

Comprehension

CHAPTER 3

1 Answer the following questions.

1. When Napoleon returned as ruler, how did Villefort keep his position as a prosecutor?
2. What happened one hundred days after Napoleon's return to power?
3. What first gave Dantes hope again?
4. How were Dantes and Abbe Faria able to write?
5. How did Dantes use the Abbe's death to escape from the prison?

2 Read Chapter 3 and match the two halves of the sentences.

- | | |
|------------------------------|---|
| 1. Monsieur Morrel continued | a. the Abbe's dead body in the morning. |
| 2. The guards threw | b. a light from meat fat. |
| 3. Dantes found | c. trying to persuade Villefort. |
| 4. Abbe Faria made | d. the sack into the water. |
| 5. The guards discovered | e. a way to hide the hole in the wall. |

Vocabulary

3 Complete the following sentences using the correct form of the words in the box.

act pick up beard shake bucket tear

1. Ted! It's you! I didn't recognise you without your _____!
2. The young boy was so cold he was _____.
3. Once he had read it, Finlay _____ the letter into tiny pieces.
4. We're sorry about what happened; we _____ without thinking.
5. It didn't take him long to _____ the French language.
6. I'll need to find a _____ to carry the water.

4 What do the following words from Chapter 3 mean? Choose the correct option and match 1-8 with a-h.

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. excuses | a. a large cloth bag without handles |
| 2. escape | b. a secret plan to commit a (usually political) crime |
| 3. devastated | c. with a point or edge that can cut |
| 4. sharp | d. to get away from someone or something bad |
| 5. damp | e. reasons someone gives for not doing something |
| 6. dying away | f. slightly wet in an uncomfortable way |
| 7. sack | g. extremely upset |
| 8. conspiracy | h. getting less and less |

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

1. Villefort manages to keep his position as a prosecutor, despite the political changes. What does this show about him?
2. Dantes finds hope again after thinking about death. What gives you hope when you feel bad?
3. Dantes finds great joy from his meetings with Abbe Faria. Have you experienced something similar with a friend, teacher or member of your family? What kind of people do you prefer to spend time with?
4. Dantes and Abbe Faria spent five years preparing their escape. How do you think they were able to keep going for so long?
5. What do you think Dantes will try to do now he has reached a small island?

6 You are one of the guards. Write a report explaining how you lost the prisoner Dantes. (120-140 words)