19 TEXT The horse ride

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a) Read the text in your student's book on pp. 78–79 again.
Answer the questions with information from the text in your own words.



1 In Part 1, Ashling isn't happy about the ride. Give reasons.

First, the guests were old and slow and Lewis couldn't ride at all, so Ashling thought the ride would be slow. Second, her mother told the group that Ashling would tell them about the history of the Burren, but she didn't want to do that. Third, Ashling had to take the long trail in the rain with Lewis alone.

2 In Part 2, what does Ashling tell Lewis about the Great Famine? Why did it happen?

In the past, potatoes were the main food of poor people in Ireland. In the 19th century, when the potatoes got a disease, the people had no food. This was called the Great Famine. About a million people died because of the famine and another million left Ireland. There was enough food in Ireland, but farmers sold it to the British and the British parliament didn't stop them.

3 In Part 3, what happens at the stream? Does Lewis still think that Ashling is weird?

At first, Lewis doesn't understand why Ashling wants to go to the stream alone. At the stream, Ashling scoops up water and lets it fall through her fingers. Later, she tells Lewis that her dead father loved the stream. They had thrown his ashes in the water there. She says that she misses her father a lot, and she feels that she can talk to him at the stream. Lewis is quiet, but now he understands Ashling better and no longer thinks that she is weird.

b) ● Imagine you are Ashling or Lewis. Write to a friend about your day. How did you feel? What did you think? Use information from the text in your own words. Write about 120 words in your exercise book.

c) ● Do you like the story? Why or why not? Write a few sentences in your exercise book.

I (don't) like the story because ...

Ideas: interesting, characters, sad, strange, weird, understand, share thoughts, truth, feel, feelings