

## CHAPTER 8

### Comprehension

- 1** Read the sentences and find the words. Then write them in the spaces provided. The word in the blue boxes is an item connected with Monks' secret.

- The city where Harry, Mrs Maylie's son, lived. 1
- Oliver had just taken a letter there, when 2
- he bumped 3
- into Monks. 4
- Monks and Mrs Corney 5
- had an appointment in 6
- this old building.
- Monks was wearing this long black item of clothing when Oliver met him.
- Rose caught this and fell very ill.
- Monks threw something in the river through this.

### 2 Complete Monks' diary with a word or a short phrase.

Dear Diary,

Yesterday, I spent all day looking for that cursed (1) \_\_\_\_\_.

Of course, since the day (2) \_\_\_\_\_ gave me the gold

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ in the old (4) \_\_\_\_\_, my secret is safe,

but still, I must find the boy. And I had found him!

I was near the (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of a town near London, where

Fagin said the boy was last seen. (6) \_\_\_\_\_, the little monster

(7) \_\_\_\_\_ me! I walked towards him, threatening to

(8) \_\_\_\_\_ him. He looked (9) \_\_\_\_\_.

Unfortunately though, I (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a fit and he managed to

(11) \_\_\_\_\_.

### Vocabulary

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

- I am really \_\_\_\_\_ about my son's behaviour. He has been acting very strangely lately!
  - delighted
  - concerned
  - frightened

- Joanna is a new girl in our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - paradise
  - thunder
  - neighbourhood
- She \_\_\_\_\_ the letter from Tim's hand and started reading it immediately.
  - hid
  - reached
  - seized
- The students were \_\_\_\_\_ by their teacher for doing so well in the exam.
  - confessed
  - praised
  - survived
- Don't forget your \_\_\_\_\_ with the dentist tomorrow!
  - address
  - trapdoor
  - appointment
- Peter \_\_\_\_\_ an old friend of his yesterday.
  - ran into
  - went down
  - pulled out
- The boy jumped into the river \_\_\_\_\_ to rescue his drowning friend.
  - without delay
  - accidentally
  - instead

#### 4 Complete the following sentences using the prepositions in the box.

for to in off on

- We've got a lot to do, so let's get down \_\_\_\_\_ business immediately.
- Could we talk about this later? I am \_\_\_\_\_ a hurry.
- Kathy knocked \_\_\_\_\_ the door but there was no answer.
- They always go \_\_\_\_\_ a walk after lunch.
- We set \_\_\_\_\_ early in the morning to avoid traffic.
- Whenever Mark gets really angry, he falls down \_\_\_\_\_ a fit.
- There is a cinema complex close \_\_\_\_\_ my house.

### Follow-up activities

#### 5 Discuss.

- What do you think the relationship between Oliver and Monks is? What is Monks' secret?
- Why do you think Monks dropped the gold locket into the water?
- Who do you think the strange man that Oliver ran into was? Why did he threaten Oliver?
- In your opinion, is Oliver still in danger? Why? / Why not?

#### 6 Imagine that you are Mrs Maylie. Write a letter to your son Harry in London, giving him the latest news on Rose's illness and asking him to come visit you at once. (80-100 words)