It's a quiet evening in the prairie. Chief Strong Buffalo and Chief Wise Owl are sitting round a fire. "My people are great hunters. They can find fish in the river and animals in the woods and on the prairie. They speak the language of the trees and the flowers. And they know the names of all the stars," says Chief Strong Buffalo.

For a long time, the two men don't speak. Chief Wise Owl looks up at the sky. He can see the stars and the moon and the silver clouds. He can feel the wind on his face. He can hear the distant cry of a coyote. Then he looks into Strong Buffalo's eyes for a long time. "My people," Wise Owl says, "always tell the truth".

Glossary

- **coyote**: small animal like a wolf
- **distant**: far
- **hunters**: people who catch animals for food
- **prairie**: large grassy area (in the US)
“Ha! Ha! Ha! Your people always tell the truth? Do you really think so, Wise Owl? Do you think that they never tell lies•?”

laughs Strong Buffalo. Wise Owl is quiet. Again he looks up at the sky. Then he looks at a tree on the other side of the river. “Yes, I think so. Do you see that young man over there,” he says. “His name is Dark Eyes. He looks after my horses. He always tells the truth! My people tell the truth – all the time! Like Dark Eyes!”

Glossary

• lies: things that are false/not true
Dark Eyes does not know that Strong Buffalo and Wise Owl are talking about him. He is gathering wood for a fire. When he is ready he lights the fire. He sits down by the fire and warms his hands and feet and looks at Chief Wise Owl's horses. One of the horses is tall and black. His name is Fireball and he is very fast. Fireball is the best horse on the prairie. Dark Eyes likes Fireball a lot. Fireball is Wise Owl's favourite horse.

• **gathering**: collecting; getting together
After Reading

In the story Chief Wise Owl says:

My people always tell the truth.

1 Now you tell the truth.
Write how often you do these things.
Use the words in the box

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a) eat sweets ...............................................

b) watch television ...............................................

c) go to the swimming pool ...............................................

d) get up early ...............................................

e) go to the cinema ...............................................

f) study English ...............................................

g) visit your grandparents ...............................................

h) write letters ...............................................

2 Listen to Duane talking to his friend Margaret White Moon.
Then tick T (true) or F (false) below.

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a) Duane always tidies his room. □ □

b) Margaret sometimes cooks. □ □

c) Duane always sets the table □ □

d) Duane never cooks. □ □

e) Margaret rarely washes the car. □ □

f) Duane usually takes the dog for a walk. □ □
3 Look at the pictures. Write what they are doing.

a) .........................

b) .........................

c) .........................

d) .........................

4 Complete the sentences with the verbs in the box. Use the present simple.

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a) Chief Strong Buffalo's people .............. the names of all the stars.
b) Chief Wise Owl's people always .............. the truth.
c) Dark Eyes .............. Chief Wise Owl's horses.
d) Blue Feather .............. Chief Strong Buffalo's daughter.
e) Dark Eyes .............. Fireball a lot.
f) Fireball .............. run very fast.