


Reading and listening

Book at bedtime

- 1 You are going to listen to *The Clinging Woman* as read on a late-night radio programme called *Book at Bedtime*.



Look at the picture and discuss these questions.

- 1 What is the woman doing? What is the man in the window doing?
 - 2 What is she thinking? What is he thinking?
 - 3 What do you think happens next?
- 2  3.5 Listen to and read **Part 1** of the story. Complete this synopsis of the facts so far.
- There are two characters, a girl and ...
 - She lives ...
 - He lives ...
 - It is ... in the morning.
 - He has been woken by ...
 - The weather ...
 - Suddenly he notices ...

The Clinging Woman

Part 1

The girl was hanging by her hands from the railings of a balcony. The balcony was on the twelfth floor of the high-rise block next to his. His flat was on the sixth floor and he had to look up to see her. It was half-past six in the morning. He had been **awakened** by the sound of an aircraft flying dangerously low overhead, and he had got out of bed to look. His sleepy **gaze**, descending from the blue sky which was empty of clouds, empty of anything but the bright **vanishing** arrow of the aircraft, alighted – at first with disbelief – on the hanging figure.

