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### **Introduction**

Glasstown is a small town in the north of England. It is a friendly town. It has around 50,000 people. It is famous for making glass. A long time ago, there were many glass-making factories. It is also famous for rugby. The town's rugby team is very good. They win many games and tournaments.

On the main street, there are shops, restaurants, a bank, a library, a clinic, and a hair salon. The people in Glasstown like to go to the main street to go shopping or to talk to other people.

In this book, there are five stories about places in Glasstown.

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## 1. The restaurant

Terry is excited. Tonight, there is a big event in his restaurant. The local government members are going to have a meeting with the managers of a big company. The company wants to build an IT centre in Glasstown. This is good for the town. There are not many jobs in Glasstown. If the company builds an IT centre, there will be 200 new jobs.

Terry is also nervous. *If the managers don't like the food, maybe they won't build their IT centre in Glasstown*, he thinks.

There are two restaurants in Glasstown. Terry's restaurant is a local food restaurant. It has fish and chips, pies, and meat and vegetable dishes. The other restaurant is an Italian restaurant. Terry's restaurant is very old. His mother and father opened the restaurant 50 years ago. A man from the local government said to Terry, "Your restaurant has a long history in Glasstown. We want to show the managers of the IT company our history and tradition. So, we want to take them to your restaurant."

It is the morning of the meeting. Terry goes into the kitchen of the restaurant. For the meeting, he is going to make roast beef, roast potatoes and vegetables. He switches the gas cooker on. But there is a problem. The gas cooker is broken.

*Oh no!* thinks Terry. *Tonight is very important! If the gas cooker is broken, I can't cook anything! I will call a repair person.*

Terry calls a repair company. After thirty minutes, a repairman comes.

"So, you have a problem with your gas cooker?" he asks Terry.

"Yes, I do," says Terry. "Can you fix it?"

"I'll try my best," says the man. He goes into the kitchen and looks at the cooker. After five minutes, he says to Terry, "I'm sorry. I can't fix it. It needs a new part. I have to order the new part. I can fix it next week."

"Next week?" says Terry. "But I need my cooker today! I have very important customers this evening!"

"I'm sorry," says the man. "I can't fix it today."

The man leaves. Terry sits down in his restaurant. *What am I going to do?* he thinks. *I have to call the government. But they will be angry. The meeting this evening is very important. If they cancel the meeting, maybe the IT company won't build a factory here. That is bad for the town.*

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Then, he has an idea. *The government and the company can have their meeting in the Italian restaurant. The Italian restaurant is my rival, but I don't want the government and the company to cancel the meeting. I will go and see Giovanni, the owner of the restaurant, he thinks.*

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