

The Princess and the Gardener

ANSWER KEY

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Chapter 1 The Perfect Day

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Find words in the story which mean the same as the following:

1	A dark red colour	<i>crimson</i>
2	A stain, a slight flaw	<i>blemish</i>
3	A dark outline of a figure produced when light is projected onto a brighter background	<i>silhouette</i>
4	A bunch of flowers	<i>a bouquet (of flowers)</i>
5	A large bat which feeds on fruit	<i>flying fox</i>
6	When a light or fire is put out	<i>extinguished</i>
7	A big smile	<i>a broad grin</i>
8	Tired of something ; had enough of something	<i>fed up</i>
9	Baby plants	<i>seedlings</i>
10	Ate quickly and hungrily	<i>Gobbled (down)</i>

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

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| 1. The sky was on fire. | <i>False</i> |
| 2. The peaceful scene was disturbed by a group of large bats. | <i>False</i> |
| 3. The young man and his bride were soon going to be married. | <i>False</i> |
| 4. The bride was a princess. | <i>Not given</i> |
| 5. Danny had mixed feelings about his dream | <i>True</i> |
| 6. Danny didn't have much of an appetite after the dream. | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Danny's father thought his son would not do well in life. | <i>True</i> |
| 8. Danny's mother had a dream which was similar to Danny's when she was younger. | <i>Not given</i> |
| 9. At the beginning of the story, Danny was fifteen years old. | <i>True</i> |

Chapter 2 Something in the Air

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
Weeds	<i>h. Plants which grow that you don't want to have</i>
He's got green fingers	<i>e. When someone is good at growing things</i>
Examples of vegetables	<i>g. Tomatoes, carrots and pumpkins</i>
Sniff the air	<i>a. Take a smell</i>
Handcuffs	<i>i. What the police use when they arrest someone</i>
Stop them from getting bigger	<i>d. Prevent their growth</i>
Embezzlement	<i>f. Stealing money from the company you work for</i>
A slang' word for manure	<i>c. Pooh</i>
peering (out)	<i>b. Staring</i>

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

- Danny pulled out the weeds so he could sell them at the market **False**
- The chicken manure made a special feast for Danny and his parents. **False**
- Danny's father thought that his son had green fingers. **Not given**
- Danny's vegetables were very popular at the market. **True**
- The police came to Danny's house to buy some vegetables. **False**
- The police stayed in the house for half an hour. **Not given**
- When he heard the word 'embezzlement', Danny understood why the police were taking his father. **False**
- Danny felt sorry for his father when he was arrested. **False**

Chapter 3 Time for Action!

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>shed</i>	<i>f. Small building where you keep tools for gardening</i>
<i>In despair</i>	<i>a. Without any hope, very sad</i>
<i>sobbing</i>	<i>d. Crying loudly and intensely</i>
<i>starve</i>	<i>i. Die from lack of food</i>
<i>Wellington boots</i>	<i>j. Rubber, waterproof footwear</i>
<i>Passed away</i>	<i>b. Died</i>
<i>dozens of people</i>	<i>c. A lot of people (a dozen = 12 in maths)</i>
<i>Postmaster</i>	<i>g. Person in charge at the Post Office</i>
<i>Spacious</i>	<i>e. Large, plenty of room to move around</i>
<i>Algae</i>	<i>h. Green plant covering an area of still water</i>

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

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| 1. That evening Danny couldn't stop thinking about what had happened to his father. | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Danny ordered take-away pizza but they had no money to pay for it. | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Danny prepared a vegetable soup for dinner. | <i>True</i> |
| 4. Danny's mother was too upset to eat dinner. | <i>False</i> |
| 5. The next day Danny did some gardening before going to look for a job. | <i>True</i> |
| 6. There were a lot of advertisements for jobs. | <i>Not given</i> |
| 7. Danny got the job because there weren't many other applicants. | <i>False</i> |
| 8. This was not the first time Danny had been inside the palace. | <i>Not given</i> |

Chapter 4 The Princess

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
dormitory	c. A large room with many beds
cobbler	f. Someone who makes and mends footwear
gaze	e. Stare, look for a long time
examples of veggies	b. Cucumbers, beans, pumpkins, cauliflowers, cabbages, parsnips
get to the root of something	d. Find out what the problem is, dig deep
embarrassed	a. Shy so that your cheeks turn slightly red in colour

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

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| 1. Danny had a spacious bedroom to himself. | False |
| 2. In total there were eleven people working at the palace. | Not given |
| 3. The gardens were not in a good condition. | True |
| 4. There were lots of insects eating some of the vegetables. | True |
| 5. Danny was good at pulling up weeds because he was so strong. | False |
| 6. Danny would talk and sing to his vegetables in his own garden. | True |
| 7. The girl Danny saw was the same age as him. | Not given |
| 8. When the girl saw Danny she looked embarrassed. | False |

