

CHAPTER 6

Comprehension

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

- In the Bora Delta the crew of the African Queen
 - attacked flies and mosquitoes.
 - were attacked by insects.
 - wrapped some insects up in an old sheet of canvas.
- Rose thought that using boat-hooks
 - would help them through the delta.
 - would keep away the insects.
 - would slow them down in the delta.
- Allnutt dived into the water in the delta
 - to find out why the boat wasn't moving.
 - to get some water lilies for Rose.
 - to find a canoe paddle.
- Rose got rid of Allnutt's leeches
 - with some reeds.
 - with a boat-hook.
 - with some salt.

2 Answer the following questions.

- What is described as being more like a swamp than a river?

- What did Allnutt and Rose do to protect themselves from the insects at night?

- What happened when the boat tried to get through one of the channels of the delta?

- What did Allnutt use to move the boat through the reeds?

- Why did Rose cry out when she saw Allnutt after he had freed the propeller?

Vocabulary

3 Match the two columns to make expressions.

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| 1. at full | a. for joy |
| 2. come to | b. minutes |
| 3. a matter of | c. your side |
| 4. luck on | d. speed |
| 5. sigh | e. with relief |
| 6. jump | f. a standstill |

4 Complete the following sentences using the words from the box.

muddy thick gather lump collapse stern

- I have decided to have the _____ of my yacht repainted next week.
- _____ soup is very tasty, especially in cold winter months.
- The old stone wall looks as if it is going to _____.
- A lot of people are going to _____ in the park for the free concert.
- My brother has a _____ on his leg where his friend kicked him.
- Your shoes are _____, can you please leave them outside?

Follow-up activities

5 Discuss.

- Rose and Allnutt keep facing difficulties, but continue their mission. How important is it to have values and ideals to follow? Why?
- The weeds in the delta were extremely difficult to clear but Allnutt was determined to keep the boat going. What do you think gave him the strength and courage to go on?
- When Rose saw that Allnutt was covered in blood-sucking leeches, she immediately went to help him and didn't think of the danger to her own health. Do you agree with her actions? Why? / Why not?
- Do you think the pair will be ready for the next challenge on their journey? How do you recover your energy after you have become very tired?

6 Put yourself in Allnutt's position and write an account of the event with the leeches. (100 - 120 words)