

Text: *Seashell Motel*, Buch, S. 62-64

Lösungen zu den Aufgaben 1a), 2a), b), 3a), b), c), d) und 4

1a) Read the blurb and finish these sentences

1. The writer's name is Lois Metzger
2. The main character is sixteen-year-old Cindy from New York
3. The story happens in Atlantic City
4. The main character wants a job in a motel
5. But she's too young – only sixteen
6. So she says she's nineteen

2a) Answer these questions about part 1

1. Cindy had nice memories about Atlantic City, because she went there with her parents every summer when she was younger.
2. She said to her teacher that she was going to give the application form to her older sister.
3. Cindy said to her parents that she was going to participate in a special summer program that organized hotel jobs for students of her age.

2b) Questions about the other parts of the text (2 to 6) (Vorschläge)

1. Did the Seashell Motel have an ocean view? – No, it was several blocks from the sea.
2. Why did Cindy say that her name was Cynthia? – She thought that Cynthia sounded more mature, i.e. it made her appear older than she really was.
3. Why did Tim speak with an accent? Was he from Europe? – No, he was from the American South.
4. What were Cindy's working hours? – She had to work in shifts – either from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or from 4 p.m. to midnight, or from midnight to 8 a.m.
5. Was Cal the manager of the Hotel? – No, he came only every Thursday to the hotel to fill up the drinks machine
6. One day Cindy did a wake-up call to one of the guests. Why was he angry with her? – The guest was angry, because he didn't want to be woken.
7. Cindy liked Cal. Why wasn't she happy when he wanted to kiss her? – Because she didn't tell him the truth about her age and she wasn't sure if he liked her only because she was supposed to be older.
8. Was Tim mad at her when she refused to kiss him? – No, he wasn't. He suggested that they could still go out together now and then.
9. What did Cal ask Cindy to do when a hurricane was blowing? – He wanted her to go outside with him and "enjoy" the hurricane.
10. Was Cindy frightened when they walked through the flooded streets? – No, she felt safe, because Cal was with her.
11. What did Cal think about Cynthia when she told him that she was three years younger than she said before? – He said that she was brave, to work and live on her own in a strange city.

12. Why did Cindy say that the brochure wasn't lying about the hotel having an ocean view? – She said that, because the hurricane really brought the sea to the hotel.

3.a), b) Copy the table and make notes about the characters in the story

Name	From	Age	Personality	Appearance	Clothes	What he/she does / likes
Cindy	New York	16	Self-confident, brave, adventurous	Long hair pulled back, make-up, lipstick	White blouse, dark blue shirt, high heels	Likes to try out new things / situations, enjoys adventures, likes Cal
Tim	Louisiana	22	Funny, easy-going	Short, brown hair	Blue jacket and a tie	Likes good jokes / to play tricks on people
Cal	Atlantic City	16	Easy-going, reliable, kind	Long, dark hair, sea-green eyes	Neon T-shirt, shorts, sandals	Likes Cindy very much, wants to kiss her, likes the hurricane

c) Copy this chart for one character (Cindy, Tim, Cal) ...

Character's name: Cindy

	not at all	not very	quite	very	extremely
kind			X		
brave				X	
honest		X			
adventurous					X
funny			X		
hard-working				X	
reliable			X		

d) Write a characterization of Cindy

Cindy is a very hard-working and adventurous young girl. She wants to take a summer job away from home, but isn't old enough, so she lies to her teacher, her parents and to the employees at the hotel. So she isn't very honest, but she is very brave, because she left her home and lives on her own in a strange city.

4. Cindy's diary

June 28th: Today, I've found my dream job for the summer! Mrs Karpinsky told us about different summer jobs we could do during the holidays. She also talked about a

job in a hotel in Atlantic City, but then she said I was too young for it. Nevertheless I've got the address and the application form from her, because I told her I was going to give it to my older sister! I told my parents that I was going to participate in a special program for young students, which organizes hotel jobs for them all along the east coast.

July 3rd: I've arrived in Atlantic City. The city looks different from what I can remember – a bit shoddier in a way: many shops are closed down, it is not so cheerful as it used to be; and the hotel isn't directly by the sea, as I expected, but a few blocks away.

July 3rd (evening): I already met some of the people who work here – Munny, the manager and Tim, who works at the front desk. Both are fine. I talked to the manager about my working times and Tim explained to me some things about his job, which will also be my job.

July 10th: I went out tonight with Cal – he's so sweet! We went to the Hall of Mirrors and there he tried to kiss me! But I felt so bad about it, because I didn't tell him the truth about my age! He still thinks I am three years older than I really am! I couldn't bear the thought that perhaps he only likes me because he thinks I'm older!

July 20th: Cal phoned me when there was a terrible Hurricane blowing through the city. He suggested to go outside and watch the hurricane in action. It was really an exciting experience. Then I told him the truth about my age. He wasn't at all mad at me. On the contrary, he said I was brave!