

CHAPTER 12

Comprehension

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

- Monks was
 - Leeford's friend.
 - Leeford's father.
 - Leeford's son.
- Leeford went to Italy
 - to start a new life.
 - to claim an inheritance.
 - to meet his rich uncle.
- Harry Maylie
 - became a successful politician.
 - no longer wanted to marry Rose.
 - became a vicar in a small town.
- Monks' mother told Agnes' family
 - that Edwin was already married.
 - that she had found Edwin's second will.
 - that Agnes was going to have a child.

2 Put the following events in chronological order. Write 1-9 in the boxes.

- Edwin and his first wife separated.
- Monks' mother found out about Agnes from Edwin's will.
- Agnes ran away and gave birth to Oliver in a workhouse.
- Edwin Leeford had an unhappy marriage to Monks' mother.
- Edwin met Agnes and they fell in love.
- Agnes' family found out that Edwin Leeford was married.
- Monks found Oliver and tried to destroy everything that would lead to his identification.
- Edwin died in Italy, where he had gone to claim an inheritance.
- Monks' mother destroyed Edwin's will because she wanted all the money.

Vocabulary

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

- The students _____ when the teacher told them that their day trip had been cancelled.
 - destroyed
 - protested
 - separated
- A three-year old boy was _____ from the park yesterday.
 - adopted
 - arrested
 - kidnapped
- He is poor and can't afford to live anywhere else than a _____.
 - slum
 - society
 - gravestone
- Alan is not _____ and is not to be trusted.
 - dreadful
 - responsible
 - loved
- According to his _____, all his money will be given to his son.
 - will
 - spirit
 - identification
- Don't _____ me now. I am trying to do my homework.
 - disgrace
 - join
 - bother

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

- She was _____ to blame for the car accident. **PART**
- Our _____ years are the best of our lives. **CHILD**
- Last week Mary gave _____ to an adorable baby girl. **BEAR**
- Do you know if Peter is _____ or single? **MARRY**
- None of the students could find the _____ to the maths problem. **SOLVE**

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Why did Monks turn into a lonely, angry man looking for friends among criminals?
- Do you think that people can do anything for money? What role does money play in your life?
- What things do you consider important in life?
- What do you think of the punishment imposed on the thieves? Did they deserve it?

6 Write two or three paragraphs describing what you think Oliver's life will be like from now on. (80-100 words)