

## CORRIGE COMPTE RENDU

This document is an excerpt from a novel entitled *The Liar's girl*, written by Catherine Ryan Howard and published in 2018.

**First of all**, this extract, **which** is a first person narrative, is about incoming freshers in an Irish University called Saint John's and located in Dublin.

The first paragraph deals with the first day at Saint John's **and** how things happen. Many interactive activities are organized **such as** football games quizzes in order to build a friendly community **and** to help new students to make friends. It is a sort of speed-friending.

**Secondly**, the next paragraph is about the narrator's feelings and personality. **Indeed**, we can read many « I » and « me » pronouns, showing the narrator is focused on herself. We learn that she is rather shy (« not the stranger whisperer » l10). She feels somehow lost and scared (see line 9 « dread and shame ») **but** thanks to her friend Liz she will meet new friends and be part of a new community.

**Thirdly**, in the next paragraph, the narrator introduces this new group of friends. We learn about 4 characters : Lauren who is Liz's neighbour, Claire who has never met Lauren but who shares a mutual friend with her, Ray, an American student who preferred studying in St John's to studying in the prestigious Harvard university , and **finally** Daisy, who studies English literature like the narrator and her friend Liz as it is said on line 17 « a fellow English literature student »

**All through the extract**, the narrator seems to feel more and more part of the community.

**Indeed**, she first uses the pronoun « I » but by the end she uses « we » to show that she has integrated a group. **Moreover**, even though she was shy, she followed Liz and then her new group of friends and by the end of the passage, she is reassured and trusting (« not unhappy » l 21).

This excerpt is quite representative of how freshers feel and what happens to them when they start a new year in a new school. The first person narrative helps us to identify with the narrator and as we don't know if the narrator is a boy or a girl, anyone could identify and share his/her feelings. **Like the narrator**, the reader must be relieved by the happy and optimistic ending.