

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Part 1 (Chapters 1–4)

1 Comprehension

Put these events in the correct time sequence.

- a ___ Jessop interviews Olive.
- b ___ Hilary tries to commit suicide.
- c ___ Hilary goes to Morocco.
- d ___ Tom disappears.
- e ___ Jessop offers Hilary an alternative plan.
- f ___ Tom gets two visitors from America.
- g ___ Tom goes to Paris for a conference.
- h ___ Olive's plane crashes.

2 Vocabulary

Match the words to the definitions.

- 1 misery
- 2 sleeping pills
- 3 handkerchief
- 4 concussion
- 5 abandon
- 6 prescription
- 7 willingly
- 8 burglar

- a to leave a person forever, and cause them great sadness by leaving
- b feeling sick and confused after hitting your head
- c a thief who enters a house or other building using force
- d a small piece of material that you can use for blowing your nose, or wiping your eyes
- e doing something because you are happy to do it and have no objection to it
- f small, round tablets of medicine that help a person fall asleep
- g great and extreme unhappiness
- h a form or letter which a doctor gives you, saying which medicine you need to have

3 Vocabulary

Solve the anagrams to make words from the story.

- 1 w y n u r a _ _ _ _ _
- 2 e r d m o a r e o _ _ _ _ _
- 3 f s i t f _ _ _ _ _
- 4 y l u e a i n s _ _ _ _ _
- 5 r s f e u f _ _ _ _ _
- 6 r s v u v i e _ _ _ _ _
- 7 r o c v e y r t s o _ _ _ _ _
- 8 p c s i u o s i u s _ _ _ _ _

4 Grammar

Match these adjectives to the characters or situations they describe in the story.

1 tall, serious	a London
2 cold, dark	b Major Glydr
3 friendly, casual	c Tom
4 straight, stiff	d Jessop in the pharmacy
5 cheerful, good-tempered	e Jessop talking to Hilary
6 frightened	f Olive, on seeing Major Glydr's letter

5 Grammar

Complete the sentences with the correct adverbs.

- 1 Colonel Wharton shouted _____ (loud) that the security reports were useless.
- 2 Scientists are always watched _____ (careful), for security reasons.
- 3 Jessop spoke to Olive _____ (slow) and _____ (careful).
- 4 Olive replied _____ (angry) that Tom wouldn't betray his country.
- 5 Olive asks Jessop _____ (nervous) if she can go away on holiday.
- 6 Major Glydr asks if the scientists disappeared _____ (willing).
- 7 Hilary has been _____ (cruel) abandoned by her husband.
- 8 Jessop looked at Hilary _____ (thoughtful).

6 Comprehension

Are these sentences true or false? Correct the ones you think are false.

- 1 Jessop and Wharton don't have many security reports.
- 2 Tom Betterton's first wife was from Germany.
- 3 Colonel Wharton doesn't understand ZE Fission.
- 4 Betterton wasn't investigated thoroughly before he arrived in England.
- 5 Jessop doesn't think scientists can be persuaded to sell their secrets.
- 6 Olive says that Tom wouldn't betray his country.
- 7 Tom went to London to visit Walter Griffiths.
- 8 Major Glydr was Elsa Mannheim's uncle.

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Part 2 (Chapters 5–10)

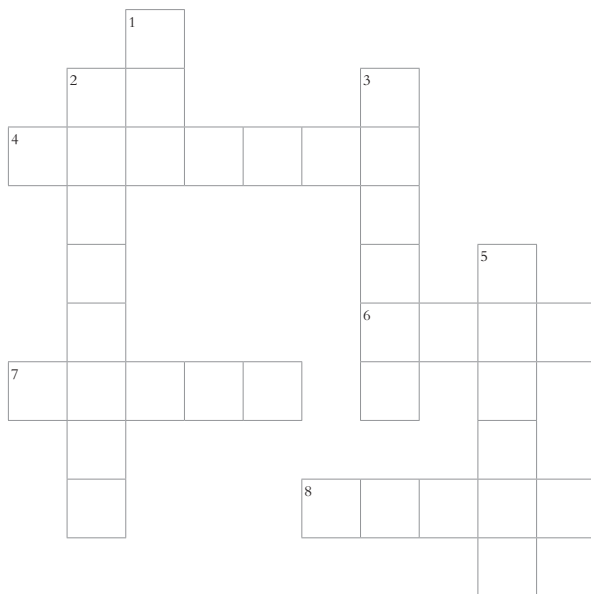
1 Comprehension

Answer the questions.

