



They have to do a lot before they leave. Jack talks to a man who knows about sailing around the world. He tells Jack that it is hard work.

‘Does the sea frighten you? Your boat is very small. Do you know your friends well? Are they good at sailing?’ he asks.

‘We know each other well. They are the best people in the world,’ says Jack.

The four friends look at lots of maps. Sasha wants to see a whale. Max wants to see Africa. ‘I want to sit in the sun and catch fish to eat,’ laughs Tonya.

It is exciting for all of them. And at first everything is easy.

The big day arrives – they are leaving. Some of their friends and family come to watch. Their friends stand by the water and say goodbye.

‘Good luck,’ one of them says.

‘Don’t forget us!’ says Sasha’s sister.

‘Write to me every day,’ says Tonya’s friend. ‘Give the letters to a bird.’

Sasha begins to cry. ‘What are we doing? Do I really want to go?’ she thinks. Max takes her hand. All of them are quiet, excited, and a little unhappy.

‘Bye,’ says Jack quietly.

