A Before Reading

1. Look at the cover of the book. This is Alissa.
   (a) How old is she?
   (b) What is she carrying?
   (c) Do you think she is:
      (1) happy? (2) angry? (3) sad?

B While Reading

2. Start reading. Read to page 7.
   Here is Alissa’s Diary.

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I am Alissa. I like school.
I like reading. But I must obey my father. I must go to the city. I am afraid.
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Now write Alissa’s Diary for page 7.

3. Read to page 11. Write Alissa’s Diary for page 9 or page 11.

C After Reading

4. Write the last page of Alissa’s Diary.
5 Who says these things?
   (a) ‘How old are you?’ ...........................................
   (b) ‘You must go to the city.’ ...........................................
   (c) ‘This is Alissa. She likes reading.’ ...........................................
   (d) ‘You’re going to cook and clean and wash.’ ...........................................
   (e) ‘Can you write? Can you count?’ ...........................................
   (f) ‘Aren’t you happy here?’ ...........................................

6 The tall lady says, ‘Alissa isn’t a slave.’
   Which people think Alissa is a slave?

7 Here is a word picture of Alissa. The words are from pages 2 to 7.

   SHE IS A FRAID
   SHE LEAVES HOME
   SHE LIKES READING
   SHE CLEAN S
   SHE COOK S
   SHE IS UNHAPPY

Make another word picture of Alissa. Use words from pages 8 to 16.

Ski Race by Eleanor Jupp and Blue Fins by Sarah Axten
are other Starter Level Guided Readers.