

Episode 9: Missing Martin

The story so far

Kara has made friends with 'the spy', the mysterious boy who is also staying at Owl Hall, but she has kept this a secret from her brother, Martin. The boy took Kara to his secret hiding place on an island and told her they are both at Owl Hall because they are 'different'.

Listening

- 1 Listen to Episode 9. Which characters have a speaking part in this episode? Tick the ones you hear.

- Kara
 Martin
 Mum
 Howard
 Max the dog
 the boy

- 2 Listen again and answer these questions.

1. What is Kara doing at the beginning of the episode?
2. Who does she meet?
3. Why does she get angry?
4. Where does she think Martin is?

Language

- 1 Look at the verbs in the box below. Using a dictionary, decide which ones are most often followed by *an infinitive (to + verb)* and which ones are followed by *a verb + -ing*. Make sure you understand the meaning of each verb.

regret offer promise refuse deny admit

- 2 Finish the sentences below to express what the characters said.

1. "I won't leave Martin." Kara promised ...
2. "I was writing my blog." Kara admitted ...
3. "I wish we hadn't come to Owl Hall!" Mum regretted ...
4. "I don't want to sit down and talk!" Kara refused ...
5. "I can help you Kara." Howard offered ...
6. "I didn't start the fire!" Martin denied ...

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Speaking

Discuss the questions with a partner.

1. Why doesn't Mum want to speak about Martin? Think of three possible reasons.
2. What do you think has happened to Martin? Who is Howard?
3. What do you think is going to happen next?

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- Kara:** Today has been the best day of my life. I have a friend and his name is ... John! I'm so happy he finally told me his name just before we said goodbye. So, what else have I discovered about my new friend, apart from his name? He's an only child. He doesn't have any brothers or sisters. I can't imagine being an only child.
- Mum:** Kara!
- Kara:** OK. ... Martin?
- Mum:** Kara!
- Kara:** Martin?! Mum's calling. Are you there?
- Kara:** That's strange. Where are all Martin's things? Martin ... where ARE you?
- Mum:** Kara! Can you come down to the kitchen, please?
- Kara:** Coming! ... I was just ... oh.
- Howard:** Hello, Kara.
- Mum:** I told you Howard was coming. Remember?
- Kara:** Mum? Have you seen Martin?
- Mum:** Howard ...
- Kara:** What's happening?
- Howard:** Your mother says that you've been sleepwalking.
- Kara:** That's none of your business! You're not my dad!!
- Mum:** Kara, please don't talk to Howard like that. He's trying to help you.
- Kara:** If Howard wants to help me, then he can tell me where Martin is!
- Mum:** Please don't start! Not about Martin, please!
- Howard:** Please sit down, Kara. We have to talk. Martin is in a safe place. You don't have to worry about him. You have look after yourself now. Your mother and I are worried about you and we want to help you.
- Kara:** I promised not to leave him!
- Mum:** Please, Kara ... Please don't start talking about Martin again.
- Kara:** Where is he?
- Howard:** I told you. Martin is in a safe place.
- Kara:** No!
- Kara:** Martin? Where are you? What have you done?
- Kara:** A safe place ... a safe place ... of course ... the house on the hill Howard's house.

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Listening

- 1 Only Kara, Mum and Howard have speaking parts in this episode.
- 2
 1. She is writing in her blog.
 2. She meets Howard.
 3. She wants to know where Martin is, and she doesn't trust Howard.
 4. She thinks Martin is at Howard's house – the house on the hill.

Language

- 1

+ infinitive	+ -ing
refuse	regret
promise	admit
offer	deny
- 2
 1. Kara promised not to leave Martin.
 2. Kara admitted writing her blog.
 3. Mum regretted coming to Owl Hall.
 4. Kara refused to sit down and talk.
 5. Howard offered to help Kara
 6. Martin denied starting the fire.

Speaking

Individual answers will vary.