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I have two homes –
a house with my grandpa
and an apartment with my mum.

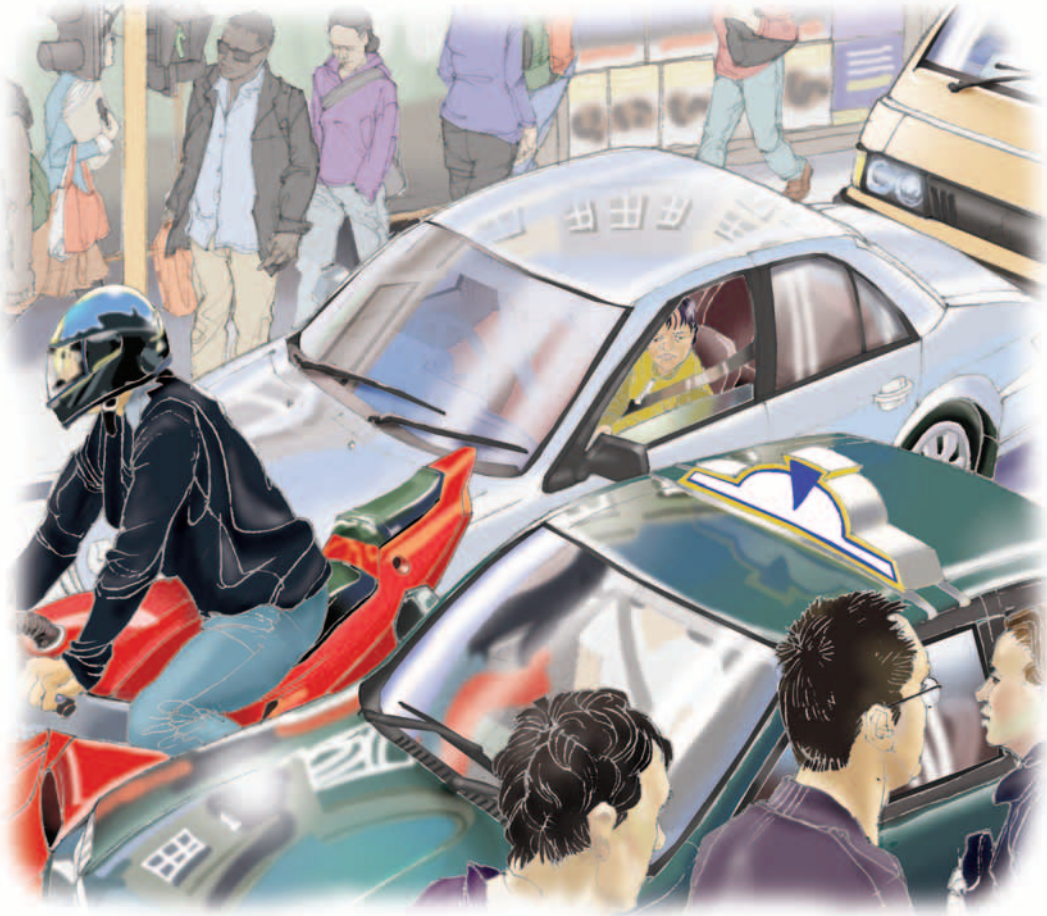
I stay with Grandpa from Monday to Friday
so I can go to school. At the weekend,
I live with Mum in the city.



With my grandpa, I live on a quiet street.
We have a vegetable garden.
His house has a conservatory,
and I have my own bedroom.



Every Friday afternoon,
Grandpa helps me pack my bag.
I wait for my mum to come
and pick me up.



My mum lives on a noisy street.
The cars and buses whizz past.
They always seem to be in a hurry.
I don't like to cross the road
unless Mum is with me.

My mum's apartment is very small.
It has just one bedroom, a lounge,
a kitchen, and a bathroom.



I sleep on a trundle-bed at Mum's house.
My bed hides under her bed in the daytime.



Our weekends are always busy.
We catch the bus to the museum
or the pool. We shop at the markets.
We skate at the park.

We sit in the library and read ...
and read ... and read ...
Or we sit in a café
and drink hot chocolate.
We listen to buskers
and watch the people walk past.



On Sunday night,
my mum drives me back to Grandpa's.
He waits for us by the door.
We all have a cup of tea and a chat.
Mum gives me a kiss and some hugs.



I feel sad when she leaves,
but Grandpa is here.
“Get into your pyjamas,” he says,
“and I’ll read you a story.”



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