

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

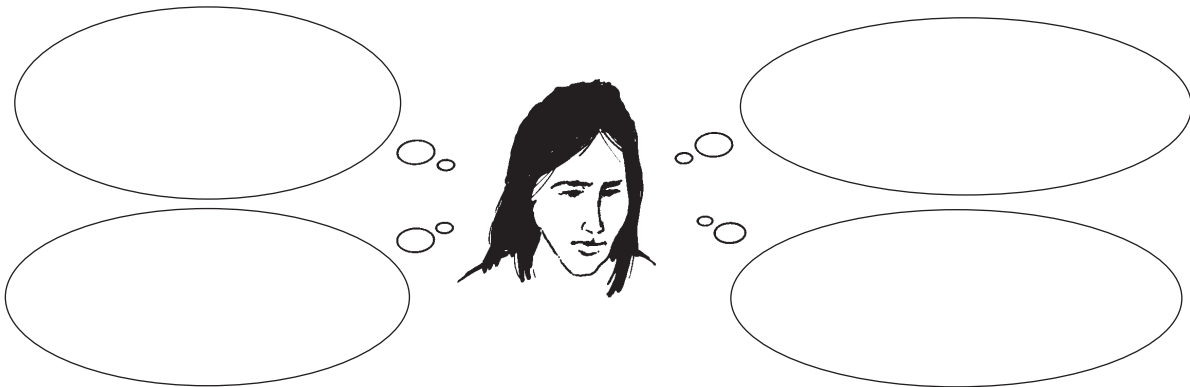
The Promise by R.L. Scott-Buccleuch

A Before Reading

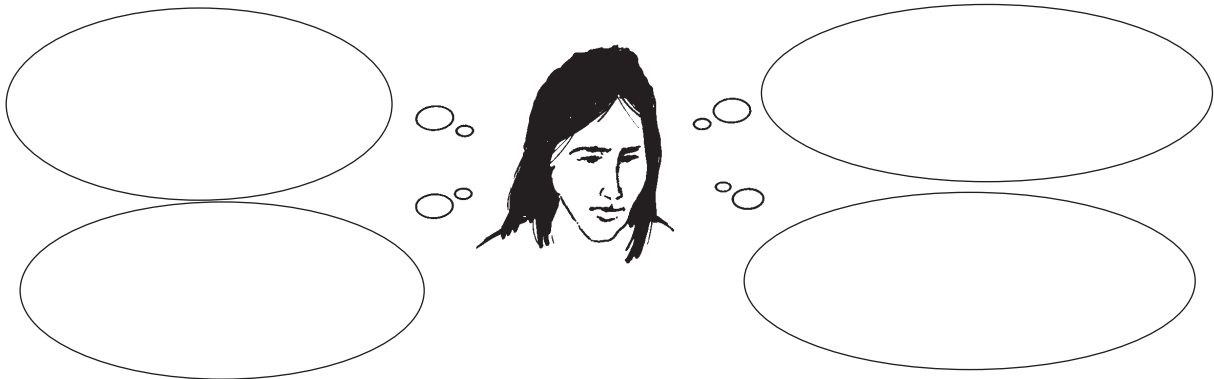
- 1 Read the back cover of the book. Then look at the picture on the front. What do you think will happen in this story?

B While Reading

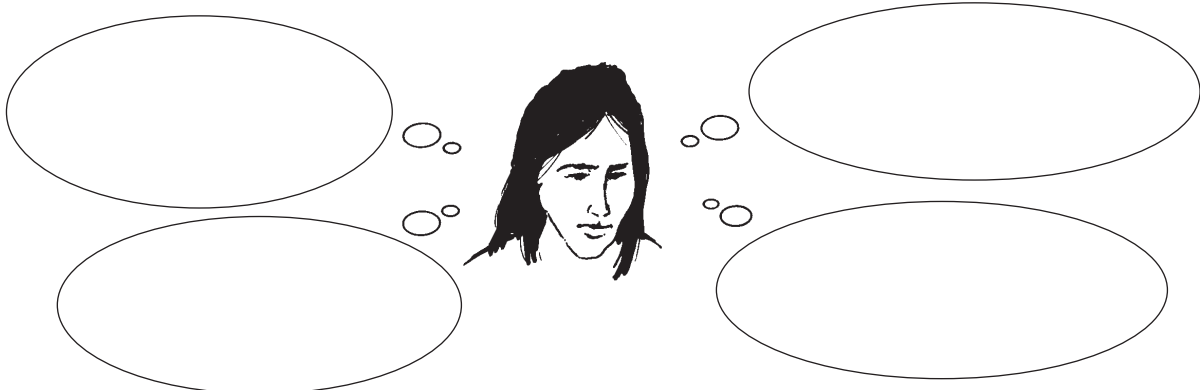
- 2 Here is Palito. What does he think about his life? Write his thoughts in the bubbles.
(a) Write Palito's thoughts after you have read to the end of Chapter 6.



- (b) Write Palito's thoughts after you have read to the end of Chapter 11.



- (c) Write Palito's thoughts after you have read to the end of Chapter 14.



3 Read to the end of Chapter 14. Think about the words of the old woman in Chapter 1 – *The Promise*.

'This boy will grow up and become famous. He will be well-known all over the world. He will give happiness to many people.'

Did the old woman speak the truth? Did she keep her promise?

C After Reading

4 There are some important people in this story. Imagine you are one of these people. Tell the story of ***The Promise***. (You may not know all the story.)

Imagine you are either: (a) Fernanda or (b) Chico or (c) Odete or (d) Pedro

5 Put these people in order of importance.

	Odete
	Dr Silveira
	Fernanda
	The old negress
	Chico
	Waldir
	Maria
	Pedro
	Antonio
	Palito
	Senhor Tonoko
	Senhor Castro
	The specialist at the hospital
	Claudio

6 Which picture do you like best? Why do you like it?

7 (a) Look again at Chapter 5 and Chapter 14. You are a television reporter at one of these football matches. What do you say about the match? Write your TV commentary.

or (b) Make the sports page of a newspaper. Write an article about a football match. And write some short articles about other sports and about famous sports stars. Find photographs from newspapers or magazines to go on your sports page. (Or draw pictures yourself.)

The Boy Who Was Afraid by Armstrong Sperry and *The Goalkeeper's Revenge and Other Stories* by Bill Naughton are two more Readers at Elementary Level.