

CHAPTER 6

Comprehension

1 Choose a, b, or c to complete the following sentences.

- When Oliver realised that the house he went to for help was the one he had broken into,
 - he collapsed.
 - he ran away.
 - he went forward and knocked on the door.
- The people inside the house
 - were having breakfast in the kitchen.
 - were still awake since the previous night.
 - were still sleeping.
- Rose was
 - an orphan Mrs Maylie had adopted.
 - a servant in Mrs Maylie's house.
 - Mrs Maylie's beautiful daughter.
- The people in the house decided to
 - call the police and tell them about Oliver.
 - take Oliver in and take care of him.
 - take Oliver in and then call a policeman.
- When Oliver told Mrs Maylie his story
 - she believed him.
 - she didn't believe him.
 - she asked Rose what she thought.

2 Match the two halves to make true sentences.

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| 1. When Oliver first tried to get up from the ditch | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. that the boy would be well protected in their house. |
| 2. When Oliver showed up at the Maylie house | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. and had also caught a fever from lying in the rain. |
| 3. Mrs Maylie promised Rose | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. he wasn't feeling well and fell back down. |
| 4. Oliver had a broken arm | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. made him think less and less of his old troubles. |
| 5. The happiness and love Oliver found with the Maylies | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. the people realised he was with the burglars. |

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Vocabulary

3 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the words in the box.

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- My aunt and uncle had no kids of their own, so they decided to _____ one.
- When she heard the terrible news, she _____.
- Frank _____ himself not to scream when he saw the snake in his room.
- Car fumes _____ the environment.
- Stacey _____ with relief when she realised that she had passed her test.
- Tina's parents were away on business most of the time, so she was practically _____ by her grandparents.
- It's a fine day today, don't you _____?
- An effort should be made to _____ endangered species.

4 Find the opposites of the following words in Chapter 6.

- asleep _____ (page 24)
- young _____ (page 24)
- healthy _____ (page 24)
- strong _____ (page 24)
- inside _____ (page 26)
- sad _____ (page 26)
- unhappiness _____ (page 26)
- hatred _____ (page 26)

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- How do you feel about adoption? Would you ever consider adopting a child?
- What kind of life do you think children who have no one to love and protect them lead?
- What makes Rose so affectionate towards Oliver?
- Do you think Oliver has finally found peace in his life or will something happen to change all that?

6 Imagine you are Oliver. Briefly tell Rose and Mrs Maylie your story about the workhouse, the thieves, Mr Brownlow and the robbery. (80-100 words)

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