



Level – B1

## Alma – A Halloween Story

Look at the following pictures and answer the questions with your partner.



### Discussion Time:

1. Who is the girl in the first picture?
2. What does she see in the window?
3. Can you describe the third picture?
4. What do you think this story is about?





## “Alma,” – Not another ‘Finding Nemo’

Rodrigo Blaas a Spanish animator well-known for his work on Pixar’s ‘Finding Nemo’ made the 2009 short “Alma,” a charming yet frightening little film. “Alma” played various festivals and was nominated for a ‘Goya’, the Spanish version of the Oscar.



**Re-order the following paragraphs to create Alma’s story. Place a number from 1 – 6 in the boxes on the right.**

It’s now **perched on** a high shelf at the back of the shop **amongst** all the other dolls. Alma doesn’t seem to be afraid of anything, especially not heights, and climbs the shelf to reach the doll.

Alma, a young girl wrapped up in her winter woolies, is **wandering playfully** down an empty street, when she suddenly **comes across** a familiar sight in a shop window.

At last, Alma is inside the shop. She gets **distracted by** another doll on a bicycle by her feet. When she looks again at her doll, it’s no longer there.

Alma is **intrigued by** what at first looks like her own reflection, but on closer inspection, Alma realises that she is looking at a **life-size** doll that looks just like her.

Eventually, Alma reaches the top to **grab** the doll when something very **terrifying** happens. Finally, the camera angle changes and we now seem to be inside the doll, looking out at the shop from the dolls eyes. But where is Alma?

Frustrated that she can’t manage to open the door, Alma begins to walk away, but just then, the door opens and she **fearlessly strolls** inside.



## Narrative Phrases

Suddenly

Immediately

After a while

At last

Eventually

Just then

Later on

Finally

In the end

## Write Alma's Story

It was the first day of my Christmas holidays but there weren't that many people on the street, which seemed very strange to me.