Chapter 5 The First Kiss

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>haunted</i>	<i>f. When a ghost lives there, OR having strong feelings which you can't escape</i>
<i>glare</i>	<i>a. Look at someone with a feeling of hatred</i>
<i>ripe</i>	<i>e. When a fruit is ready to eat</i>
<i>disappointed</i>	<i>b. Slightly sad</i>
<i>melted</i>	<i>c. Turned from solid to liquid because of heat</i>
<i>sigh</i>	<i>d. Give a long noisy breath showing sadness or relief</i>

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

- Danny couldn't sleep because there was a ghost in the dormitory. **False**
- Danny didn't eat any breakfast because it wasn't very tasty. **Not given**
- The young gardener didn't like Danny because he felt jealous. **Not given**
- Danny's heart 'melted' because he felt disappointed. **False**
- There weren't any fish in the lake. **False**
- There was no apparent reason why the fish in the lake had died. **True**
- Danny sighed because he was sad the fish had died. **False**
- The boy watching Danny and the girl was the King's son. **False**

Chapter 6 In Deep Trouble Now

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
drag	e. Pull something behind (usually heavy)
chamber	a. Room, bedroom
throne	i. The chair where the King or Queen sits
Sire	h. The form of address for the King
speechless	g. Couldn't speak, unable to say anything
He lost his head	b. He lost control of my emotions / OR He was executed, his head was cut off
dungeon	c. A dark unpleasant prison room
execution	f. When someone is executed, killed for a crime they committed
dawn	d. Sunrise, day-break

Activity 2 The suffix '....less'.

Find words which mean the following. They all end in '...less'

The first one is done for you

Meaning	Word
e.g. unable to speak	speechless
Without taking proper care	careless
Without an end, going on forever	endless
No doubt about it	doubtless
Not afraid, having no fear	fearless
With no home to live in	homeless
Having no real meaning	meaningless
Not useful at all	useless
Unkind, not having a kind heart	heartless

Chapter 7 The Choice

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>grief</i>	f. Great sadness
<i>threat</i>	i. Promise to do something bad
<i>stubborn</i>	b. Unwilling to listen to other people's advice, hard-headed
<i>pass sentence</i>	k. When a judge decides how to punish a criminal
<i>dilemma</i>	h. A problem, having to choose what to do, what action to take
<i>tunnel</i>	a. A passage under the ground
<i>secret</i>	m. Something which only a few people know about, not meant to be public knowledge
<i>trapdoor</i>	n. A small door or opening leading to a different place, usually kept locked
<i>to lie</i>	j. Not to speak the truth
<i>to lurk</i>	l. To hide, waiting to do something bad
<i>to squint</i>	d. To close one's eyes to prevent too much light getting in, or to see more clearly
<i>to wink</i>	g. To close one's eyes quickly for a short time, usually as a sign to someone else
<i>conflicting</i>	c. Opposing, not in agreement
<i>to glance</i>	e. To look quickly, for a short time

Activity 2 Multiple choice questions

Choose one option, a, b, c or d

- What was Delia's threat to her father?
c. She said she would kill herself if Danny died.
- What was the King's dilemma?
d. He didn't want people to think he was weak.
- What do we know about the tunnels?
a. Only a few people knew they existed.
- What do we know about the tunnel which led to freedom?
b. It was long, dark and scary.
- What was Danny's dilemma?
b. He wasn't sure why Delia had winked her right eye at him.

Chapter 8 The Decision

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>without further ado</i>	<i>h. Without delay, without thinking about it anymore</i>
<i>to slam</i>	<i>d. To shut with a loud noise</i>
<i>uneven</i>	<i>f. Not even, up and down</i>
<i>bumpy</i>	<i>g. Not smooth</i>
<i>cobwebs</i>	<i>a. Spiders make these to catch insects</i>
<i>a pinpoint of light</i>	<i>e. A very small light in the distance</i>
<i>fragrance</i>	<i>c. Nice smell, perfume</i>
<i>to nestle</i>	<i>i. To sit closely together, comfortably</i>
<i>to regret</i>	<i>b. To wish you hadn't made that decision, wish you hadn't done something</i>

Activity 2 True, False or Not Given?

