

The Promise by R. L. Scott-Bucleuch

- 1 *Student's own answer. Reasonable suggestions:* that the boy will grow up to become a famous footballer, that he will help his team to win competitions, that the boy will become rich and marry/have a girlfriend who supports him, that he will look after his family.
- 2 *Student's own answers. Possible answers:*
 (a) I don't like studying./I like playing football./I want to play for Brazil./My father's advice is good./Everything is going well.
 (b) I want to marry Fernanda./Will I ever be able to play football again?/I'll never play football again. /I'm jealous of Antonio./I'll try again./Odete and Waldir are right./I'll show Dad that I can play for Brazil.
 (c) I hope Senhor Tonoko can help me./I can do it./I will play football again./At last, I'm going to play for Brazil./I'm going to ask Odete to marry me.
- 3 *Yes, the old woman was speaking the truth and her promise was kept.*
- 4 *Student's own answers. Students need to think about how much the character knows of the story and what kind of a person the character is.*
 (a) *Fernanda*, Palito's cousin, knows Palito from childhood but disappears from the story while he is in hospital. She is selfish and self-centred and she wants her life to be glamorous and important. She leaves Palito just when he needs help and support.
 (b) *Chico*, the football manager, meets Palito when he is a young man. He looks after the whole family, bringing them to São Paulo with Palito. He never gives up on helping Palito even when it looks like the young footballer will never be able to play again.
 (c) *Odete* is Palito's cousin, Fernanda's younger sister. She is pretty, quiet and shy. She knows Palito from childhood but only comes into his life to support him after Fernanda leaves him. Did she always love him? She is dependable and not afraid of forcing Palito to face his problems after his operation.
 (d) *Pedro*, Palito's father, is always proud of his son and has one dream – to see his son play for Brazil. He supports Palito throughout but maybe he doesn't know about the party at which Odete and Waldir force Palito to decide to try again to play football.
- 5 *Student's own answer. Possible answer:*
- 1 Palito
 - 2 Pedro
 - 3 The old negress
 - 4 Odete
 - 5 Waldir
 - 6 Chico
 - 7 Senhor Tonoko
 - 8 The specialist at the hospital
 - 9 Senhor Castro
 - 10 Dr Silveira
 - 11 Claudio
 - 12 Antonio
- 13 Maria
- 14 Fernanda
- 6 *Student's own answer.*
- 7 *Student's own answers. Chapters 5 and 14 provide useful footballing vocabulary.*
 (a) *needs to be written in the present tense as if the match is actually happening.*
 (b) *will be in the past simple/past continuous. Both need to sound excited to make the listener/reader interested.*