- Who comes to talk to Hilary in the hotel lounge?
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- When Hilary gets to the travel agency, what does the clerk say about her tickets?
.....
- What do Henri Laurier and Hilary talk about on the train to Fez?
.....
- Why does Hilary notice Mr Aristides in the hotel?
.....
- Who does Hilary meet again when she is being shown around Fez?
.....
- Where does she have to go next on her journey?
.....
- Who says she will accompany Hilary on the next part of her journey?
.....
- Why is Mr Aristides so interested in what has happened to Hilary?
.....

2 Vocabulary

Complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- to cover in long, thin strips of cloth used to cover cuts and injuries
- to follow an order or command and to do as you are told

- a hard, round object which is white or cream, used for jewellery
- very serious and strict

Down

- a female member of a religious community
- the comfortable part of a bed which you sleep on
- being in the same situation as another person, sharing an experience
- a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees or plants

3 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

discipline	lead	mess	arrogant
destination	ruthless	envy	fanatical

- Mr Aristides says to Hilary, 'I _____ you.'
- Mrs Baker seems much more _____ after the plane has landed.
- Hilary isn't sure what their _____ is.
- Helga Needheim is unfriendly and _____.
- Peters has a cigarette case made of _____.
- Peters thinks that a new world should have more _____.
- Hilary thinks the world is kind, even if it is a _____.
- Hilary thinks that Peters talks in a _____ way.

4 Comprehension

Choose the correct words to complete the summary of the journey.

nun	plane	fire	America
desert	clothes	Norwegian	trail

Hilary boards a plane with four other scientists. Andy Peters is from (1) _____. He is tall, with fair hair. Torquil Ericsson is (2) _____ – he is also tall and fair-haired. Dr Barron is a tall, thin Frenchman, and Helga Needheim is a stern-looking (3) _____. Hilary is surprised when the plane lands in the (4) _____. The pilot and other passengers arrange dead bodies in the plane, then set it on (5) _____, so it looks like a crash with no survivors. Then they travel through the desert in a station wagon, and Hilary worries that there will be no (6) _____ for Jessop to follow. She doesn't know where they are going. They sleep in a house in the desert and change into Moroccan (7) _____. The next day they set off in a different car, and travel for two more days before getting on a (8) _____. They don't leave Morocco, but go to the Atlas Mountains. From there, they are driven to the hospital.

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Part 3 (Chapters 11–16)

1 Vocabulary

Read the definitions and find the words in the wordsearch.

T	C	S	U	R	G	E	R	Y	P
R	A	F	U	B	J	K	E	N	L
A	S	C	D	V	B	Q	N	C	I
P	T	O	T	R	A	I	T	O	R
P	A	L	X	N	G	M	A	L	M
E	B	L	W	S	E	C	N	O	K
D	L	A	A	E	N	Q	V	N	I
D	E	P	S	P	I	V	E	Y	B
G	E	S	P	B	U	S	E	R	G
S	T	E	Y	B	S	T	R	E	P

- 1 a place where a particular group of people live because they share something
- 2 a person who has great ability, skill or intelligence
- 3 when a person becomes so stressed or frightened that they are ill, they do this
- 4 a person who tries to find out secret information about other countries
- 5 unable to escape from a place or situation
- 6 someone who secretly helps the enemy and puts their country in danger
- 7 balanced, calm and unlikely to change
- 8 an operation to change, repair or improve a person's appearance is called plastic _____.

2 Vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

speech grim luminous inspiring youth reward uplifted bitter

- 1 Sometimes the Director makes a _____ at the Unit.
- 2 The people in the Unit say he is a very _____ man.
- 3 The local people will get a _____ if they find anything useful in the desert.
- 4 Jessop puts _____ paint on a glove for one of his codes.
- 5 Hilary thinks Peters isn't as _____ as he was when he first came to the Unit.
- 6 When Peters answers her, he looks _____.
- 7 The Director says that the _____ of a country is the future.
- 8 Hilary feels _____ after hearing him talk.

3 Grammar

Complete the sentences with *will* or *would* and the verb in brackets.

- 1 Jessop had said that if she got this far, she _____ (have) protection.
- 2 If she pretended well enough, _____ (they / believe) her?
- 3 Van Heidem says Hilary _____ (get used to) the lepers.
- 4 'Perhaps later, Betterton, you _____ (bring) your wife to the Registry?'
- 5 'You _____ (not believe) the arguments and jealousies that I have to deal with here!'
- 6 'I hope you _____ (be) very happy here.'
- 7 'After a while, you _____ (not want) to go out.'
- 8 'She wanted to tell you something, so I said I _____ (try) to reach you.'

4 Comprehension

Are the sentences true or false? Correct any that you think are false.

