

Episode 12: A new beginning

The story so far

Kara has confessed to her friend John that Martin is dead and she has been pretending he is alive. She now suspects that John has been working for Howard all along, and she wants to know what Owl Hall is and why she was brought there.

Listening

1 Listen to Episode 12. What do you find out about ...

1. ... Owl Hall?
2. ... John?
3. ... what Kara will do next?

2 Listen again and decide if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Owl Hall is a Centre for Troubled Teenagers.
2. Writing a blog is part of Kara's treatment.
3. Mum didn't need help at Owl Hall.
4. John is Howard's assistant.
5. John knew the truth about Owl Hall as soon as he arrived.
6. John didn't know the truth about Kara.

Language

1 Put the words below into different groups. Use a dictionary to help you and explain the groups you chose to a partner.

doctor	paediatrician	treatment	tablets	hospital
medicine	psychologist	nursing home	clinic	nurse
drugs	pills	patient		

2 Complete the description of Owl Hall with words from exercise 1.

At Owl Hall CTT, we offer the best (1) _____ by highly qualified (2) _____. Before your visit, a (3) _____ will examine your case thoroughly and will talk to friends and family about the situation. During your stay, you will be monitored at all times. We have a medical (4) _____ on the premises for any health emergencies. We do not prescribe any (5) _____ or (6) _____ at Owl Hall except in extreme cases. (7) _____ are encouraged to write about their feelings in the blog.

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Speaking

Discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.

1. The expression *CTT* (Centre for Troubled Teenagers) is invented but do you think places like this are a good idea for parents and teenagers who are having problems?
2. The story doesn't say why John is at Owl Hall. Think of three possible explanations.
3. If you went to stay at a place like Owl Hall, how would you feel knowing that you were on camera all the time?

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- Howard:** Kara. Your mother contacted me because she thought I might be able to help you.
- Mum:** One of your other doctors told me about Owl Hall, Kara. It has a fantastic reputation.
- Kara:** A reputation for what?
- Howard:** Owl Hall is one of the best CTTs in the country.
- Kara:** CTT?
- Howard:** Centre for Troubled Teenagers. We provide a space for families to sort out difficulties. Being at Owl Hall is like being on holiday so we can watch the relationships between parents and children. Then we suggest ways of improving things. We also encourage our guests to write a blog so we can understand what they are thinking.
- Kara:** You've read my blog?
- Howard:** As your doctor, yes. I can promise you that everything is private. No one else has read your blog, not even your mother.
- Kara:** You're *not* my doctor.
- Mum:** Don't be angry, darling. You needed help. We both needed help.
- Kara:** It wasn't my fault. Martin's death ... the fire ...
- Mum:** Shush, shush, of course it wasn't your fault. It was my fault and your father's fault but it was never your fault. All this time I thought you were trying to keep Martin alive as a way to punish me. Howard has helped me understand what was really happening. I didn't know that you felt guilty too.
- Howard:** The main thing is that you're both getting better now, Kara – you and your mother.
- Mum:** Yes. Thanks to you, Howard.
- Kara:** Why are you thanking Howard? He didn't do anything. You should thank John.
- Mum:** Who's John?
- Kara:** He's Howard's assistant.
- Mum:** You never told me about an assistant.
- Howard:** I don't have an assistant.
- Kara:** Then who is John? Is he another patient?
- Howard:** I'm sorry, but I can't discuss other patients at Owl Hall.
- Kara:** John!! I need to see you!
- John:** Kara!
- Kara:** I knew you would be on your island.
- John:** So, we're still friends?
- Kara:** Yes. We're still friends.
- John:** Do you ever want to be someone else?
- Kara:** I don't know. Sometimes, I guess.
- John:** I do. All the time.
- Kara:** Why? I don't want you to be anyone else. I think you're really clever. You know more about me than I do. And you knew about this place.
- John:** The island?
- Kara:** No. Owl Hall, stupid.
- John:** You don't need to be clever to know what's going on here. How many holiday homes do you know with so many cameras? I knew there was something wrong with this place as soon as I arrived.
- Kara:** You *should* be a spy.
- John:** I know. It didn't take me long to find the basement and the key to get inside. I spent a lot of time in there, reading Howard's case files that he keeps in there. And no one ever found me. I could always see when Howard was coming back by looking at the monitors.
- Kara:** That's how you knew so much about my past and Martin. You read my case file.
- John:** And I managed to hack into the computer system so I could send you messages. Howard never discovered them.
- Kara:** Mum and I are leaving tomorrow.
- John:** I know.
- Kara:** But I don't want to talk about sad things now.
- John:** Me neither.
- Kara:** What was that?
- John:** What?
- Kara:** I thought I heard something. It must have been my imagination.
- Ghostly voice:** Kara. I'm sorry. Thanks for letting me go. I'm free now.

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Listening

- 1
 1. Owl Hall is a Centre for Troubled Teenagers (CTT).
 2. John is also a patient there.
 3. Kara is going to leave Owl Hall with her mum.

- 2
 1. T
 2. T
 3. F
 4. F
 5. T
 6. F

Language

- 1 Here is the most likely grouping but be prepared to accept others if students can defend their choices.
People: doctor, paediatrician, psychologist, nurse, patient
Getting better and medicine: treatment, tablets, medicine, drugs, pills
Places: hospital, nursing home, clinic

- 2 More than one answer is possible in some cases.
 1. treatment
 2. doctors / psychologists
 3. psychologist / doctor
 4. clinic
 5. pills / tablets / drugs
 6. pills / tablets / drugs
 7. Patients

Speaking

Individual answers will vary.