- Danny chose the left door because Delia had winked her left eye. **False**
- Danny couldn't see anything at all in the tunnel. **False**
- The walls of the tunnel were uneven and bumpy. **Not given**
- There were spiders and insects inside the tunnel. **True**
- He couldn't get the trapdoor open to escape from the tunnel. **False**
- The palace was quite a long way from the tunnel exit. **True**
- Danny had only imagined going through the door on the left. **True**
- Once inside the tunnel on the right, Danny knew he had made the right decision. **False**

Chapter 9 The Tunnel

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>disgusting</i>	<i>i. Terrible, not pleasant at all</i>
<i>maggots</i>	<i>g. Small worms which come from flies' eggs</i>
<i>to crawl</i>	<i>e. To move slowly, the way insects move</i>
<i>sap</i>	<i>a. The liquid which comes from plants</i>
<i>to blink</i>	<i>c. To close one's eyes briefly every few seconds, to stop the eyes from getting dry</i>
<i>slimy</i>	<i>j. Wet and sticky, not pleasant to touch</i>
<i>snot</i>	<i>b. The liquid that comes from the nose, especially when you have a cold</i>
<i>to grab</i>	<i>d. To take hold of something, quickly</i>
<i>growl</i>	<i>h. The noise an angry dog makes</i>
<i>to hold one's breath</i>	<i>f. To stop breathing for a short time</i>

Activity 2 Multiple choice questions

Choose one option, a, b, c or d

1. In what way were the two tunnels similar?
b. They were both difficult to walk along.
2. What do we know about the maggots?
b. Danny didn't like the feeling when he touched them.
3. When Danny thought: '*That explains **that** then*', what does **that** mean?
c. Why the plants in the garden were dying.
4. Why did Danny cover himself in pooh?
d. So that the creature would not harm him.
5. When Danny thought: '*I must remember **that***', what does **that** mean?
c. The fact that the creature's pooh could kill the maggots.
6. When Danny came out of the tunnel why was there no one waiting for him?
a. They all thought he would die in the tunnel.
7. At the end of the story Danny said: '*Now I understand*'. **What** did he understand?
c. Why the fish in the lake were dying.

Chapter 10 The Solution

Activity 1 Vocabulary

Match the words and phrases in the 2 lists.

List A	List B
<i>to claim</i>	<i>i. To take possession of something which is rightfully yours</i>
<i>to admit</i>	<i>a. To agree that something is true</i>
<i>barber</i>	<i>e. A person who cuts men's hair</i>
<i>splendid</i>	<i>h. Wonderful, very good</i>
<i>trench</i>	<i>b. A long, deep hole in the ground</i>
<i>polluted</i>	<i>g. Dirty, contaminated</i>
<i>nutrition</i>	<i>d. Goodness from food, necessary for good health and growth</i>
<i>pardon</i>	<i>f. When someone forgives someone's crimes so they are no longer punished</i>
<i>to resist the temptation</i>	<i>c. Decide not to do something even though you want to do it</i>

Activity 2 True, False or Not given?

- The pooh which Danny had covered himself with made his hair grow longer and stronger. **True**
- Everyone at the palace was delighted to see Danny again. **False**
- The first thing Danny did after his visit to the palace was to get his hair cut. **True**
- The man who had given Danny the 'evil eye' was fired and told to leave the palace. **False**
- Danny's plan meant that the gardens improved and the maggots in the tunnel disappeared also. **True**
- Danny's father was allowed to have one day out of prison so he could attend the wedding. **False**
- Danny's father felt embarrassed about the fact he told his son he would come to a bad end. **Not given**
- The end of the story shows that good things only happen in dreams. **False**

These activities relate to all 10 chapters in the story.

Vocabulary extension 1

In this story there are a number of words and phrases which describe things we do with our 'eyes'.

Match the words with their meaning:

Word / phrase	Meaning
<i>blink</i>	d. To close your eyes so they don't dry out
<i>wink</i>	h. To briefly close one eye as sign to someone
<i>stare</i>	e. To look long and hard at someone
<i>glare</i>	a. To look at someone with anger in your eyes
<i>glance</i>	g. To look at something or someone for a short time
<i>to give someone the evil eye</i>	c. To look at someone with hatred in your eyes, wishing bad on someone
<i>gaze</i>	f. To look at something for a long time, often in amazement
<i>peer</i>	b. To look for a long time, usually trying to find something out

Vocabulary extension 2

There are a lot of words in this story which describe 'feelings'.

Match the words with the feeling:

Word / phrase	Meaning
<i>disappointed</i>	f. Slightly sad that things weren't as good as you had hoped
<i>disgusted / disgusting</i>	e. Extremely unpleasant to touch or taste
<i>feel sorry for someone</i>	m. Feel pity or feel sad for what happened to someone else
<i>despair</i>	l. Extreme sadness
<i>surprised</i>	i. When something unexpected happens (usually something positive)
<i>jealous</i>	g. When you feel unhappy that someone else is in a better position than you
<i>hatred</i>	b. Extreme dislike
<i>embarrassed</i>	c. You feel a little bit ashamed because you've done something wrong, or the feeling you get when you feel shy about something e.g. being in love
<i>love sick</i>	j. Totally in love with someone
<i>afraid</i>	k. Frightened
<i>scary</i>	d. Frightening
<i>overcome with grief</i>	h. Extremely sad
<i>delighted</i>	a. Very happy indeed