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1. Two Old Friends

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Luca and Stefano are old friends from Bologna.

They share a passion for jazz, and from a young age dreamed of becoming professional musicians.

But now they are 40, and their lives are very different from those they imagined: Luca works in a bank, Stefano at the post office!

Stefano is married to Marzia, and they have a four-year-old daughter, Michela. Luca is married too, but he and his wife, Silvia, have no children yet.

The two friends love their families, and have safe jobs – perhaps a little too safe. Every day is similar to the one before.

Luca and Stefano are bored! They remember their youth and want to re-live the emotions and excitement they felt then.

Each day they become more unhappy. But what can they do about it?

Glossary

share - condividere

dream - sognare

lives - vite

safe – sicuro

bored - annoiato

youth - giovinezza

excitement - eccitazione

become - diventare

Exercise

True or False? (Vero o falso?)

1. Luca and Stefano are professional musicians.
2. They work at the post office.
3. Luca and Silvia don't have any children.
4. They don't like their jobs because they are boring.
5. They miss the excitement of their youth.