

CHAPTER 10

Reading Comprehension

1 Read the sentences and decide if they are True or False. Write T or F in the boxes.

- Challenger and his team returned from South America on the 5 November. ☐
- Summerlee began describing their adventures at the Zoological Institute meeting. ☐
- The pterodactyl made everyone finally believe Challenger's story. ☐
- Edward wasn't at all surprised that Gladys was married. ☐
- Lord John had brought some diamonds back from the lost world. ☐
- Summerlee intended to use the money to start teaching people about fossils. ☐
- Edward planned to use his money to get married in the Amazon. ☐

2 Complete the following paragraph with sentences a-e.

- When they opened it, a pterodactyl flew out, to everybody's surprise!
- Challenger and his friends were surprised to find the hall full of people waiting to hear about their adventures.
- Professor Challenger was in despair, but his reputation had been saved.
- He also told them about the dinosaurs and the battle between the apemen and the Indians.
- First, he apologised for not believing Professor Challenger's story.

The team got back from the Amazon early in November and soon a meeting was scheduled for them at the Zoological Institute.

(1) _____ Professor Summerlee started speaking to the audience.

(2) _____ Then he narrated all the adventures the team had had in South America. He told the crowd about the journey and the discovery of the lost world. (3) _____ The people seemed to doubt his claims and asked for proof. Just then, Professor Challenger asked Zambo to bring a box on stage. (4) _____ Unfortunately, the creature escaped through an open window and all proof was lost. (5) _____ Everybody now believed him, and he and his team had become heroes.

Vocabulary

3 Match the two columns to make expressions.

- owe somebody
- it's only
- What's the
- click my
- bury my face

- fingers
- in my hands
- an apology
- fair
- matter?

4 Complete the paragraph with words from the box.

pounds husband clerk married adventurer diamonds

After the meeting at the Zoological Institute, Edward went to see Gladys and found out that she was (1) _____. He was upset when he discovered that her new (2) _____ was not a(n) (3) _____ at all, but a simple bank (4) _____. A week later, Lord John invited all the men for dinner and told them that he had found some (5) _____ in the lost world, and that they could each have 50,000 (6) _____ to spend as they wanted.

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- How do you think the men felt when, after they had gone through so many adventures, many people still didn't believe them? Have you ever found yourself in a situation where nobody believed you about something, even though it was true?
- The pterodactyl flew out of the box and escaped through the window. What do you think made the animal react that way? What do you suppose happened to it?
- Were you surprised that Gladys got married to another man? How do you think that made Edward feel, and what was his biggest disappointment? What would you do if you were him?
- Lord John shares the diamonds he found with his friends. What do you think about this? What does it show about him? What would you do if it were you who found the diamonds?
- How does each of the companions decide to spend the newfound money from the diamonds? What would you do if you had so much money?

6 Imagine that you are Edward. Write a short article to be printed in the *Daily Gazette* about your adventures in the lost world. OR Write a goodbye letter to Gladys. (100-120 words)