

CHAPTER 3

Comprehension

1 Complete the following paragraph with the sentences a-c.

- The silence made Allnutt restless.
- The boat was in danger of sinking.
- The African Queen slowly started its voyage back to the main river.
- However, after a while, Rose realised that Allnutt was worried.
- Rose strongly disagreed with what Allnutt said.

A rainstorm woke Rose. The heavy rain filled the African Queen with water. (1) _____ Rose pumped out the water, while Allnutt collected wood for the boiler. During the next few days, Rose learnt how to steer the boat. Allnutt and Rose spent the time chatting and Rose felt happy. (2) _____ He explained that he thought the plan to get to the lake was impossible. (3) _____ She decided to stop being friendly in order to make Allnutt change his mind. Rose refused to answer his questions or talk to him in any way. (4) _____ Finally, he gave up his opposition to the plan of attacking the Germans. (5) _____ After that it would be the lake and then the fight with the Germans.

2 Answer the following questions.

- Why was the pump hard for Rose to use?
- Where was the place that Allnutt expected the Germans to start firing at them?
- What name is given to the time when Rose refused to speak to Allnutt?
- Why didn't Allnutt want to go to the lake?
- Why did he finally agree to Rose's wishes?

Vocabulary

3 Complete the following sentences using the words in the box.

dawn manually thoroughly unbearable unaware

- I was _____ that it was her birthday until I saw the presents.
- As the electricity was off, I had to operate the machine _____.
- We _____ enjoyed last night at the theatre.
- My mum likes to wake up at _____ and hear the birds singing.
- When the pain became _____ Tim went to the dentist.

4 Choose a, b or c to complete the sentences.

- If it snows, you should try to find a dry place to take _____.
a. revenge b. shelter c. thunder
- My father is busy this afternoon getting rid of the _____ in our garden.
a. troops b. needles c. weeds
- I am _____ at him for cheating during the exam.
a. furious b. fortunate c. fierce
- The strong wind caused the motorbike to _____ from side to side.
a. pinch b. pump c. rock
- Boats and planes have _____ that help them move.
a. propellers b. obstacles c. channels

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Allnutt and Rose face a terrible storm at the beginning of Chapter 3. What do you think is the worst type of weather to survive in? Why?
- Rose finds steering a boat exciting. Would you like to try an extreme sport, such as rafting through rapids or windsurfing? Why? / Why not?
- Rose feels proud of her country and she attempts to do something to help it. What other examples can you think of when people have done something similar?
- Why did Rose stop talking to Allnutt? Do you think she was right? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think the pair will succeed in their mission?

6 Imagine that you have had a bad quarrel with one of your closest friends and he/she has stopped talking to you. Write a letter to a magazine describing the situation and how you feel about it. Ask for advice. (100 - 120 words)