran likes to be alone. \_\_\_\_\_