Scene 1   Our day out

Chorus   It's the summer holidays. The Bradley family are at White Sands beach with their cousins.

Mum   I love coming to the beach. I'm going to relax and read my new magazine.

Cousin 1   Thank you for the picnic, Aunt Lisa, it was delicious.

Mum   You're welcome. Now remember: you mustn't swim after lunch, so what are you going to do?

Son   (*Picks up a spade.*) Let's explore the beach! We might find a dinosaur skeleton or some Roman gold! We can dig everywhere!

Dad   Hmm. I think there might be too many people for that. Why don't you make a sandcastle?

Daughter   (*Picks up a net.*) What about going fishing in the rock pools? I've got a net.

Cousin 2   (*Picks up a backpack.*) OK, I'll come with you. I'm going to take my camera and take lots of photos.

Cousin 1   I'll come, too. I'm going to look for shells and stones.

Mum   Well be careful and don't go too far from the lifeguard station. Are you all wearing sun cream?

Children   Yes, Mum! / Yes, Aunt Lisa!

(*The children walk away from the picnic area, exit Mum and Dad.*)

Scene 2   Is it safe?

(*They walk along towards a patrolling lifeguard.*)

Daughter   (*Pointing to the red and yellow flag.*) Look! There are red and yellow flags on the beach. They're pretty.

Cousin 2   They aren't decorations. They tell you if it's safe to swim.

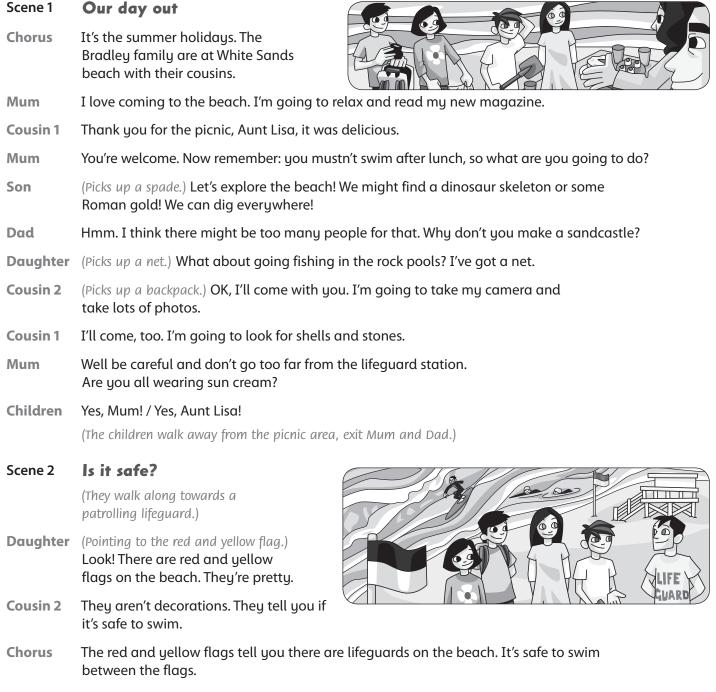**Chorus**   The red and yellow flags tell you there are lifeguards on the beach. It's safe to swim between the flags.

Son   (*impatient*) I'm not going swimming! I'm going to dig a hole and look for dinosaur bones! I might find a time capsule from a hundred years ago!

Cousin 1   There aren't any rock pools here. Let's go along the shore to those big rocks. I want to catch a fish or a big crab.

Cousin 2   (*Pointing to the black and white flag.*) There are more flags here. These are different. What do they mean?

Lifeguard   Hi, kids. These flags mean you mustn't swim here.

Chorus   The black and white flags mean this part of the beach is for people who want to surf or use small boats. You mustn't swim between the black and white flags.

Cousin 1   Well, we mustn't swim anyway, we've just had lunch. Let's explore a bit more. Come on!

