FIRST STEPS ENGLISH FOR BEGINNERS

The Blue Door

Episode 2 of A Chance for Maya | Vocabulary and Grammar Guide

Maya reaches number twelve, Maple Street. An envelope under the mat gives Maya and Leo a clue: a key, a lock, and a blue door.

Words and phrases to keep

Use these explanations after you listen. Each example is simple English you can reuse.

under the mat

Meaning: below the small mat at the door

In the story: “Look under the mat.”

New example: “My key is under the mat.”

an envelope

Meaning: paper that holds a letter or a small item

In the story: “There is an envelope.”

New example: “The envelope is for you.”

a lock

Meaning: the part of a door where a key goes

In the story: “Put it in the lock.”

New example: “The lock needs a key.”

for Maya / Maya’s key

Meaning: for Maya tells us who should receive it; Maya’s key tells us who owns it

In the story: “This key is for Maya.”

New example: “This is Maya’s key.”

Grammar in the story

We use **this is** to identify one thing: “This is my key.” We use **is this** to check information: “Is this number twelve?”

A pronunciation reminder

Listen to the end of important words. Clear final sounds make simple English easier to understand. Repeat slowly first, then at a natural speed.

Practice - vocabulary and grammar

Complete each sentence. Do this page before you turn to the answers.

1. Leo says, “Look under the _____.”
2. Maya finds an _____.
3. The envelope says Maya _____.
4. Maya lives at number _____.
5. The street is _____ Street.
6. There is a _____ inside the envelope.
7. Put the key in the _____.
8. The key _____; the door opens.
9. The door is _____.
10. Maya can _____ here tonight.

Answers

1. mat
2. envelope
3. Rivera
4. twelve
5. Maple
6. key
7. lock
8. works
9. open
10. sleep

Keep learning

Listen again, then use one useful sentence in a real situation this week.