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### **The number of words at each level:**

|                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| Starter          | about 300 basic words  |
| Beginner         | about 600 basic words  |
| Elementary       | about 1100 basic words |
| Pre-intermediate | about 1400 basic words |
| Intermediate     | about 1600 basic words |
| Upper            | about 2200 basic words |

### **Vocabulary**

Some difficult words and phrases in this book are important for understanding the story. Some of these words are explained in the story and some are shown in the pictures. From Pre-intermediate level upwards, words are marked with a number like this: ...<sup>3</sup>. These words are explained in the Glossary at the end of the book.

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## *A Note About This Story*

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This story takes place in England and Italy in 1921. At this time, when people travelled abroad, they went by ferry across the English Channel and then by train. It took about three days to travel from England to the Mediterranean coast.

Telephones were not used very much at this time. Messages were sent by letter or telegram.

The ladies in this story go to stay in a beautiful, medieval Italian castle by the sea. They rent the castle, San Salvatore, for the month of April. This means that they paid the owner of the castle some money to stay there. This money was for the servants and the rooms in the castle. The ladies had to buy their own food and pay for their ferry and train tickets.

The ladies find that the gardens of San Salvatore are very beautiful. In April, many beautiful flowers and trees bloom in Italy. Soon, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Arbuthnot, Mrs Fisher and Lady Caroline believe that San Salvatore is a magic and enchanted place. Everyone will find love and happiness in this beautiful place.

## The People in This Story



**Lottie Wilkins**  
is a young woman. She is  
married to Mellersh  
Wilkins, but she is  
unhappy.



**Rose Arbuthnot**  
is a young woman.  
She is married to  
Frederick Arbuthnot.  
She is not happy.



**Mrs Fisher** is an old  
woman. Her husband is  
dead and she has a lame  
leg. She has to use a stick  
to help her walk.



**Lady Caroline Dester**  
is a rich and beautiful  
young woman. She has left  
London to get away from  
the many young men who  
want to marry her.

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