

## Chapter 2 Meeting the English family



1. We are now in a street in West London. The sky is very dark and it is raining.
2. This is Rosa's big day. Her first day in England.
3. Rosa is getting out of a London taxi. The taxi driver is carrying a very heavy
4. suitcase. They walk through the rain to the front door of a big Victorian house.
5. A small girl opens the door. She is four years old. Her brother is standing behind
6. her. He is only two years old. One minute later, a young woman comes to the door.
7. "Welcome to Wembley!", she says and she offers Rosa her hand. "These are my
8. two children, Elisabeth and Isaac."
9. "Pleased to meet you, Mrs Frost!" says Rosa with a strong Spanish accent.
10. The two children run back into the living-room.
11. "Don't worry about them! They're a little shy. And please call me Diana! Now let
12. me show you your room and then we can have a nice cup of tea. Or would you
13. prefer coffee?"
14. "I'd like to try a cup of English tea, made in England."
15. "This is your bedroom. There's a nice view of the football stadium and here's a
16. little desk where you can study. The bathroom and toilet are just opposite your
17. door. Now I'll just go and put the kettle on."
18. "Excuse me. What's a kettle?"
19. "In England, we use a kettle to make hot water. We can then put the hot water in
20. a teapot or use it to make instant coffee."
21. Rosa is happy with her new home, but she is thinking about her mother's
22. opinions. Perhaps Maruja is right. The British are not normal people. They do not
23. kiss when they meet and they live in large Victorian palaces. Their favourite drink
24. is tea and they use strange metal kettles to make the water hot. What is she going
25. to say to Elisabeth and Isaac? How can she make friends with two shy English
26. children? Perhaps the answer is in the big, black psychology book.