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Introduction

In this book there are five short stories about train travel.

Story 1: The violin

Story 2: Mrs Wilson takes a trip

Story 3: The last train

Story 4: Who are you?

Story 5: Owen's great adventure

1. The violin

Adam opened his eyes and looked out of the train window. The Italian countryside was beautiful in the late afternoon sun. He looked at his watch. It was 4:00pm.

We will arrive in Florence in thirty minutes, he thought.

He looked around the train. There was a young woman sitting opposite him. She was asleep. She was holding a handbag, and on the seat next to her, there was a violin case.

A businessman was sitting on the other side of the train. He was reading a newspaper. A young man was listening to his iPod and reading a book.

Adam was a student from Malaysia. He was travelling alone around Italy for two weeks. He looked out of the window again, and thought about his trip.

My trip has nearly finished, he thought. *I only have three more days before I go back home. It has been a great holiday. I've visited many cities. I've taken many photographs. I've visited many museums. But what shall I do tonight? First, I have to find a cheap hotel when I arrive in Florence. After that...*

There was a magazine on another seat. Adam stood up and picked it up. It was an events magazine.

There was a large advertisement for a concert.

---Stefano Ferrero in Concert!---

In the photograph, a man was holding a violin and there was an orchestra behind him.

Adam looked at the date and time of the concert.

---12th July, 8:30pm---

That's tonight! thought Adam. *I'd like to go. I haven't been to any concerts or cultural events on this trip yet.*

He looked at the price of a ticket.

---80 Euros---

80 Euros! he thought. *That's too expensive!* He closed the magazine. *I'll go for a walk around Florence. That's free.*

The train slowed down and stopped at a station.

Suddenly, the woman woke up. She looked around. She looked out of the window at the station sign.

She said something in Italian. The train doors were starting to close. She picked up her handbag and ran off the train.

"Wait!" shouted Adam. "You left your violin!"

But it was too late. The doors closed and the train started to move.

Adam looked at the violin. Then he looked around the train. The businessman was still reading the newspaper, and the young man was still listening to his iPod and reading his book. Adam picked up the violin case.

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