

CHAPTER 5

Comprehension

1 Complete the summary of Chapter 5 with the sentences a - e.

- She was Mrs Corney who had only bad things to say about the boy.
- Oliver had been shot.
- She was the fiancée of an old friend who had died in Italy.
- Along with Oliver, they arrived at the house that was their target.
- Mr Brownlow believed that Oliver was the solution to this mystery, so he decided to put up a poster asking for information about the missing boy.

Back home, Mr Brownlow kept wondering about Oliver. He had noticed that Oliver looked a lot like the woman in the painting. (1) _____. After his death she disappeared and what had happened to her was a mystery. (2) _____. One day a woman showed up with information about Oliver. (3) _____. Mr Brownlow was upset because he expected to hear a different story. Meanwhile, Sikes had put his plan for the burglary in action. (4) _____. Oliver hesitated, but he did as he was told. When he was in the house, there was a sudden flash and a crash. (5) _____. Sikes tried to carry him away but dropped him in a ditch when he saw two men chasing him.

2 Answer the following questions.

- Why did Edwin Leeford go to Italy? _____
- How did Leeford die? _____
- How much money did Mr Brownlow give Mrs Corney for the information she gave him? _____
- How did Oliver feel when they arrived at the house that was their target? _____
- How did Sikes persuade Oliver to go on with the burglary? _____

Vocabulary

3 Choose the correct word to complete the following sentences.

- Katherine whispered / trembled as she spoke because the baby was asleep.
- John wrapped / hesitated at the door of the plane before jumping out.
- John is very rude / disappointed, that's why nobody likes him.
- Mr Brown always keeps his gardening lantern / tools in a wooden box.
- I had a strange feeling / shot that something bad was going to happen on that day.
- The missing boy's parents decided to give a(n) inheritance / reward to anyone who might have useful information.

4 Match the two columns to make expressions.

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| 1. lost | a. good care |
| 2. take | b. in thought |
| 3. lose | c. a fever |
| 4. get | d. consciousness |
| 5. do | e. in love |
| 6. long | f. ago |
| 7. catch | g. to work |
| 8. fall | h. one's best |

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- What do you think happened to Leeford's fiancée? Do you think she is connected to Oliver somehow?
- Why did Mrs Corney give information about Oliver?
- Why do you think the burglary didn't go as planned?
- What do you think will happen to Oliver? Will he escape danger/get well again?

6 Imagine that Mrs Corney is giving Mr Brownlow information about Oliver. Write an imaginary dialogue between the two of them. Discuss Oliver's behaviour while he was at the workhouse and the people's feelings towards him. (80-100 words)