

## CHAPTER 2

### Comprehension

#### 1 Decide if the following statements are True or False. Write T or F in the boxes.

- The crew of the *Pharaoh* were shocked at the arrival of Monsieur Morrel. ☐
- Mercedes begged the police not to take Dantes. ☐
- Caderousse stopped defending Dantes after Danglars' threat. ☐
- The deputy prosecutor's father was involved in removing King Louis from the throne. ☐
- Villefort believed that Dantes was telling the truth. ☐
- Villefort's father visited him while he was in Paris. ☐

#### 2 Complete the sentences with the correct word(s).

- Dantes was taken away from his marriage celebration in a \_\_\_\_\_.
- At Rue du Grand Cours, Villefort's \_\_\_\_\_ was taking place.
- Villefort wanted to know if Dantes had any \_\_\_\_\_ who wanted to harm him.
- From the boat, Dantes could see the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ shining away.
- In prison, there was no bed for Dantes, just \_\_\_\_\_ that he could sleep on.

### Vocabulary

#### 3 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

- The audience **applauded** / **gathered** wildly at the end of the concert.
- The **groom** / **bride** was dressed in a long white dress and had flowers in her hair.
- The man is **silent** / **innocent**. He should not be in prison!
- I am sure she will achieve her **ambition** / **service** to become a writer.
- Jemima was **honest** / **jealous** of the attention her younger sister got.
- Kate, you have to **destroy** / **warn** the children that it's not safe to swim there!

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

- You did not have to speak to James so \_\_\_\_\_. **IRONY**
- His sudden departure from the company was totally \_\_\_\_\_. **EXPECT**
- Linda demands complete \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ her friends. **LOYAL**
- We are not \_\_\_\_\_ of the same team, but we are still best friends. **SUPPORT**

### Follow-up activities

#### 5 Discuss.

- Do you think any of Dantes' friends or family could have done more to stop him being taken away? Why? / Why not?
- What do you think of Morrel's response to Dantes' arrest and Danglars' offer to take care of the ship?
- Villefort's engagement will help his position in society. What reasons do you think people should have for marrying? Discuss.
- Dantes is locked up in a dark prison cell. What effect do you think this can have on someone? Why?
- In what ways does Villefort use the information he got from Dantes? What does this show about him?

#### 6 Imagine that you are Mercedes and have just had your future husband taken away. Write him a letter, hoping that someone can get it to him. (120–140 words)