- 1 When she arrives at the Unit, Hilary still wants to die.
- 2 She is nervous about meeting Tom.
- 3 Hilary recognizes Tom from the photos of him.
- 4 Tom pretends to recognize Hilary.
- 5 Hilary can't remember the details of Olive's life.
- 6 Tom says the working conditions aren't perfect.
- 7 In the Unit there is everything you need, so you don't have to go outside.
- 8 Mademoiselle La Roche says Hilary is like the other scientific ladies.

5 Comprehension

Put these events in the correct time sequence.

- a _____ Hilary meets Simon and Bianca Murchison.
- b _____ gets new clothes at the Registry.
- c _____ Hilary and Tom have a private conversation on the roof garden.
- d _____ Van Heidem takes Hilary to meet Tom.
- e _____ Hilary and Tom agree that they need to escape.
- f _____ Hilary is interviewed at the Registry.
- g _____ Hilary and Tom go down to dinner.
- h _____ Tom tells Hilary he has had plastic surgery.

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Part 4 (Chapters 17–22)

1 Comprehension

- 1 Why does Jessop think that the plane hasn't left Africa?
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- 2 What does Mohammed have to do to help Peters?
.....
- 3 Why can't anyone see how big the hospital is?
.....
- 4 What does Peters say about the girl he was brought up with?
.....
- 5 What does Hilary suspect about Torquil Ericsson?
.....
- 6 How does Hilary meet Mr Aristides?
.....
- 7 Why has Mr Aristides used a leprosy hospital for the Unit?
.....
- 8 How does Mr Aristides buy young scientists?
.....

2 Comprehension

What happens when Jessop and Leblanc come to the Unit?

Tick the sentences that are true.

- 1 The visitors meet the lepers.
- 2 Mr Aristides greets the visitors at the gate.
- 3 They are given a delicious meal and fine wine.
- 4 They are given a quick tour of the hospital.
- 5 Leblanc worries that they haven't found anything.
- 6 Jessop knows there is part of the building they haven't seen.
- 7 The French Minister asks where Tom and Olive Betterton are.
- 8 The American ambassador says he wants to see Andrew Peters.
- 9 Jessop tells the judge about the marked pearls which prove Hilary survived the crash.
- 10 Andrew Peters is disguised as one of the servants.
- 11 Van Heidem refuses to show them around the Unit.

3 Grammar

Complete the sentences with the words in the box. Use the infinitive form.

change make arrest take share disappear

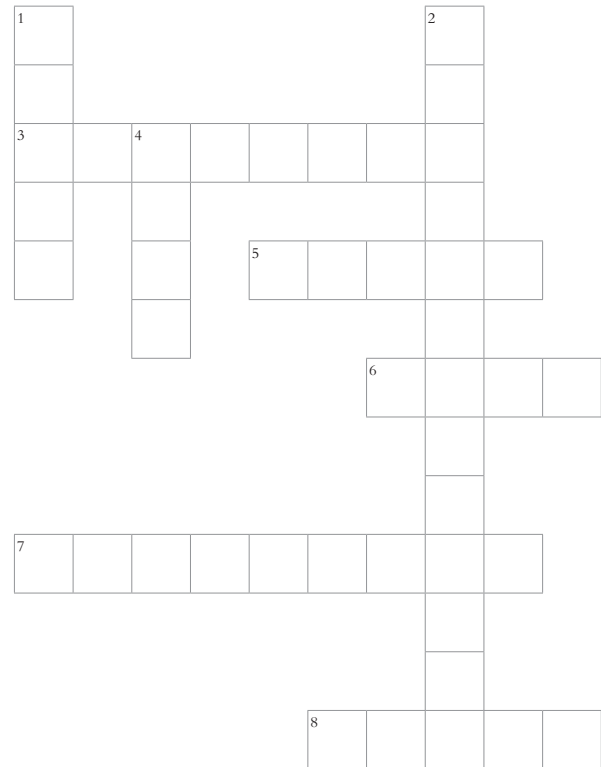
- 1 I've come halfway across the world _____ him pay for what he did to Elsa.
- 2 He decided _____ rather than be arrested for murder.
- 3 He asked for plastic surgery _____ his face.
- 4 I pretended ... that I wanted _____ my scientific knowledge.

5 Jessop asked me _____ her place.

6 I'm afraid that we will not be able _____ Aristides.

4 Vocabulary

Complete the crossword puzzle.



