

## 8B COMMUNICATIVE On the Trans-Siberian Railway

- a Read the beginning of the story. Why do you think the Russian doesn't want to lend his newspaper to the American?

A young American was travelling to Vladivostok on the Trans-Siberian Railway, the longest railway in the world. It was a long journey and he was bored. Sitting opposite him was a Russian man. He was about 40 years old. He had an English newspaper on the seat next to him.

'Excuse me,' the American said. 'Can I borrow your newspaper?'

'No,' the Russian said. 'I'm sorry. You can't.'

'Why not?' asked the American.

'Well,' said the Russian, 'it's quite simple...'

- b Look at the pictures. Then number the sentences 1–9.



- 'If you meet Olga, you'll fall in love with her.'
- 'If we start talking, we'll become friends.'
- 'If I invite you to my house, you'll meet my beautiful daughter, Olga.'
- 'So that's why I won't lend you my newspaper.'
- 'If I find you, I'll kill you.'
- 'If you fall in love with her, you'll run away together.'
- 'If we become friends, I'll invite you to my house in Vladivostok.'
- 'If I lend you my newspaper, we'll start talking.'
- 'If you run away, I'll find you.'

- c Cover sentences 1–9 and look at the pictures. Try to remember the sentences and tell your partner the story.

## SOLUTIONS OF COMMUNICATIVE 8B

- 1 If I lend you my newspaper, we'll get talking.
- 2 If we start talking, we'll become friends.
- 3 If we become friends, I'll invite you to my house in Vladivostok.
- 4 If I invite you to my house, you'll meet my beautiful daughter, Olga.
- 5 If you meet Olga, you'll fall in love with her.
- 6 If you fall in love with her, you'll run away together.
- 7 If you run away, I'll find you.
- 8 If I find you, I'll kill you.
- 9 So that's why I won't lend you my newspaper.