

CHAPTER 2

Comprehension

1 Answer the following questions.

1. Why did Jim and his mother want the Captain to leave the inn?
2. What was the name of the man who came to see the Captain?
3. What did Flint give the Captain before he died?
4. Why did Mrs Hawkins and Jim look inside the Captain's chest?
5. Why did Jim and his mother go under a bridge?

2 Match 1-5 with a-e to make sentences. Write a-e in the boxes.

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| 1. Jim heard | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. went upstairs and opened the Captain's chest. |
| 2. Jim wished his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. the sound of fighting from the room. |
| 3. Jim dragged his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. their friends would arrive soon and protect them. |
| 4. Jim's mother hoped that | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. under the bridge and hid her. |
| 5. Jim and his mother | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. would just take the money from the chest and leave. |

Vocabulary

3 Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words in capitals.

1. He waited _____ for the phone to ring. **NERVOUS**
2. My sister is _____ at history! She hardly knows anything at all. **HOPE**
3. John is _____ of the dark. **FRIGHTEN**
4. If you get _____ in the gym, you need to have a shower afterwards. **SWEAT**

5. She held the baby _____ in her arms. **TIGHT**
6. There is a strong wind today which keeps _____ the door. **SLAM**

4 Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences below.

1. The policeman told his partner to _____ a red Ferrari with a broken window.

a. watch out for	b. hurry out	c. listen in on
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2. 'Can you wait a moment? I want to _____ the number of people who are coming to my party.'

a. turn	b. count	c. wonder
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3. It is not nice to _____ at people.

a. hide	b. slam	c. stare
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4. 'Paul looks very _____, do you think he's sick?'

a. fierce	b. pale	c. fair
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5. As there were not enough books for everyone, the students had to _____ them.

a. share	b. chase	c. grab
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6. In most English homes people sleep _____.

a. outside	b. upstairs	c. in chests
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7. I think I am going to _____ from hunger.

a. whistle	b. drag	c. faint
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Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

1. How would you feel if someone borrowed something from you, such as a DVD or money, and did not return it? How long would you wait before saying something about it? What would you say?
2. Jim's mother only tried to take the money that the Captain owed her from the dead man's chest. Was she right or wrong to do so? Why?
3. The Captain kept a big secret until he died. Why do some people have secrets?
4. What do you think will happen next? Will the pirates find Jim and his mother or will they manage to escape?

6. Imagine you are Mrs Hawkins. Write to the police, giving a detailed account of the events that led to the Captain's death. (60-80 words)