Across

- 3 to be beaten in a game or contest
- 5 the part of your arm where it bends
- 6 a mark on your skin which is left after a cut or burn has healed
- 7 making you believe something which is not true
- 8 a term to describe someone who you can trust and who supports you

Down

- 1 the person in a court of law who decides how criminals should be punished
- 2 powerful and often harmful rays of energy
- 4 something you achieve by your work or talents

ANSWER KEY (STUDENT ACTIVITIES)

Part 1 (Chapters 1–4)

1 Comprehension

- 1 f
- 2 g
- 3 d
- 4 a
- 5 c
- 6 h
- 7 b
- 8 e

2 Vocabulary

- 1 g
- 2 f
- 3 d
- 4 b
- 5 a
- 6 h
- 7 e
- 8 c

3 Vocabulary

- 1 runway
- 2 aerodrome
- 3 stiff
- 4 uneasily
- 5 suffer
- 6 survive
- 7 cover story
- 8 suspicious

4 Grammar

- 1 d
- 2 a
- 3 e
- 4 b
- 5 c
- 6 f

5 Grammar

- 1 loudly
- 2 carefully
- 3 slowly; carefully
- 4 angrily
- 5 nervously
- 6 willingly
- 7 cruelly
- 8 thoughtfully

6 Comprehension

- 1 False. They have lots of reports.
- 2 True
- 3 True
- 4 False. He was thoroughly investigated.
- 5 False. He thinks they can sell their secrets.
- 6 True
- 7 False. He went to visit Carol Speeder.
- 8 False. He was her cousin.

Part 2 (Chapters 5–10)

1 Comprehension

- 1 Mrs Baker.
- 2 The clerk has her new tickets and travel plans ready.
- 3 The weather.
- 4 Because he is old and on his own, but all the waiters are serving him very attentively.
- 5 Henri Laurier.
- 6 Marrakesh, to board a plane to England.
- 7 Mrs Baker.
- 8 Because she has had 'an adventure of the spirit'.

2 Vocabulary

Across

- 4 bandage
- 6 obey
- 7 pearl
- 8 stern

Down

- 1 nun
- 2 mattress
- 3 fellow
- 5 desert

3 Vocabulary

- 1 envy
- 2 ruthless
- 3 destination
- 4 arrogant
- 5 lead
- 6 discipline
- 7 mess
- 8 fanatical

4 Comprehension

- 1 America
- 2 Norwegian
- 3 nun
- 4 desert
- 5 fire
- 6 trail
- 7 clothes
- 8 plane

Part 3 (Chapters 11–16)

1 Vocabulary

T	C	S	U	R	G	E	R	Y	P
R	A	F	U	B	J	K	E	N	L
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P	A	L	X	N	G	M	A	L	M
E	B	L	W	S	E	C	N	O	K
D	L	A	A	E	N	Q	V	N	I
D	E	P	S	P	I	V	E	Y	B
G	E	S	P	B	U	S	E	R	G
S	T	E	Y	B	S	T	R	E	P

- 1 colony
- 2 genius
- 3 collapse
- 4 spy
- 5 trapped
- 6 traitor
- 7 stable
- 8 surgery

2 Vocabulary

- 1 speech
- 2 inspiring
- 3 reward
- 4 luminous
- 5 bitter
- 6 grim
- 7 youth
- 8 uplifted

3 Grammar

- 1 would have
- 2 would they believe
- 3 will get used to
- 4 will bring
- 5 would not believe
- 6 will be
- 7 won't want
- 8 would try

4 Comprehension

- 1 False. She is enjoying life again.
- 2 True
- 3 False. He doesn't look like the photograph.
- 4 True
- 5 False. She remembers all the details.
- 6 False. He says they are perfect.
- 7 True
- 8 False. She says they don't care about their appearance.

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5 Comprehension

- 1 d
- 2 h
- 3 b
- 4 f
- 5 g
- 6 a
- 7 c
- 8 e

Part 4 (Chapters 17–22)

1 Comprehension

- 1 Because it is a small airfield, and a small plane would have to refuel before crossing the sea.
- 2 Take him up to the roof garden after dark, and put some servants' clothing in his room.
- 3 Because it is built into the mountains.
- 4 She was a genius, but she was killed.
- 5 She suspects he is Boris, who Olive talked about.
- 6 One of the servants in the Emergency area takes her to him.
- 7 To make people stay away – it is a good disguise.
- 8 By offering them money, ideas, beliefs or safety.

2 Comprehension

Items 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 and 10 are true.

3 Grammar

- 1 to make
- 2 to disappear
- 3 to change
- 4 to share
- 5 to take
- 6 to arrest

4 Vocabulary

Across

- 3 defeated
- 5 elbow
- 6 scar
- 7 deceptive
- 8 loyal

Down

- 1 judge
- 2 radioactivity
- 4 fame