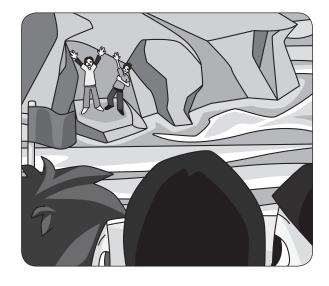**Scene 3** ***A red flag***

Cousin 1   Look. We're nearly at the big rocks. There are some big dark caves.

Son   *(excited)* Let's explore the caves! We could find a secret map that pirates have hidden! There might be an old box with ancient jewellery …

Daughter   We can't go into the caves. We don't know what's in there. It might be dangerous.

Cousin 2   Yes, and sea birds live in the caves. It's their natural habitat. We mustn't disturb them.

Cousin 1   *(pointing)* There's a red flag there. What does that tell us?

Daughter   Red means danger!

Chorus   Yes! Red means danger! You must never go in the water where there are red flags!

Cousin 1   Then what are those children doing?

Cousin 2   Which children?

Cousin 1   Over there, by the cliffs.

Son   I can see them, too. They're waving.

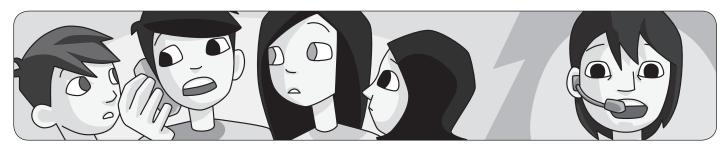**Scene 4** ***Help!***

Boy   Help! Help!

Girl   Please help us!
We're stuck!

Cousin 1   What happened?

Boy   We're stuck!
The water's too deep!

Girl   Please help us! My brother is hurt. He's broken his arm.

Son   Come on! We must help them!

Daughter   Wait! Red means danger. We might get hurt, too.

Cousin 1   You're right. We can't go and help them.

Chorus   Be careful. Make sure you are safe before you try to help someone who is in danger.

Cousin 2   But we can call for help. Where's the lifeguard?

Son   I can't see him. He's too far away. They need help quickly.

Daughter   The water is getting higher. What can we do?

Cousin 2   I've got my mobile phone in my backpack. I'll call the emergency services.

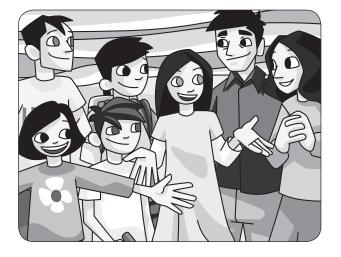**Scene 5** **Hello, emergency services …**

(Enter operator at the back of the stage.)

Operator Hello, emergency services.

Daughter Hello. We need some help here. Can you come quickly?

Operator Which service do you need?

Son We need the coastguard, please.

Operator OK. Where are you calling from?

Daughter We're on White Sands beach. We're near the big rocks. There's a red flag…

Operator Can you tell me what's happened? What is the emergency?

Cousin 1 Some children are stuck. The water's getting higher.

Operator Is anyone hurt?

Cousin 2 Yes, a boy has got a broken arm. I think his sister is OK.

Operator OK. Where are you? Are you safe?

Son Yes, we're safe. We're on a safe part of the beach.

Operator OK. The coastguard is on its way. Just stay where you are.

Scene 6 **Everyone's safe now**

Chorus Everyone's safe now, the danger is over.
The coastguard rescued the children from
the rocks.

Mum Congratulations, kids. We're proud of you.

Cousin 2 The coastguard came very quickly. They've
got special boats.

Daughter They rescued the children and gave the
boy first aid.

Dad Those children were lucky. You knew what
to do and you saved them.

Son I wanted to go and help them but the coastguard told us we did the right thing.

Cousin 1 Yes, we were right not to try to help the children ourselves. It was dangerous.

Lifeguard Yes, you children did the right thing. Well done!

Chorus Always remember: red means danger!